



HERE'S HOW SDOT PROPOSES TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AT SW ROSE ST.

By Catherine Bailey, vice president

Long-awaited city action to construct a crosswalk at SW Rose Street and Fauntleroy Way SW has taken another step forward.

FCA and the Morgan Junction Association initiated a May 6 meeting with representatives from Seattle Department of Transportation so that local residents could comment on SDOT's proposed design to respond to long-standing concerns about pedestrian safety at that location.

The meeting at the Southwest Library drew about 30 residents, who first heard from SDOT's chief safety officer, Venu Nemani, that the city considers the project a "transit spot improvement," meaning that it's a relatively quick project at a cost of some \$250,000 versus a capital project, which typically costs more and takes longer.

He explained that the proposed design is one that SDOT has used elsewhere in the city with success in terms of improving pedestrian safety and meeting transportation needs.

Community residents, however, expressed several concerns about its addressing the needs of this area, given the ever-present ferry traffic and related issues of excessive speed, U-turns, and side-street cut throughs.

Nemani said that, as required, SDOT had collected data in 2024 on traffic volumes and speed as well as the number of individuals getting on and off the bus at Metro stops there.

Residents pushed back, challenging the timing of SDOT's data collection and referencing other concerns about driver behaviors along that busy stretch of Fauntleroy Way. Nemani did note that speeds during the monitoring period had typically been 10 miles over the city's 25 miles-per-hour limit.

The proposed design includes flashing beacons and a raised concrete median as a "landing spot" as riders exit south-bound buses and wait to cross the arterial in designated crosswalks. Residents asked several questions about the median and how the proposed configuration would eliminate several parking spaces.

SDOT representatives made no specific commitments but said they would take resident feedback seriously as planning progresses. They said the city is working toward having a final crosswalk design by midsummer so that construction can start before the end of the year.

The Washington State Department of Transportation and Seattle City Light are looking at a similar timeframe for installing stoplights on Fauntleroy Way at the ferry terminal (see page 6). SDOT said the two project teams have been in communication.

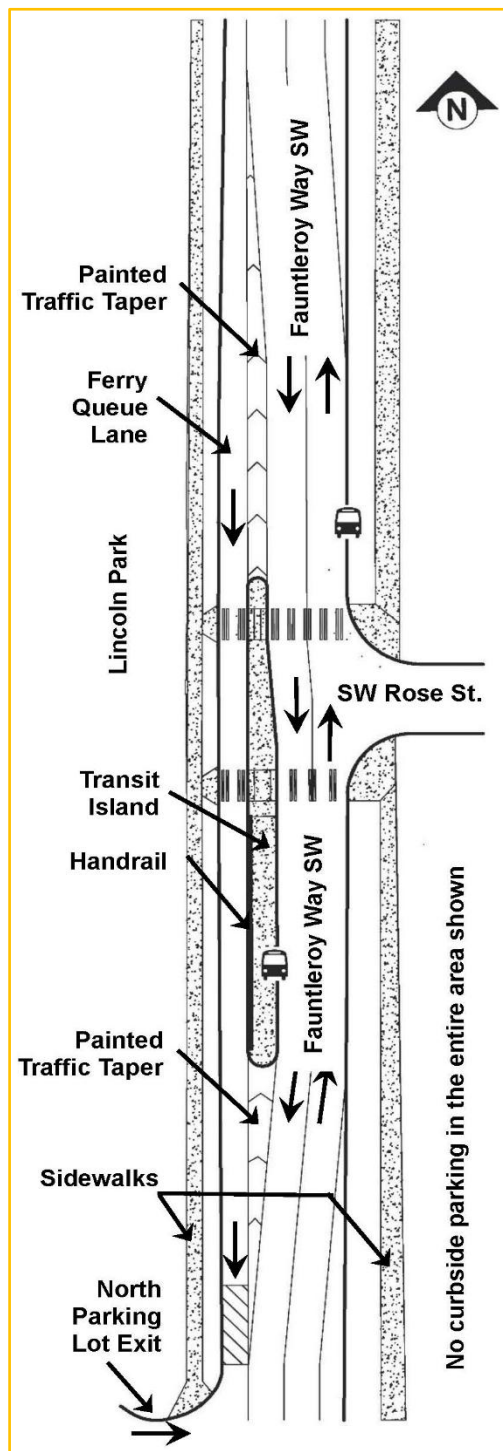
45TH CULVERT REPLACEMENT

UTILITY-RELATED CONSTRUCTION TO START JUNE 15

By Seattle Public Utilities

Residents and businesses will soon begin to see on-the-ground utility activity between SW Director St. and SW Wildwood Pl. as contractors prepare to replace the Fauntleroy Creek culvert under 45th Ave. SW.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will replace a culvert that has blocked twice in recent years with a structure that increases flow capacity and enables inbound salmon spawners to travel farther upstream. *continued page 2*



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CULVERT (continued)

From start to finish, SPU will notify impacted residents and businesses by mail of upcoming activities.

PHASE I will commence June 15 and extend into September to

- install underground conduit and seven vaults,
- move utilities lines into the conduit and vaults,
- transfer lighting to new poles, and
- temporarily restore disturbed areas.

Expect alternating lane closures and parking restrictions along 45th during this phase, starting on the west side toward the end of June, then switching to the east side toward the end of July.

PHASE II is to commence in early 2027 and extend into mid 2029. The city is about to advertise this contract for bid and expects to have the contractor on board in January. In general, the work will involve removing the existing culvert, installing a new one, revegetating the site, and restoring the street and sidewalks.

This phase will require local access only on 45th between SW Wildwood Pl. and SW Director St. and temporary traffic and pedestrian modifications on surrounding streets. Detour routes will be provided when access along 45th is interrupted.

As reported here in March, the intersection of California Ave. SW and Director will be temporarily



Conceptual drawing of finished culvert with creek flowing under 45th Ave. SW. Courtesy of Seattle Public Utilities

changed to allow two-way traffic on Director. Safety enhancements there will include a four-way stop, new crosswalks, and roadway paint to clarify where driving lanes are and where pedestrians should cross.

UPSTREAM work on the city's other Fauntleroy Creek culvert project is also under way. Earlier this year, SPU completed contracting with a consultant to restart design of a replacement culvert to convey flow originating in Fauntleroy Park westward to Kilbourne Park.

This project team expects to spend the next two years on design and permitting for a new culvert to eliminate the remaining salmon barrier to headwaters habitat, increase flow capacity, and address maintenance, weather, and climate-related issues.

SPU is posting updates on construction impacts at seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/fauntleroy-creek-culverts.

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CITY MUST DO MORE TO ENGAGE PUBLIC BEFORE ADOPTING ONE SEATTLE PLAN

By Catherine Bailey, vice president

The city's proposed One Seattle Plan to overhaul building and permitting regulations for residential and business districts has been quietly winding its way toward final adoption with very little public awareness of how it would dramatically alter housing and business districts throughout the city, including in Fauntleroy.



Mayor Wilson's motto of "taller, denser, faster" is an appropriate description

of the intent and speed at which city administration plans to move ahead.

While we can all appreciate the need for additional housing in our city, we should also be conscious of the fact that many decisions about it are being made without public input or understanding. For example, on April 22 city officials met behind closed doors with builders, their associations, and advocacy groups for the building industry.

The One Seattle Plan (also called the Comprehensive Plan) came about in response to state legislation requiring action at the local level. However, such closed-door meetings and sparse opportunities for public input by city officials can translate to citizen disengagement and one-sided policy decisions.

Those of us in FCA leadership are attempting to stay alert to where the plan is in the legislative process and to respond when information comes to light. Our hope and, frankly, our expectation is that the city will match our commitment by doing more to inform and engage the broader public.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FUEL FALL FESTIVAL

By Ben Weagraff, Fauntleroy Fall Festival

In May, Endolyne Joe's generously hosted a dine-out day in support of our Fauntleroy Fall Festival, adding \$2,500 to the coffers. That's a sizeable amount but running for the Oct. 18 festival but such a major free community event takes a lot of financial capital in this day and age.

Additional fundraising on the calendar are a Father's Day event at Super Deli Mart (June 21), a golf tournament (July 3), and a dine-out day at The Birdhouse (Sept. 24).

Watch the West Seattle Blog for details about each.

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With nearly 45,000 to his credit since 2009, volunteer Dennis Hinton is an old hand at dipping fry for young hands to release. Photo courtesy Dave Gershgorin

RELEASE SEASON ALL ABOUT SALMON, HABITAT, AND KIDS OF ALL AGES

Salmon-release season for West Seattle schools closed in late May after nearly 700 preschool through high-school students released some 1,2050 coho fry into Fauntleroy and Longfellow creeks.

Because culvert construction would prevent fry released in Fauntleroy Park from reaching saltwater, volunteers with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council hosted nine large school groups in Longfellow and a like number of small groups in lower Fauntleroy. City Council-member Rob Saka and his aides took part in one of the latter.

Also this spring, volunteers checked soft traps in upper and lower Fauntleroy twice daily between March 15 and May 18 to document how many home-hatch and release fry survived their year in the creek to leave for nearshore habitat in Fauntleroy Cove. They tallied 16, which compares to 21 last spring.

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By sharing the bounty, these two hunters both had several eggs in their baskets. Photo courtesy Susan Lantz-Dey

EGG HUNT A SWEET DEAL FOR AREA KIDS

FCA's spring egg hunt on March 28 was a delight for 60 children and many of their parents. All 550 eggs had treats inside and some had special prizes.

"We even had a participant from Highland Park who declared it the best egg hunt in the area," said Candace Blue who, with Scott Wiesemann coordinated the event.

Lots of parents were there to enjoy watching and assisting, as well as generously contributing to FCA's donation box. Thanks to all who made it happen!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES ON FCA BOARD

Your FCA Board has two vacancies, one as secretary and the other as point person for business memberships.

The secretary attends monthly business meetings and prepares and disseminates the minutes. The point person for business memberships stays in touch with local businesses and institutions to promote FCA membership, partnerships, and participation in activities. Explore either with FCA President Frank Immel at fauntleroy.net/contact.

APPLY NOW FOR FAUNTLEROY ART SHOW

If you've enjoyed attending the annual Fauntleroy Art Show, consider participating this year.

Hosted by Fauntleroy Church, the Nov. 13-15 event will showcase the creativity of artists and artistic crafters who reside in or have studio space in West Seattle, Burien, South Park, Georgetown, or Vashon Island.

Sept. 4 is the deadline to apply. Find details and the application form are at fauntleroyartshow.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS NEWS

Hazelwood Preschool: Strong community support from a spring fundraiser is enabling a remodel of the playground on the Fauntleroy Church campus. The project includes a new fence and upgrades to enhance play, safety, and exploration for the 42 children currently enrolled, plus those attending summer camps.

Dance! West Seattle: Students will close out the studio's spring session on Sunday, June 7, when they present "Dancing Through the Decades!" at 1:30 pm on the big stage at the Highline Performing Arts Center. In addition, the studio is registering students for a six-week summer session starting July 6, as well as for an Aug. 3-7 "Summer Safari" dance camp for ages 3-6. Find all the details at dancwestseattle.com.

Wildwood Market: By customer request, the market is now opening at 9:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. That's an additional hour to enjoy its popular weekend breakfast burrito with house-made salsa. Flower bouquets from a local Hmong farmer are also available every weekend until October.

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FROM PAST TO PRESENT

75 YEARS AGO, ADVERTISEMENT PROMOTED IDYLIC SUMMERS IN FAUNTLEROY

By Judy Pickens

Summers drew people to Fauntleroy Cove way before white settlers arrived on the peninsula in the mid 1800s. Coast Salish people had long camped here in season to harvest the bounty of land and water. When logging pushed them out, the area began its transformation into a place for many to enjoy.

James and Agnes Colman were the first to pitch a tent on a wooden platform just north of Brace Point for the summer. Friends soon joined them, creating a fair-weather colony. When Laurence and Ida May Colman built a cabin (a substantial house by today's standards) near his parents' platform, the days of rustic tent camping were numbered.

By the mid 1900s, summers had become a much-anticipated time to bask in the sun, sea breezes, the beach, and the views. Even during the 1980s when noxious gas from rotting seaweed wafted into the neighborhood at low tide, residents and visitors could count on fresh air at high tide.

Development of Fauntlee Hills in the 1950s relied on advertisements such as the light-hearted map below to entice homebuyers (note location of the sales office). Text in the ad promoted the area as "free from city smoke, always forest cool in summer."

Through the lens of today's gender and racial sensitivities, it's a cultural artifact but it's infused with neighborhood history circa 1951. What elements can you find that add to the story?

Sources: Southwest Seattle Historically Society and *Fauntleroy Legacy*

- + Street names were becoming more complex.
- + Buses could get downtown in just 15 minutes.
- + Lincoln Park and its (misspelled) pool were for the young.
- + The view of the Olympics was great (on a clear day).
- + Fauntleroy Creek supposedly had legal-sized fish to catch.
- + Endlyne had a grocery store.
- + Chaste dancing at the YMCA had finally been allowed.

The advertisement is a composite image. On the left, a vertical strip of illustrations shows various leisure activities: a person playing tennis, a swimmer at Lincoln Park, a person fishing, a ferry, a sailboat, a person shopping, and a person playing basketball. In the center, a street map shows Fauntleroy Ave. running north-south, with streets like W. Trenton St., W. Concord St., W. Henderson St., and W. Director St. branching off. A north-south compass rose is at the top. A sign points to 'MT. OLYMPUS 52 MILES VIEW'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a school, a community church, and a shopping center. On the right, a large illustration shows a two-story house with a chimney. Below it, the text reads 'Guide To Fauntlee Hills'. Further down, a block of text describes the area as a 'new kind of life' and '15 minutes to city center'. At the bottom right, a vertical list of street names is shown: 35th Ave. S.W., 36th Ave. S.W., 37th Ave. S.W., 38th Ave. S.W., 39th Ave. S.W., 40th Ave. S.W., 41st Pl. S.W., 42nd Ave. S.W., 43rd Ave. S.W., and W. Barton St. A vertical label on the far right edge says '15 MINUTES TO CITY CENTER'.

TERMINAL PROJECT ON TRACK FOR INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS

By Washington State Ferries

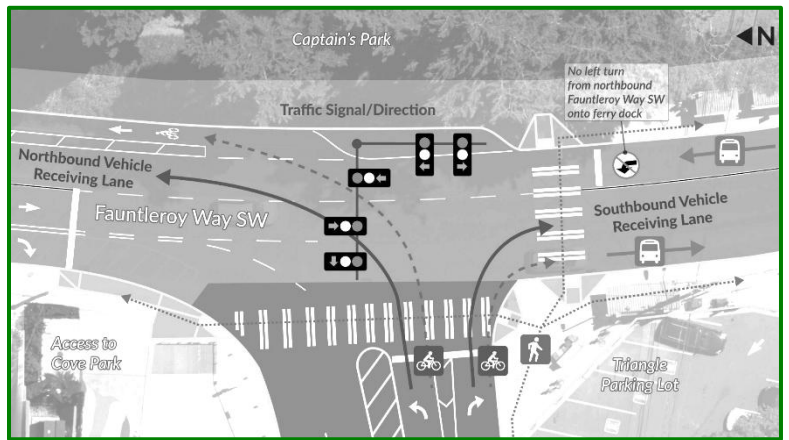
Since input from community, technical, and executive advisory groups concluded last fall, Washington State Ferries (WSF) has continued to make progress toward replacing its 1950s-era terminal in Fauntleroy Cove, including adding traffic signals on Fauntleroy Way SW.

Earlier this spring, WSF published the project's planning and environmental linkages study that explains how the state evaluated various design

options, including the selected option: a long, narrow dock that increases vehicle capacity while minimizing permanent impacts to the surrounding environment.



WSF will move into the next phase of environmental review later this year by starting preliminary design, completing environmental review and permitting, and seeking funding. Opportunities for additional public input will be announced on the project website.



This fall, WSF will begin work at the intersection where the ferry terminal meets Fauntleroy Way SW. In partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation, WSF will add a traffic signal to help improve safety and efficiency for people walking, biking, driving, and rolling to bus stops, the terminal, and other destinations along Fauntleroy Way SW and beyond. Expect crews to manage traffic and reduce impacts during construction.

Visit wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/sr-160-fauntleroy-terminal-trestle-transfer-span-replacement to review the study, find details about intersection work, and learn about opportunities for more public engagement.

INTERESTED IN NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP?

The FCA Board is gauging interest in scheduled neighborhood clean-up events using equipment (picker-uppers, bags) supplied by A Cleaner Alki.

Suggestions about areas that need attention (such as around the ferry terminal, the tennis courts, or your street) as are suggestions about event "occasions" (such as Earth Day) or groups that might do a clean-up as a service project. To help shape this idea, email comments and specific requests to slantzdey@aol.com.

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Students from the Urban Nature Preschool searched high and low on bridges for exoskeletons that stoneflies left behind. Photo by Dave Gershgorin

VERY YOUNG STUDENTS TURN SCIENTISTS

In April, from the Urban Nature Preschool proved that four years old is not too young to learn the rudiments of scientific research. They came to the lower creek to continue an annual survey that's been done by much older students since 2000.

The abundance and size of exoskeletons left behind when stonefly larva leave the creek and take flight are indications of how much food is available to juvenile coho and how clean the water is.

The students followed established protocol for finding and measuring exoskeletons, then got to see on line graphs how their data compared with prior years.

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ON THE CALENDAR

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Any resident is welcome to attend FCA business meetings on **Tuesday, June 9, July 14, and Sept. 8 at 6 pm** in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse or online. Go to fauntleroy.net/contact to propose a topic. Register to attend virtually at fauntleroy.net/meetings.

FATHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER: Bring the kids to the Super Deli (35th Ave. SW & SW Barton) on **Sunday, June 21, 11 am - 3:00 pm** for bubbles, food, beverages, and a concert in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

WEST SEATTLE GARDEN TOUR: The 30th annual tour of gardens on the Duwamish peninsula will be **Sunday, June 28**. Twelve distinctive gardens will be open **9 am-5 pm** to ticket holders. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the tour's grant program. Find all the details at westseattlegardentour.org.

2ND TIME SALE: Dates for this huge annual community sale hosted by Fauntleroy Church are **Saturday, Sept. 19, and Sunday, Sept. 20**. Find details about how to donate quality items anytime at fauntleroyucc.org/2nd-time-sale.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Put this big community bash on your calendar for **Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18**. Lots of free activities, plus food and beverage vendors.

YOU'RE INVITED TO SPONSOR PLANTER BOXES

By Susan Lantz-Dey
FCA Board

The 27 FCA planter boxes throughout the Endolyne business area are undergoing a notable change this year. They are all maintained by volunteers, most recently during a May 23 work party.

The community is invited to support beautification of our business area by sponsoring a planter box (or three!). Sponsorships are \$50 per box annually, with renewal at the same time as FCA dues. Current sponsors are Duane's Garden Patch in Burien; Garden Coaching Solutions; Kris and Doug Ilgenfritz; Ann and Gary Dawson; and Susan Lantz-Dey.

The funds will help us cover the cost of high-quality plants, soil, fertilizer, and other essentials to make all the boxes zing with color and winter interest.

Email flowers@fauntleroy.net to sign up or get more information.



CONSIDER TRAINING TO BE OFFICIAL FOREST STEWARD FOR FAUNTLEROY PARK

Stewardship of Fauntleroy Park is greatly enhanced when park visitors keep an eye out for safety hazards and areas that need special attention. That's what forest stewards have done for many years, both here and across Seattle's park system.

Through this program, the Green Seattle Partnership also trains forest stewards to organize work parties and coordinate events that engage the community. Learn more at greenseattle.org/get-involved/become-a-forest-steward and get on the list to be notified when training will resume in the fall.

HOW TO HEAR FROM FCA

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WHETHER FUN EVENTS OR SERIOUS ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE

By Frank Immel, president

While preparing this message, I thought back on many activities we enjoy in this community that FCA sponsors or co-sponsors and I admit that my favorite event of the year (followed very closely by the Fall Festival) is our Annual Meeting and Food Fest.

It tops my list because it's where I get to see and visit with so many of my wonderful neighbors and friends in this amazing corner of Seattle. Everyone has fun in a jovial atmosphere, with tasty foods from local eateries and information from a variety of community partners.

Our spring egg hunt also came to mind - so many excited children on the schoolhouse playground and the equally enthused volunteers who make it happen.

Of course, not every FCA event is about having fun. Take for example, the meeting we co-hosted with MoCA to enable residents to comment on what the city has proposed to improve pedestrian safety on Fauntleroy Way at Rose Street. As summarized on page 1, it will have a significant impact on the primary route into and out of our community - and it's on a fast track. Keep an eye on the *West Seattle Blog* for updates.

Behind the scenes of both festive and serious events is, of course, all the work by FCA Board members and other volunteers to make them happen. As you can read



on page 4, we have two important board positions to fill, and I encourage you to consider if one of them might be a good fit for you.

Also consider if you might help maintain the flower boxes in our Endolyne business area or perhaps sponsor a box or two (see page 7).

And might attending our monthly business meeting (either physically or virtually) fit into your schedule? These sessions are always informative and resident perspectives are always welcome. See page 7 for details.

Thank you for your support as a member and, I hope, as an active participant!

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