



## 2019 Project Review Sheet (2020 Construction)

### City Council District 3 (Ballot # 3H)

<b>Project #</b>	19-115
<b>Project Title:</b>	Increase pedestrian safety
	Neighborhood: Little Saigon, 98144
<b>Location:</b>	Area: The proposed safety measures would be installed on Weller St. S. and 16th Ave S., on the portions of the road directly adjacent to JCCCW property. Our address is 1414 S. Weller St.

### SDOT Contact Information

SDOT Reviewer Name: Shauna Walgren

Reviewer Phone Number: (206) 684-8681

Review Date: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### SDOT Project Summary

SDOT approves project

- Yes
- Yes, with revisions
- No

Comments: SDOT recommends rebuilding the existing traffic circle to have a larger radius and restrict parking on both sides of all four legs at the approach of the intersection.

There is an opportunity to partner with another program:

- Yes
- No

Partnering Program: N/A

**Total Project Cost: \$30,000**

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**Solution and Comments:**

This review has been completed for use in the 2019 Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets process.

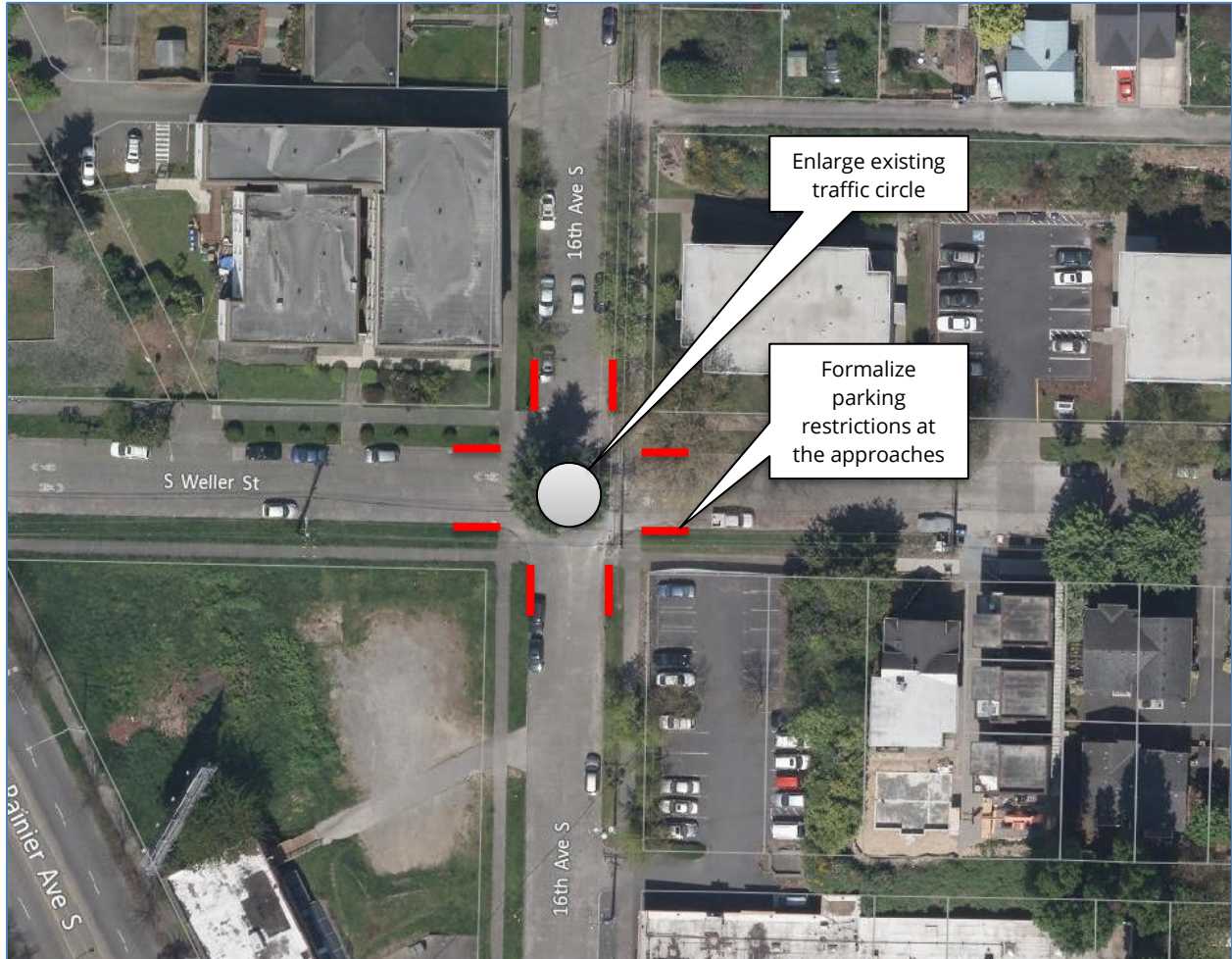
16<sup>th</sup> Ave S and S Weller St are non-arterial streets that are 30 feet wide. There is parking on both sides of the street and cars park up to the intersection. The traffic circle is undersized and was installed a long time ago. There is a large tree and much of the ring has been broken.

The applicant expressed concern for pedestrian safety. SDOT proposes to rebuild the traffic circle and enlarge it if possible (assuming this will not interfere with the ability of emergency vehicles to navigate the intersection). This would protect the tree and make the traffic circle more visible as well as calm traffic on both 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S and S Weller St. Implement “No Parking” restrictions on all four legs (and both sides of each leg) of the intersection.

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## Information Provided by Community Members

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**Project Idea:** The Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington (JCCCW) is a nonprofit community center, museum, library, and Japanese language school for youth and adults. We propose funding to install street safety measures to increase pedestrian safety for students, neighbors and visitors due to increased arterial traffic from the Atlantic neighborhood off of South Rainier and Dearborn Ave.

**Need for Project:** JCCCW is located in the Atlantic neighborhood area between the busy main arterials of S. Rainier and S. Jackson St. on 16th Ave S. South Weller St., which our main entrances face, was once a quiet residential area but due to increased public transit access and new housing is now a high commuter traffic and street parking area due to the increased amount of commuters and residents in the area. Many commuters park in the area to use nearby bus routes and streetcar stations, resulting in decreased pedestrian visibility due to high density of parked cars. The area is frequented by children due to the Japanese language school youth classes on Saturdays and youth martial arts classes on weekday evenings, as well as a high number of seniors who use JCCCW buildings as volunteers, members, and visitors. JCCCW does not have a large parking lot so children and seniors who receive rides from family members are often dropped off and picked up on the opposite side of the street on either S. Weller St. or 16th Ave S. Adjacent to JCCCW on S. Weller St. there is the Weller Apartments senior residential home so both youth and seniors frequently cross the street to access buildings. Although JCCCW encourages students to take extra care when crossing the busy nearby streets, youth students of the language school at JCCCW have still been frequently experiencing near-accidents with vehicles moving at high speeds down both 16th Ave. S. and S. Weller St. without being aware of children in the area, as there is no signage or other safety measures installed on the street. The most recent near-collision involving a pedestrian student reported by the principal occurred in November 2018.

**Community Benefit from Project:** Currently the language school has 144 adult students and 79 youth students who attend class at our facility every week for most of the year except the summer and winter breaks. This is not even counting the youth who use our facility for martial arts, music and other classes during the week. JCCCW also holds public events as part of our cultural programming which draw thousands of attendees per year including many families with children. We also have a high number of senior volunteers and members who regularly attend our library hours and other community programs, and seniors living at the neighboring Weller Apartments also frequently cross the streets in question. Another neighbor. St. Peter's Episcopal Church on S. King St. and 16th Ave. S., has a kindergarten program with children that are also exposed to cars driving at high speeds with no awareness of the frequency of the presence of groups of children in the neighborhood. All these groups are constantly put in danger by commuters driving at high speeds and sloped roads/parked cars that impede driver

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visibility and would benefit greatly from any improved street safety options including but not limited to speed bumps, crosswalks, and improved signage in the immediate area.

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### Risk Registry

SDOT Review	Drainage impacts	Constructability	Community process
Low	None	Medium	Low

### Cost Estimate

<b>Design Phase</b>	
Preliminary Engineering (Survey) Costs	\$0
Project Management Costs (City Labor)	\$2,500
Design Costs (Consultant Fees, if externally designed, internal labor otherwise)	\$2,000
<b>Subtotal - Design Phase Costs</b>	\$4,500
Design Contingency (10% of Design Phase Subtotal)	\$500
<b>Total Design Phase Costs</b>	\$5,000
<b>Construction Phase</b>	
Construction Costs (include urban forestry, signs & markings, traffic control, layout or construction staking as necessary)	\$14,000
Drainage Costs	\$0
Estimating Contingency (10-20%)	\$2,000
<b>Subtotal - Construction Costs</b>	\$16,000
Construction Management (10-25% of Construction Cost)	\$3,000
Construction Contingency (20%)	\$6,000
<b>Total Construction Phase Costs</b>	\$25,000
<b>Total Project Cost = Total Design and Construction Phase Costs</b>	\$30,000

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