



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL | DISTRICT 1

## COUNCILMEMBER LISA HERBOLD

April 3, 2017

Scott Kubly, Director  
Seattle Department of Transportation

Dear Director Kubly,

I am writing you regarding the condition of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

As you know, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW is a key north/south corridor in West Seattle, and one of only a few north/south arterials in West Seattle. It is a key link to the West Seattle Bridge, one of the few points of ingress and egress to the peninsula.

I have received numerous complaints from District One constituents about the condition of the pavement since I took office at the start of 2016. The complaints have increased during recent months; I've noticed the poor condition of the road in my own travels. This is a regular route of travel for me, I'm happy to take and provide pictures if you would find them helpful. Here are some of the things constituents have told me:

"This is a major thoroughfare, as you know, and the road is literally disintegrating in this area. It is becoming a hazard as cars weave trying to avoid potholes, coming closer to oncoming traffic."

"There are so many pot-holes that 35th Ave. has become an obstacle course and quite dangerous for motorcycles, bicycles, and even cars."

"The seams of the road seem to be coming apart. This combined with the rather harsh winter we have had has left the road riddled with potholes, torn and disintegrating asphalt, and large puddles. It looks like terrain for a jeep obstacle course."

"These conditions are dangerous."

Constituents have highlighted various portions of the road, particularly the northbound lane, as specifically dangerous:

- Webster to Myrtle

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- Barton to Morgan
- Roxbury to Alaska

I am aware that SDOT's 2016-2024 [paving plan](#) lists 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW from Roxbury to Morgan as a planned paving project for 2023. Please let me know the current rating of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, according to the information listed on the [Pavement Management](#) webpage. In the short term, please consider this letter a request to examine and repair potholes on 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW from Roxbury to Alaska. I'd appreciate an answer to this request as soon as possible.

In addition, by the way of this letter, I am requesting that you reconsider the schedule that identifies repaving 35<sup>th</sup> SW as a 2023 project. I believe the serious condition of the road merits a re-evaluation, as has been done for some other projects funded by the Move Seattle levy.

In addition, could you let me know the estimated cost for repaving 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW? [The 2015 SDOT Asset Management Report](#), lists the 2013 Arterial Pavement Condition (Figure VII, page 68), lists 35<sup>th</sup> SW in red from Roxbury to Brandon, and Orange and Red to Avalon. Do you have a more recent update of Figure VII? I understand this information may take longer to compile.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Seattle City Councilmember, District 1

CC: Mike O'Brien, Seattle City Council Transportation Committee Chair

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