

Future of Park Lane Study

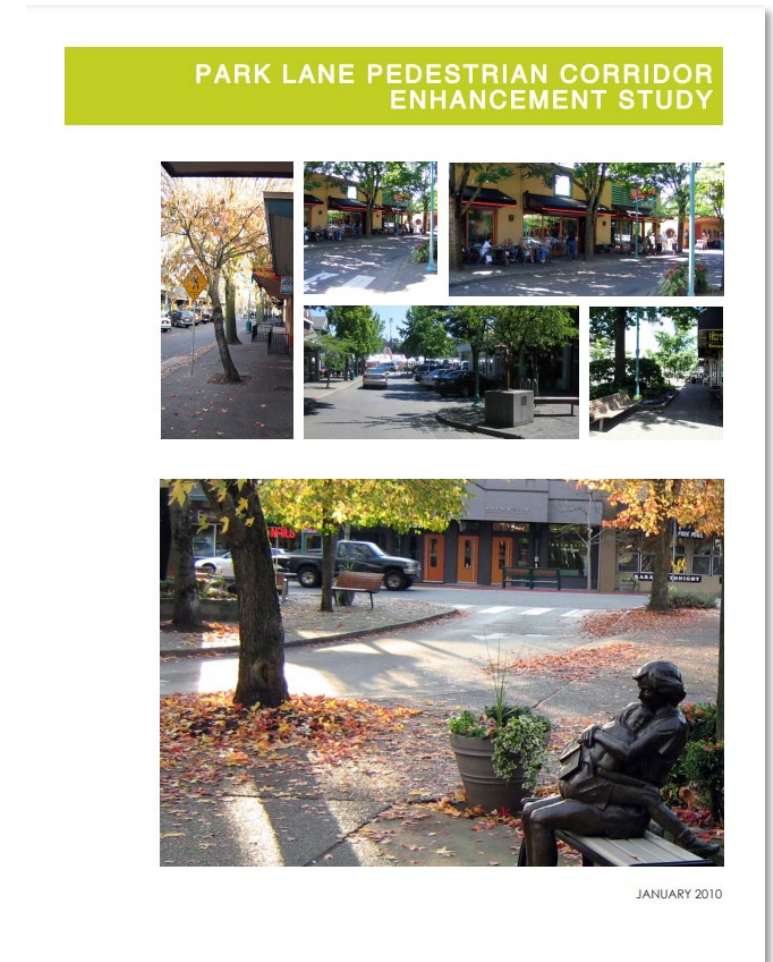
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History

- 2008-2010 Park Lane Corridor Enhancement Study adopts “Flexible Street” concept
- 2015 Park Lane renovated to a Festival Street design
- 2019 Summer Sundays full lane pilot closure to vehicles
- 2020 COVID Response / Evenings on Park Lane (west block)
- 2021 Evenings on Park Lane extended for two years
- June 2022 adoption of Active Transportation Plan, which commits to continued evaluation of closure of Park Lane to vehicles
- August 2022, Council authorization for consultant study
- October 2022 two-year Council extension of Evenings on Park Lane expired
- October - December 2022 Consultant selection, MIG hired



History: Closures to Vehicles

Summer Sundays 2019



Evenings on Park Lane 2020



Evenings on Park Lane 2021-22



Future of Park Lane Study

Study Purpose: Identify and evaluate the practical implementation opportunities and challenges of three options of permanent or temporary closure of Park Lane to vehicle traffic:

1. Full year-round closure
2. Full summer seasonal closure such as from May to October
3. Summer evening closure such as from May to October, 6pm to 11pm (i.e. “Evenings”)

The results of the study will inform a Council decision on the future use of Park Lane. The option to take no further action on Park Lane is available to Council; but will not be evaluated in the study.

Future of Park Lane Study: Consultant Scope

1. **Infrastructure** recommendations and requirements, such as shelter, seating, parklets, vehicle access control, and bollards/barriers.
2. **Operations** recommendations and requirements, including street closure and re-opening procedures, maintenance access plan, and loading zone locations.
3. **Parking** mitigation strategies, such as wayfinding or other public awareness campaigns for Park Lane parking closure times and available alternative public parking lots, or aesthetic and/or safety improvements to the Library Garage.
4. **Programming** and street activation recommendations, including during winter months if applicable.
5. **Public safety** requirements including emergency, fire, or police vehicle access and circulation.

DEC.

JAN.

FEB.

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

TASK 1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

TASK 2: STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TASK 3: DEVELOP CLOSURE ALTERNATIVES

TASK 4: COMPARE CLOSURE ALTERNATIVES

TASK 5: FINAL REPORT



Transportation Commission Meeting



Planning Commission Meeting



City Council Meeting

Discussion

Q1

What are your ideas for the Future of Park Lane?

Q2

What are key topics for the consultant to consider?

Q3

What information would you like to know about each closure scenario?