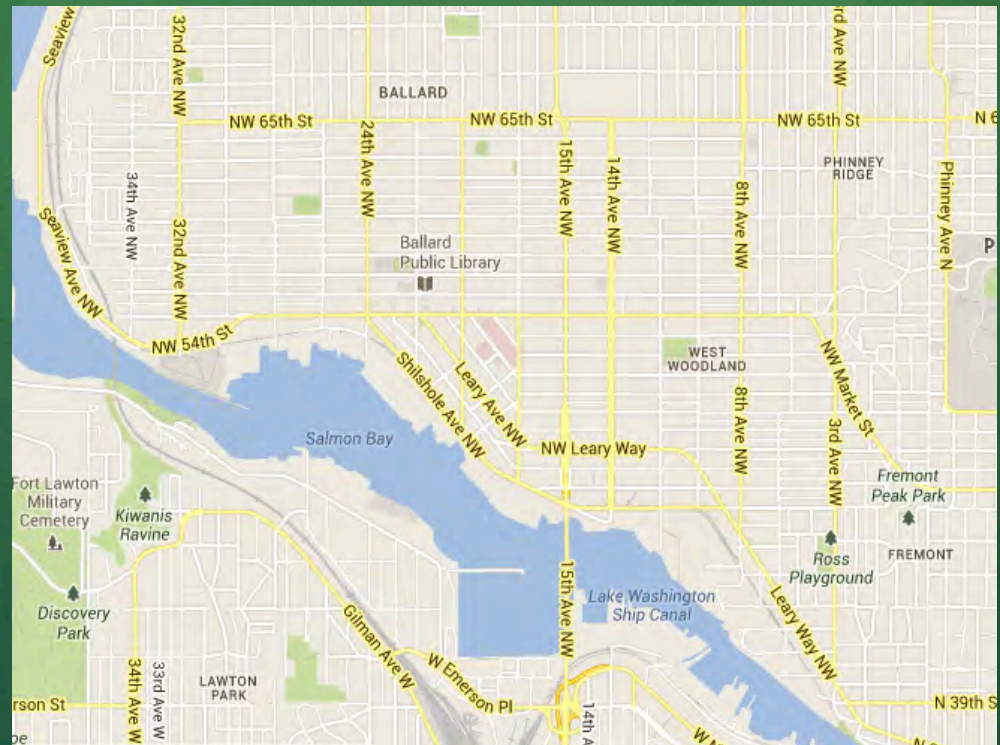




Ballard Cycle Track

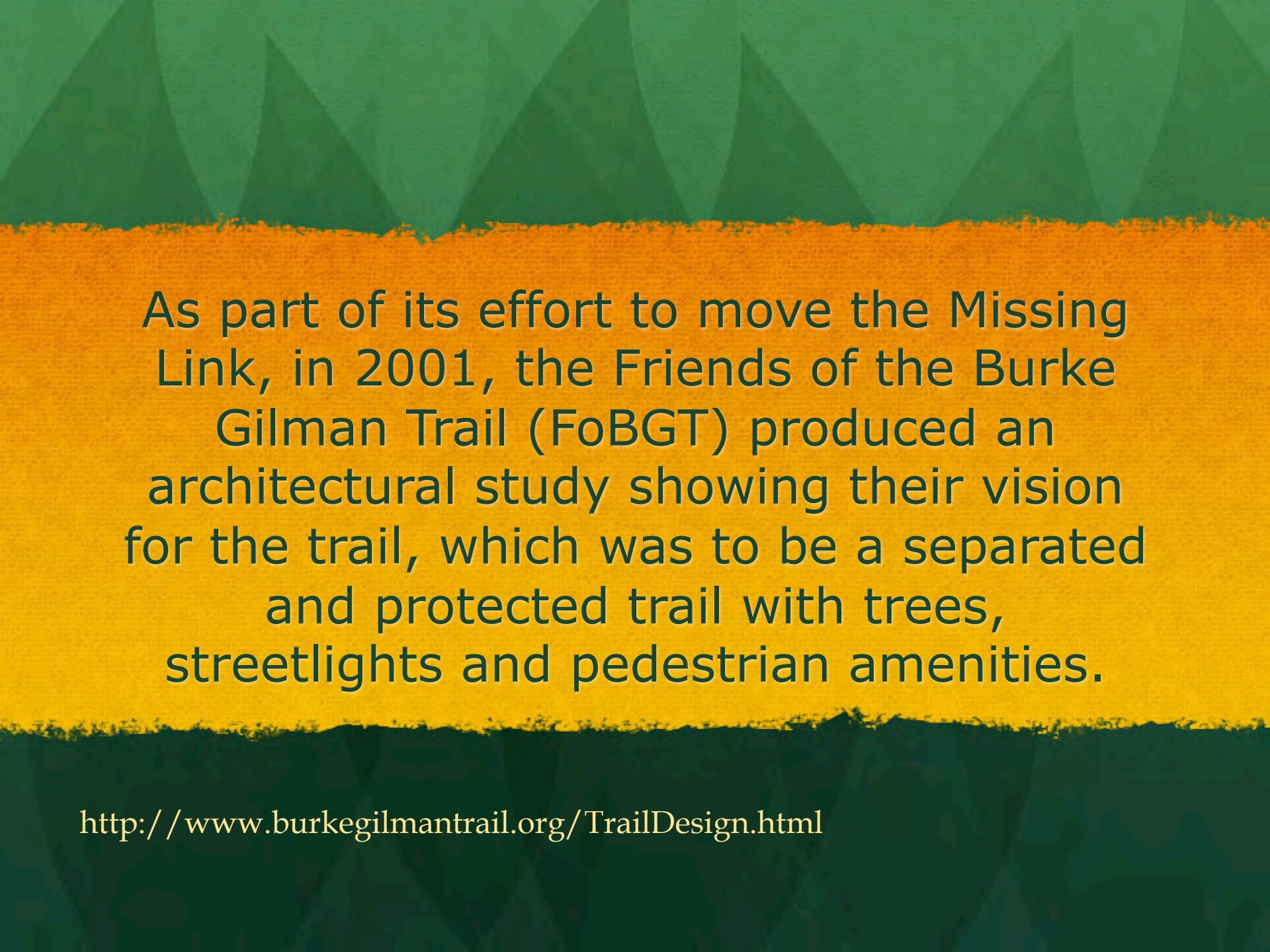
Part of the Burke-Gilman Trail

Now is the time
to solve the
“Missing Link”
problem with a
world-class
cycling solution:
A cycle track
through Ballard.



The location of the Missing Link has been in flux since the 1990's.

In 1996, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 29474, locating the Missing Link along Leary Avenue to NW Market St. Five years later, the Friends of the Burke-Gilman Trail began a campaign to move the trail from Leary and Market to Shilshole Avenue NW.



As part of its effort to move the Missing Link, in 2001, the Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail (FoBGT) produced an architectural study showing their vision for the trail, which was to be a separated and protected trail with trees, streetlights and pedestrian amenities.

<http://www.burkegilmantrail.org/TrailDesign.html>

The FoBGT promised us a beautiful, safe, tree-lined trail that kids, adults and new riders could safely use.



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Even along Shilshole Ave NW, in the heart of the maritime/industrial area, the FoBGT said the trail would be separated and safe.

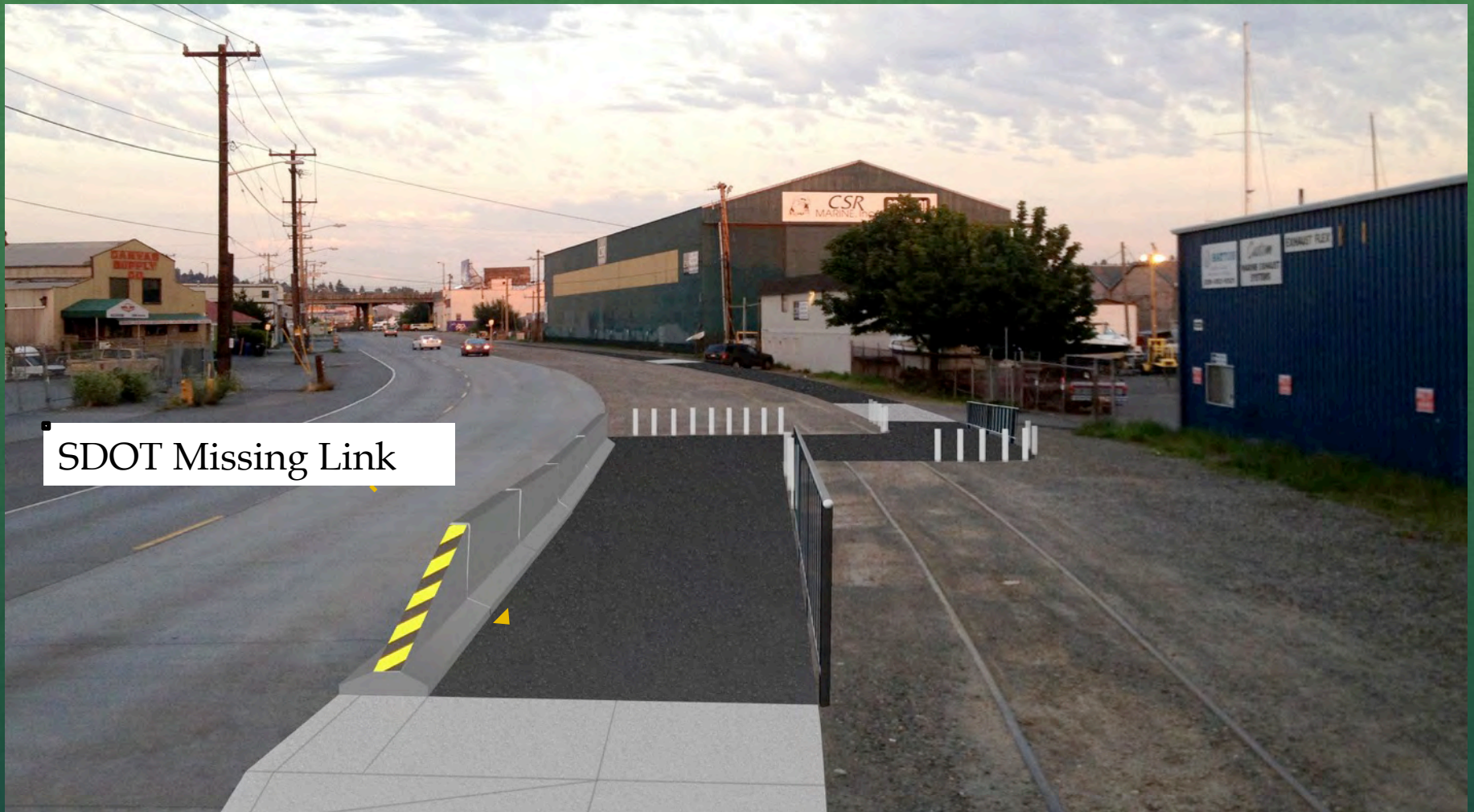


In 2003 the City Council agreed to move the Missing Link and voted 7-2 approving Resolution 30408, moving the trail from the route selected in 1996 and directed SDOT to build it along NW 45th and Shilshole Avenue NW.

SDOT's Design is dangerous because it puts people into conflict with trucks

In 2012 SDOT prepared diagrams showing how it plans to build the Missing Link along Shilshole Avenue NW: It looks nothing like the FoBGT's artist renditions. Instead of a tree-lined protected trail with pedestrian amenities, this is what SDOT proposes to construct:

SDOT plans to build a trail with no trees and no amenities and instead has concrete barriers and metal fencing or no protection at all.



SDOT Missing Link

Source: SDOT exhibit

Along the most dangerous section, SDOT plans no separation at all and just a two-inch curb that will not keep kids from riding into traffic.



Instead of a
protected
trail.....

SDOT wants to
build an unsafe trail
with little or no
separation that will
cross 55 industrial
driveways and
intersections in just
1.5 miles



That is one crossing every
144 feet.





The solution.....

World-class cycle tracks through Ballard.

The City is building
cycle tracks
throughout Seattle
because they are safer
than "sharrows" and
painted bike lanes,
and because more
people bike when they
feel safe.



**Solving the Missing Link problem
only requires moving the trail a
couple of blocks, back to the
original location selected in 1996.**

The cycle track route starts near the Fred Meyer in Ballard by turning north onto 8th Ave NW and then immediately turning northwest onto NW Leary Way where it will continue until it reaches NW Market St., where it will go west until it reconnects with the existing Burke-Gilman trail at the Locks.

The Cycle Track Solution

- While the following slides show a one-way cycle track on one side of the street, the solution is to build one-way cycle tracks on BOTH sides of the street, similar to those depicted in the following photo renditions.
- We urge you to join us in asking the City and SDOT to build this sensible, world-class solution to the Missing Link.

We CAN solve this problem with cycle tracks through Ballard – on Market Street, heading west to the Locks.



A cycle track on Market Street west of 24th Street provides a fully separated, protected and safe trail.



We need a cycle track on Leary Avenue, heading north into downtown Ballard that provides a feeling of safety.



A cycle track on Leary, between 11th and 15th, going west into Ballard, will encourage more people to ride bikes.





This route, compared to the City's proposal, provides connections to major biking "arterials", 8th Ave NW and 24th Ave NW, will be part of an area-wide system of bike routes and neighborhood greenways, and provides a safe, separated bike trail.



Seattle deserves a safe trail that does not put people into conflict with trucks

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More Information:

Vancouver YouTube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nkg9szoJ2Tc>

Altal Planning website link:

http://www.altaplanning.com/App_Content/files/pres_stud_docs/APWA%20Cycle%20Track%20Presentation%20Alta%20reduced.pdf

Ballard neighborhood greenway link:

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ballardgreenway.htm>