

APPLICATION 2019-20

Q2 Please provide your zip code

98103

Q3 Project Title: Please provide a title for your project that describes it well.

Meridian Ave Wallingford Greenway

Q4 Project Location: Please describe the location of your proposed project with as much detail as possible so that someone can find it easily. Include the nearest cross street if possible.

Meridian Ave between Northlake Way and N 45th St

Q5 Problem Statement: Please explain why you are proposing this project. Please give as much detail as possible by describing your experience at the specific location.

Wallingford lacks a safe route for north-south connectivity for people walking and biking between important destinations like the commercial center of 45th, Meridian Park, and Gas Works park. Wallingford Ave has metro bus traffic, significant car traffic and no bike lane markings making it unsuitable as an all-ages-and-abilities route.

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Q6 Solution Statement: What improvements would you like to see at this location? Please note that SDOT staff often need to modify proposed improvements to meet city regulations or adapt to site conditions. See Frequently Asked Questions for more info.

Because of the geography of lower Wallingford there are only a few options to connect Gas Works and the Burke-Gilman with 45th. Meridian is ideal for a N-S greenway because it connects Gas Works Park, the Burke Gilman Trail, N 40th St (with access to the U District and light rail), the E-W greenway at N 44th. It also is a direct route to the light to cross 45th St. This light is bicycle friendly with a short cycle and a block across 45th St is Meridian Park, the Good Shepherd Center, and the Wallingford Farmer's Market.

Note that this proposal was not my idea. My 8 year old son, who uses Meridian to bike through Wallingford, came up with the idea and asked me to submit an application.

I did not have time to prepare detailed designs by the November 19 deadline. In short the list of improvements would be:

1. Improved crossing of Meridian Ave and N Northlake way, which is the entrance to Gas Works Park, including a repainted crosswalk and RRFBs with a bicycle activation signal.
2. Improved bicycle parking at Gas Works park.
3. Traffic calming on Meridian Ave. Some of the intersections already have roundabouts; additional roundabouts could be added at a low cost using paint and posts. Some money for public art and/or maintenance of the existing aroundabouts would be helpful as well.
4. I don't believe speed humps are strictly necessary as roundabouts already serve as traffic calming for this corridor.
5. RRFBs with bicycle activation signals and green paint wait boxes at the crossing of Meridian Ave and N 40th St. This can be done as part of the N 40th St. repaving project.
6. Painted crosswalk at the intersection of Meridian Ave and N 40th St.
7. Traffic diverter at the intersection of Meridian Ave and N 44th St that allows N-S and E-W bicycle traffic, but diverts cars. This is key because there is a ton of cut-through traffic on N 44th St that really compromises the N 44th St greenway here.
8. Standard greenway signage with wayfinding for Wallingford Center, Meridian Park, U District, Gas Works Park, Burke Gilman Trail and the E-W greenway.

Overall for the cost of some paint, posts and a couple of RRFBs you could create a great all-ages route among the most important destinations in lower Wallingford. I'm happy to come back with a more detailed design and input from my 8 year old son.

Thank you
Mark

Q7 Additional Information *Optional (attachment 1):
Please use this space to add additional photos, graphics, designs, or information. Note that while additional information is not mandatory, it does help us and the community better understand the purpose of your proposal and the general concept of your suggested improvements.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8 Additional Information *Optional (attachment 2)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9 Additional Information *Optional (attachment 3)

Respondent skipped this question

Q10 Additional Information *Optional (attachment 4)

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Q11 Additional Information *Optional (attachment 5)

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WALLINGFORD
PLAYFIELD

DENSMORE AVE N

WALLINGFORD AVE N

BURKE AVE N

N 42ND ST

MERIDIAN AVE N

BAGLEY AVE N

CORLISS AVE N

SUNNYSIDE AVE N

N 40TH ST



DENSMORE AVE N

WALLINGFORD AVE N

BURKE AVE N

N 38TH ST

MERIDIAN AVE N

BAGLEY AVE N

CORLISS AVE N

SUNNYSIDE AVE N