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Project Title: Duwamish Longhouse Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility Project

Project Location: 4705 West Marginal Way SW

Problem Statement: The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center of the Duwamish Tribe has limited parking and no transit service. Many people coming to events park across the street, at Herring’s House Park and T-107 Park (Tlula’ltu), or north of the Longhouse at lots on the east and west sides of the street. Other people come by bike using the Duwamish Trail from West Seattle or South Park. The approach from these locations is not safe, comfortable, or ADA accessible. The street has five lanes, including heavy truck traffic, with a posted speed limit of 40 mph. Actual speeds often exceed 50 mph. There is only a dirt path on the west side for walking. Some community events use both the Longhouse and the park.

Solution Statement:

a. Marked crosswalk across West Marginal Way SW with pedestrian-activated half-signal or rapid flashing beacons and warning signs, located at the north entry drive to Herring’s House Park’s parking lot, or at SW Alaska St, or at the entry drive to T-107 Park at SW Edmunds St.

b. Paved sidewalk on west side of West Marginal Way SW from SW Alaska Street to SW Idaho Street.

Additional Information *Optional (attachment 1): Submittal statement from the Duwamish Tribe and endorsing community organizations

Additional Information *Optional (attachment 2): Map of location with notes

Additional Information *Optional (attachment 3): Photos of conditions

Additional Information *Optional (attachment 4): North Delridge Action Plan excerpt

Additional Information *Optional (attachment 5): Still images and link to online video from drone flight, if available by application date. (Could be added later)

* Additional information may be photos, graphics, designs or other information.
Neighborhood Street Fund Application Statement

November 14, 2018

Duwamish Longhouse Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility Project

4705 West Marginal Way SW

The Duwamish Longhouse is the cultural center for indigenous People in the Coast-Salish region – a home to our spiritual practices and lifeways, as well as ceremonies and community gatherings. We invite you in with open and raised arms. Come and learn about our culture and living history.

However, the Duwamish Longhouse on West Marginal Way SW at SW Alaska Street has limited parking and no transit service. Many people coming to events park across the street, at Herring’s House Park and T-107 Park (Tlula’ltu). For large events, the Tribe has arranged to use the bus barn lot north of Herring’s House Park and the Parks Department lot at SW Idaho St on the west side of West Marginal Way SW. Other people come by bike using the Duwamish Trail from West Seattle or South Park. The approach from these locations is not safe, comfortable, or ADA accessible. The street has five lanes, with heavy truck traffic, a posted speed limit of 40 mph, and actual speeds often exceeding 50 mph. There is only a dirt path on the west side for walking. Some community events use both the Longhouse and the park. The park is a listed National Register archeological site of great importance to the Tribe.

Adding a sidewalk on the west side of the street from SW Alaska to SW Idaho Street and a marked crosswalk with warning signs and pedestrian-activated signal or flashing beacons would make a significant safety and accessibility improvement for people arriving by car, bike or on foot to the Longhouse.

Submitted by: Jolene Hass, Treasurer/Grants Administrator, The Duwamish Tribe

Endorsed by:

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG
Duwamish Valley Safe Streets
ECOSS
Georgetown Community Council
Highland Park Action Committee

Seattle Bicycle Tours
Seattle Neighborhood Greenways
South Park Neighborhood Association
Sustainable West Seattle
West Duwamish Greenbelt Trails Group
West Seattle Bike Connections
Duwamish Longhouse Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility
(4705 West Marginal Way SW (SW Alaska St to SW Idaho St)

- Existing Duwamish Trail Crossing, Crosswalk and flashing beacon

- Parking lot used by arrangement for community events at Duwamish Longhouse

- Paved sidewalk needed on west side of street from SW Alaska to SW Idaho.

- Crosswalk with signal or flashing beacons and signs needed at north drive to Herring’s House Park parking, or at SW Alaska St, or at T-107 Park

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Many events end after dark. It is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians crossing without a marked crosswalk and signal or flashing beacons.

There is only a dirt path on the west side of West Marginal from SW Alaska to SW Idaho. Not ADA accessible, or safe for anyone.

Lots of heavy truck traffic.

Warning signs and flashing beacons or signal are needed to call attention to pedestrians crossing.

People crossing from Longhouse to park, trail and car parking. 40 mph posted speed limit. Four traffic lanes and a center turn lane. No warning to drivers.

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The unpaved path on west side of West Marginal gets muddy, overgrown and blocked by vehicles.

Pedestrians cross here at SW Alaska St from Longhouse to parking at Herring’s House Park.

Volunteer crossing guard for community Halloween Party. Scary traffic!

An ADA accessible sidewalk is needed on the west side of West Marginal for access to the Duwamish Trail Route and parking lots.

Visitors park at Herring’s House and T-107 Parks across from the Longhouse.

The Duwamish Tribe welcomes the entire community to a wide variety of programs and events.

Scary traffic!
Community input to the new North Delridge Action Plan identifies the **Duwamish Longhouse** as a place to gather, and as a center of community.

**Herring’s House and T-107 Parks** on the bank of the Duwamish River are the site of a former Duwamish Tribe longhouse village, and are noted in the action plan as places of recreation. They have great significance for the Duwamish Tribe, and are a focus of volunteer work to restore the river shoreline and natural habitat.

Together, these places are considered at **the heart** of the community.

"Improving these destinations and making it easier to get around are priorities."

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Attachment 5

Duwamish Longhouse Safety & Accessibility - Drone Video, Annotated
Videographer John Carter of Media
Produced by John Carter with Dr. Jeffrey Perkins for the Duwamish Tribe.
Length approximately 1 minute.

https://vimeo.com/301116975

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