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NE 12th Street Bridge Remains Closed to Pedestrians

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NE 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge History

The NE 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge was originally constructed in 1969 to provide a safe pedestrian connection to Ashwood Elementary School from the neighborhood. At that time, there weren't any stop lights at the nearby intersection.

Since that time, the bridge has been rehabilitated twice, once in 1994 for timber deck panel deterioration and again in 2007 to repair and paint the timbers.

Current Bridge Condition

Last May, the bridge was inspected by King County bridge crews as part of a routine inspection requirement. As a result, it was determined that an in-depth bridge assessment was necessary. During the follow-up inspection in August, structural engineers discovered that the supporting wood members were deteriorated. For safety reasons, the bridge was closed to install temporary shoring, while the bridge has been stabilized, it remains closed to pedestrians, along with the sidewalk on the north side of the structure.

Next Steps

Later this year the bridge will be demolished. The age of the bridge, extensive wood damage and the need to rebuild to current seismic and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards make replacement too costly. The roadway crossing at the intersection provides for a shorter safe crossing for all users. We intend to remove the bridge before summer. Another project to connect the 12' wide multipurpose pathway on the north side of NE 12th from 112th Ave to 108th Ave NE is currently in the design stage.



Questions & Comments

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