

The E. Sprague business community and the City are partnering to reinvigorate this underutilized business district and surrounding neighborhood.

- The City's initial improvements have focused on harnessing traffic that already moves through the neighborhood:
 - Work this summer improved parking, made the street more pedestrian friendly and slowed vehicles moving through the area
 - \$760,000 has been set aside for repaving First Avenue and streetscape enhancements
 - Street levy includes funds to rebuild Sprague Avenue in the coming years
 - \$6 million in grant applications have been submitted for Sprague improvements, including a \$1.5 million WSDOT grant to fund pedestrian refuge islands and street light for pedestrian safety along Sprague Avenue (City has made grant shortlisted and is subject to legislative approval)
- City Council has designated it a Target Improvement Area to stimulate new investment

Recent improvements to E. Sprague are the beginning of a larger vision.

- The City has secured a technical assistance grant from Smart Growth America for a workshop that will focus on:
 - Transit-oriented development
 - Integrate street projects
 - Smart growth policies
 - Economic development and fiscal health
 - Parking management
 - Regional planning
- \$32 million in projects are planned over the next few years