

Ballard Neighborhood Greenway

Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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GREENWAYS
 SEATTLE



SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: Deliver a safe and reliable transportation system that enhances Seattle's environment and economic vitality.



Vision: A vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.

SDOT's values



Presentation overview



26th Avenue SW Delridge Greenway

- City's safety goals
- Neighborhood greenway description
- Recommended route and safety improvements
- Questions and input

Seattle's traffic safety goal

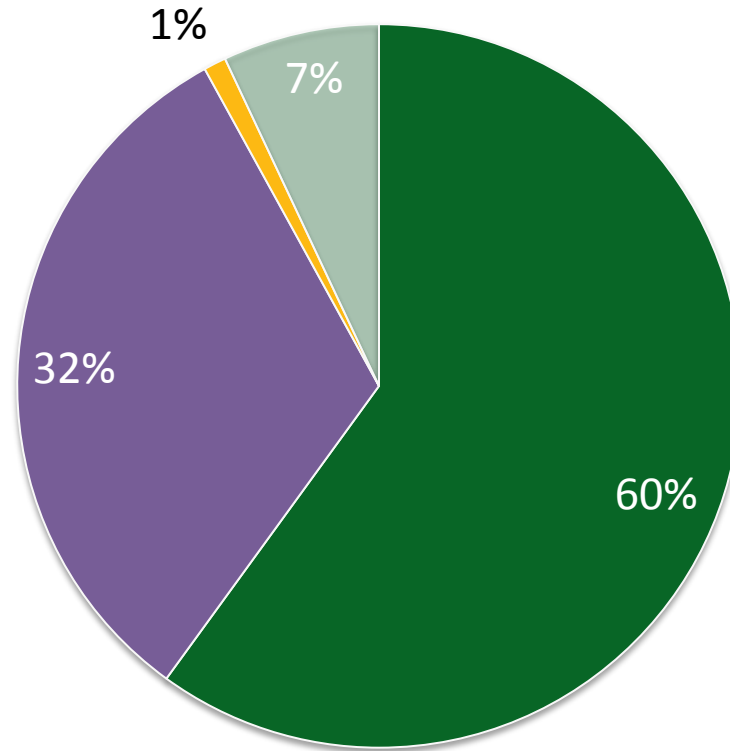


Zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030

Focus on the most vulnerable



What we can accomplish



■ Willing But Wary

■ No Way, No How

■ Strong and Fearless

■ Enthused and Confident

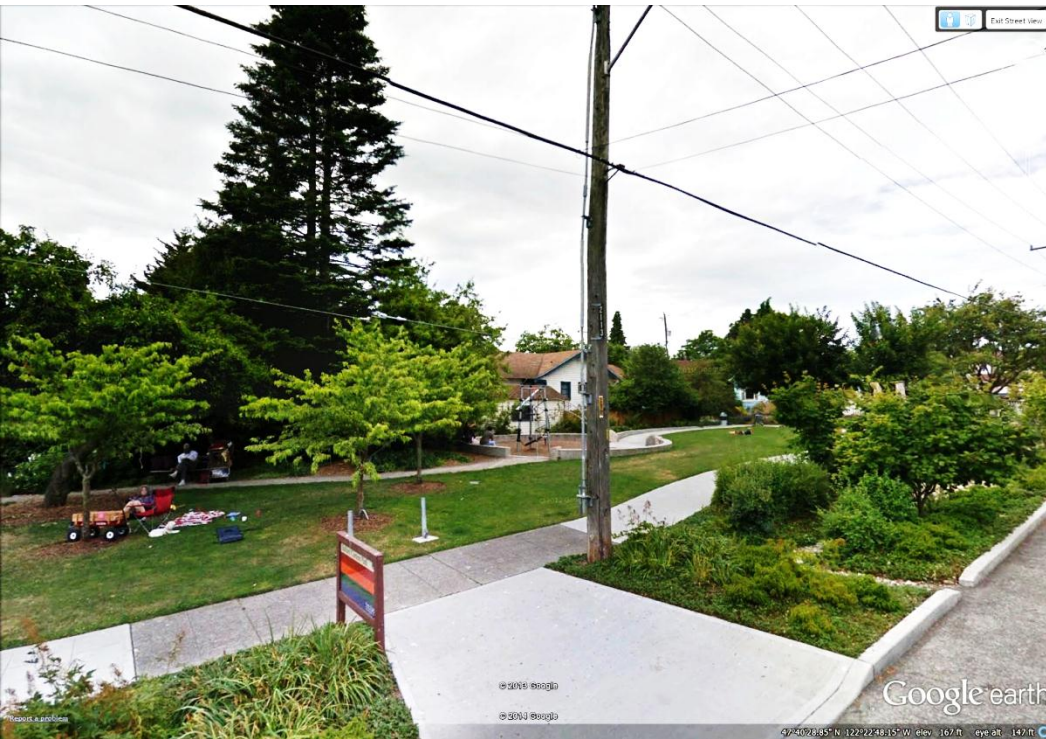
Source: Adapted from J.Dill, N. Mcneil. *Four types of Cyclists?* 2012

What is a Neighborhood Greenway?



A safer, calm residential street for you and your family

Best locations



Residential streets with low speeds, volumes and few hills that take you to schools, parks, libraries and shops

Slow speeds = safety



- Drivers are better able to stop and prevent collisions
- More calm environment

Traffic calming



Fremont Avenue N Greenway

- Slows motorists and people biking
- Reduces cut-through traffic

Signs and markings



- Directs people to and along the greenway
- Helps motorists know people are present

Stop signs



- Calms traffic entering and crossing the greenway
- Improves safety for people walking and biking on it

Smooth sidewalk and pavement



- Safer for you and your family to walk and ride bikes
- Helps people in wheelchairs, or with strollers

Here's what we heard

- Majority of people use 17th to walk and bike
- Crossing major streets like Leary, 65th, 80th and 85th is challenging
- Major destinations include Downtown Ballard, post office, parks, schools, Burke-Gilman Trail
- Pavement and sidewalks need repair
- Concern about volumes and speeds of cars
- Concern about traffic circulation at the post office

Selecting a route

	SOUTH OF NW 65TH ST		NORTH OF NW 65TH ST		
	17th Ave NW	NW Dock Pl/ 17th Ave NW	16th Ave NW	17th Ave NW	18th Ave NW
1. SAFETY					
Traffic volume	●	●	●	●	●
Traffic speed	●	●	●	●	●
Collision data (2010-2013)	●	●	●	●	●
Ease of arterial crossings	●	●	●	●	●
2. PAVEMENT CONDITION					
Drainage	●	●	●	●	●
Condition of existing roadway	●	●	●	●	●
Condition of sidewalk	●	●	●	●	●
3. ACCESS					
Services (café, post office, YMCA, stores, etc.)	●	●	●	●	●
Schools	●	●	●	●	●
Community activities (parks, etc.)	●	●	●	●	●
Public transportation	●	●	●	●	●
Connections to end points	●	●	●	●	●
Helps create greenway network	●	●	●	●	●
Parallels higher volume/speed routes	●	●	●	●	●
Not a truck, transit, emergency route	●	●	●	●	●
4. ROUTE CONTINUITY					
	●	●	●	●	●
5. TOPOGRAPHY - GRADE					
Grade of existing road	●	●	●	●	●
6. PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAVEL					
Existing pedestrian travel	●	●	●	●	●
Existing bike travel	●	●	●	●	●
7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT					
	●	●	●	●	●
SUMMARY					
●	12	12	10	14	10
●	4	7	10	6	10
●	4	1	0	0	0

NW 85th St & 17th Ave NW

- Easier for children to cross
- Crossing beacons, curb ramps and crosswalks



NW 80th St & 17th Ave NW



- Coordinate with SPU
- Make motorists aware of people walking and biking
- Add curb bulbs, curb ramps and crosswalks

NW 65th St & 17th Ave NW



RRFB on Lake City Way

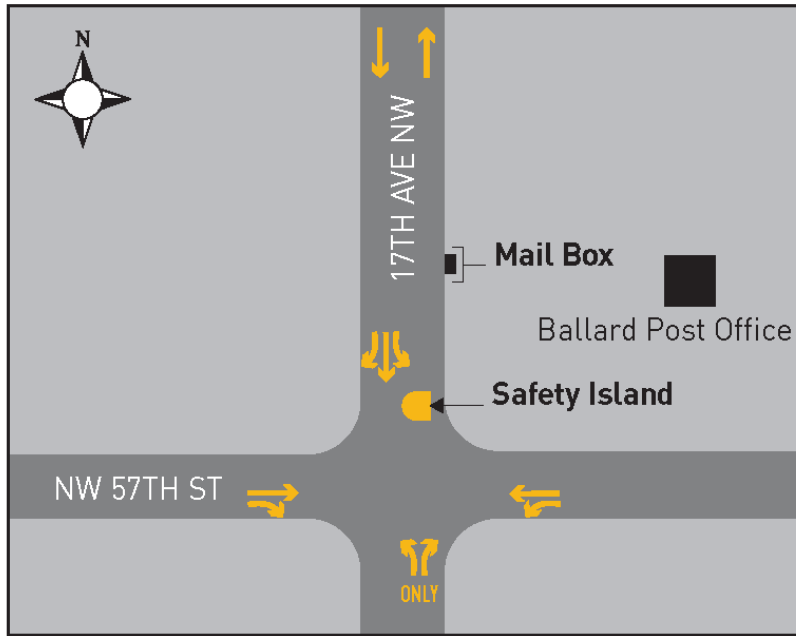
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NW 57th St & 17th Ave NW



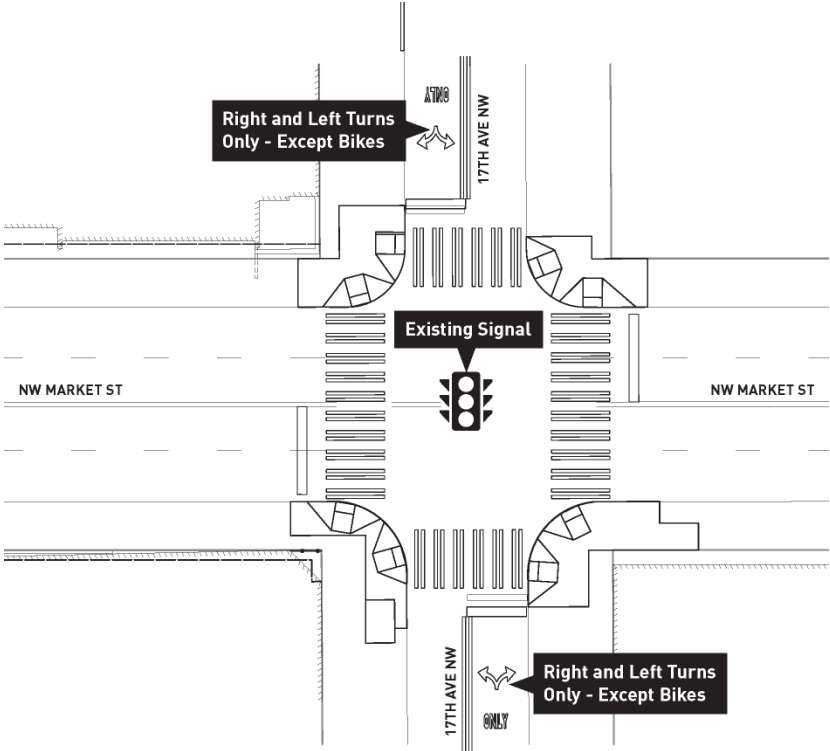
17th Ave NW at NW 57th St (Ballard USPS)

NW 57th St & 17th Ave NW



Improve USPS mail box access and reduce cut-thru traffic
on 17th Ave NW

NW Market St & 17th Ave NW



- Reduces cut-through traffic
- 17th Ave NW and NW Market St

NW Dock & 17th Ave NW



Present



Proposed

Public space improvements

NW Dock Pl & 17th Ave NW

Public space examples from other locations



Leary Ave NW & NW Dock Pl



Pedestrian/bicycle signal along existing Ballard Greenway at 8th Ave NW

- Makes it easier to cross
- NW Dock Pl & Leary Ave NW

Next steps

Date	Action
Winter 2014	Stakeholder discussions and data collection
March 2014	Public meeting #1
Spring 2014	Public input, site visits and conceptual design
August 7, 2014	Public meeting #2
Fall 2014 - 2015	Connection to NW 45 th St / Ballard Bridge
Summer 2015	Implementation
Summer 2016	Evaluation

Phase 2



Thanks!

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Most Promising Route

