

# Weedin Place Project

Weedin Place NE between NE 65th St and 8th Ave NE, and the intersection of NE 66th St, 8th Ave NE and Weedin Pl NE

## Applicant Problem

The Weedin Place area of the Roosevelt Neighborhood is vehicle-oriented and not pedestrian-friendly or safe for bicyclists. The heavily paved area, distressed by graffiti and loitering is sandwiched between the Interstate 5 and a gas station. The area is an uninspiring and unsafe area to drive, bike, or walk through. This is unfortunate since it is the most direct route from a large number of bus stops, the I-5 Park and Ride and Greenlake to the Roosevelt Business core, Roosevelt High School, and the Light Rail Station coming in 2021. Weedin place is a one-way cut-through street that allows motorists to bypass the traffic signal at NE 65th St and 8th Ave NE. Cars are able to turn onto this road at fairly high speeds since it is only a slight right. The cut-through street ends with a stop sign at the dangerous intersection of 8th Ave NE and NE 66th St, which has recently seen a large increase of traffic due to a new large apartment complex opening up. This segment of NE 66th St is reported to be the most congested street in our neighborhood. All intersections surrounding Weedin Place are potentially dangerous, particularly for pedestrians and bicyclists. There are no crosswalks at the intersections of 8th Ave NE, Weedin Place, and NE 66th St. In addition, crossing 8th Ave NE anywhere north of NE 65th St is dangerous given the unpredictable movement of vehicles. Cars can curve left towards Greenlake or right onto 8th Ave NE to access I-5 North (at NE 70th St). Most vehicles do not signal either way. Most turn right towards I-5, very rapidly cutting the corner. This makes it very unsafe for bicyclists on the motorist's right. The problem is enhanced because NE 66th St (Roosevelt's designated Green Street and potential bike route) and Weedin Place are a direct route to Greenlake from Roosevelt. Instead of connecting Greenlake to Roosevelt, the uninspiring area acts as a barrier that separates the two neighborhoods.

## PROJECT TYPE

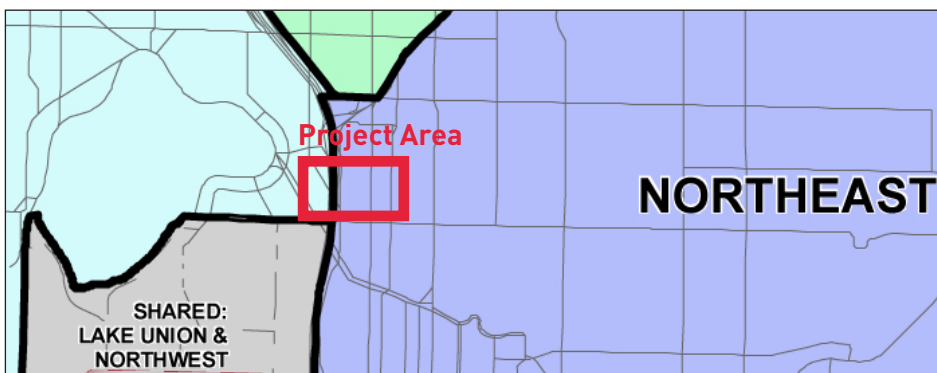
Street Activation and Crossing Improvements

## APPROXIMATE LENGTH

N/A

## COST ESTIMATE

\$811,000



## Applicant Solution

The solutions specific to the public space include finalizing work on these items: Landscaping; Plantings; Street Painting; Lighting; Roosevelt Gateway Signage; Public Art - Glacier; Curb Bulb at Weed in Place and NE 65th St. to deter traffic from attempting to make a right hand turn onto the Weed in Place Plaza.

The solutions specific to the nearby intersection include: Curb bulb north of Weed in Place NE at the southeast end of 8th Ave NE; Crosswalks at 8th Ave NE/Weed in Place north of NE 66th St; Crosswalk at 8th Ave NE north of 66th St; Crosswalk at NE 66th St east of 8th Ave NE Connecting residents to Weed in Place Public Space.



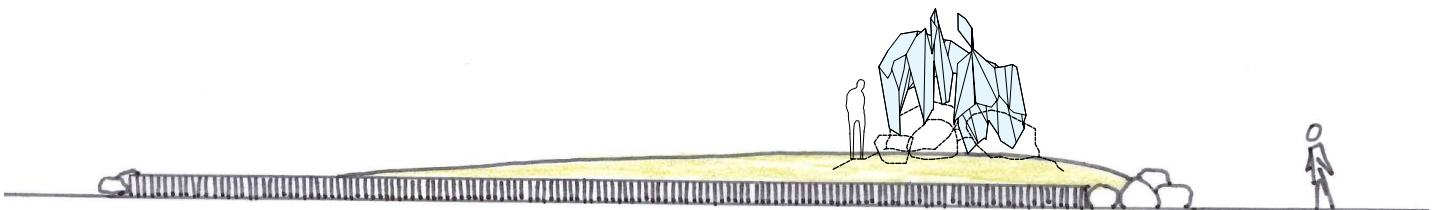
*Existing conditions at Weed in Place looking northwest to 8th Ave NE*



*Existing conditions at NE 66th St looking northwest to 8th Ave NE*



*Concept schematic of proposed Weed in Place art (to be funded separately)*



*Elevation of proposed Weed in Place drumlin looking east*

# Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Review

## Project Description

Weedin Place is a non-arterial street connecting NE 65th St and 8th Ave NE on a diagonal. The community has been working on a design of Weedin Place to create a community gathering place in the Roosevelt neighborhood. SDOT has already approved the closure of this street for a low-cost street activation project in 2016. This concept design incorporates the previously proposed improvements created for the full build out of Weedin Place and adds alterations to the intersection of NE 65th St and Weedin Pl NE required by SDOT.

This conceptual design also reviewed the intersection of 8th Ave NE, Weedin Pl NE and NE 66th Street. 8th Ave NE is an arterial connecting Greenlake Urban Village with Roosevelt Urban Village. NE 66th St will be a future connection between the Greenlake neighborhood, the existing park and ride and the Roosevelt Link Light Rail station. Cars are currently parking within in the intersection, limiting the visibility of the vehicles and pedestrians crossing through this intersection.

SDOT reviewed pedestrian count information for the intersection of 8th Ave NE, Weedin Pl NE and NE 66th St. There are enough people crossing in this area to warrant a marked crossing, however these crossings were not directed to one particular crossing point. If funded, this project would take a closer look at where people cross and implement curb bulbs, signs and markings to indicate a preferred crossing point. Parking would be removed from the intersection.

This conceptual design includes the following elements:

- Landscape plantings, street painting, Roosevelt gateway signage and public art on Weedin Place to implement a full street activation project.
- Driveway entrance at the intersection of NE 65th St and Weedin Place.
- Curb bulbs on the west side of 8th Ave NE and the corner of 8th Ave NE and NE 66th St. Curb ramps, crosswalk marking and signage will be installed to create a marked crosswalk.

## Constructability

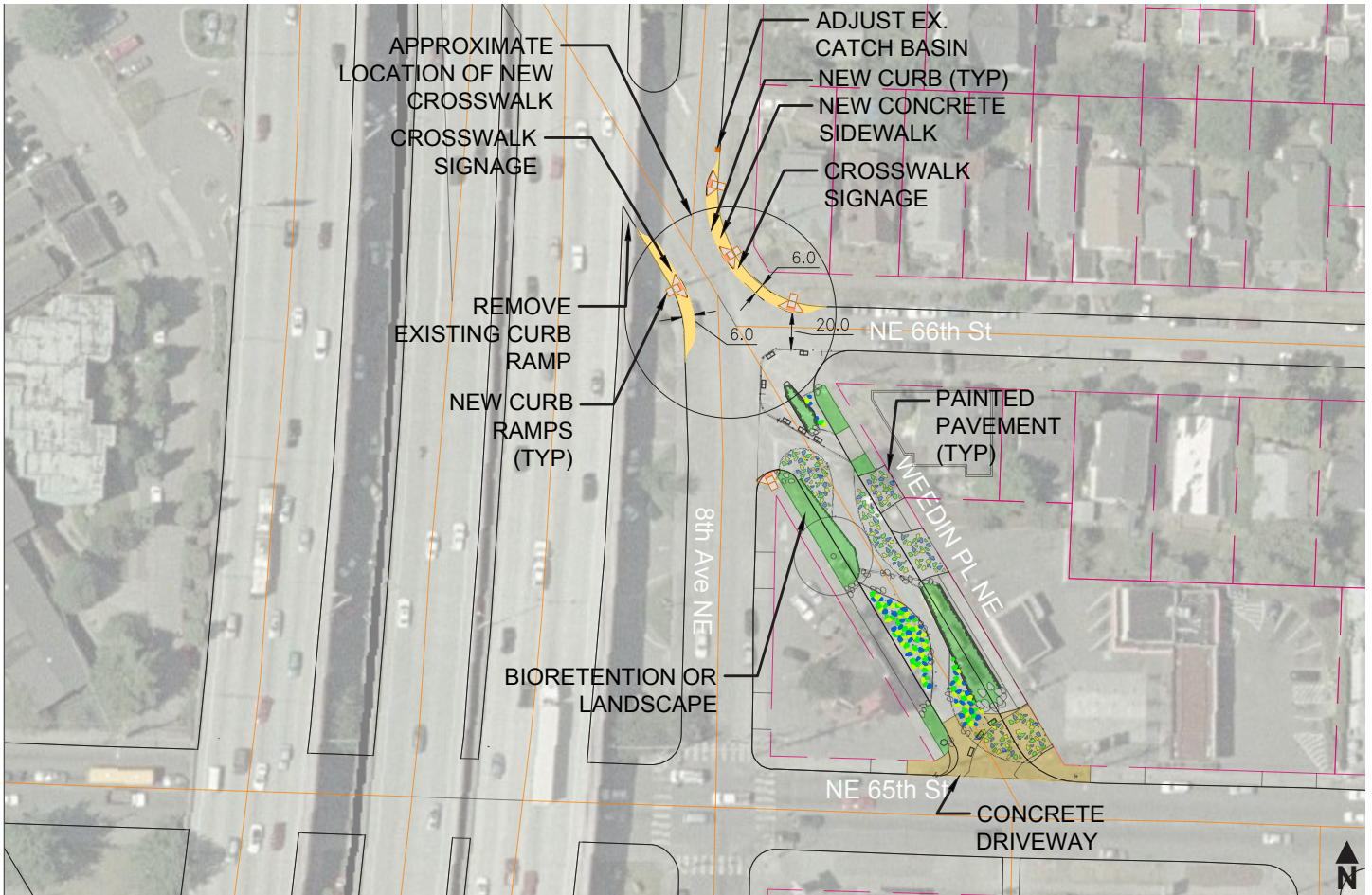
- SDOT will confirm the location of the crosswalk and signage if the project is funded.
- Concrete panels may need to be replaced at crosswalk due to poor condition of the existing concrete roadway panels.
- This project would be coordinated with a potential future development on the corner of NE 66th Street and 8th Ave NE.

## Impacts

- Weedin Place will be closed to through traffic in 2016, and that closure would be solidified through this project. There will still be driveway access to the existing gas station.
- On 8th Ave NE and NE 66th St, parking will be restricted in and approaching the intersection. While this parking is not legal, it may be perceived as parking loss.

## Benefits

- Full implementation of the Weedin Place street activation project.
- Increased visibility for pedestrians crossing 8th Ave NE and NE 66th St.



Proposed crossing improvements at NE 66th St and 8th Ave NE

