

## Neighborhood Greenways

Since the adoption of the Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) in 2007, Seattle has implemented 113 miles of on-street facilities, including bicycle lanes and sharrows, and 65 miles of signed routes, attracting many new riders.

### What are neighborhood greenways?

Neighborhood greenways are the “next generation” of facility types that will be another tool to attract new cyclists who are less comfortable riding in traffic, while meeting broader neighborhood desires for traffic calming, landscaping and wayfinding on residential streets.

A neighborhood greenway is a non-arterial street with low volumes and low speeds that is optimized for pedestrian and bicycle travel through treatments such as traffic calming and traffic reduction, signage and pavement markings, intersection crossing treatments, green infrastructure, and trees and landscaping. They are comfortable and attractive places to walk and bicycle.

### Functions of neighborhood greenways

- Family-friendly routes
- Neighborhood networks
- Connections to regional trails
- Facilities parallel to higher volume arterials



19th Avenue between Union St and Yesler Way

### Toolbox for implementation

- Improved signage
- Enhanced roadway markings
- Improved arterial crossings
- Traffic control and traffic calming
- Green infrastructure

### Current Activities

Early implementation has begun on a number of corridors from the BMP, as well as others recommended by community groups. Early implementation corridors that have community support and /or funding:

- **Wallingford** (parallel route to N/NE 45<sup>th</sup> ST – route not yet defined)
- **Children’s Medical Center Livable Streets** – two routes advancing to project development
  - 39<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (Burke Gilman Trail to NE 85<sup>th</sup> ST)
  - 45<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (connecting View Ridge School, View Ridge Park and the Burke Gilman Trail)
- **Beacon BIKES Plan**– Beacon Hill network is being developed by the Beacon Hill community with consultant assistance from Alta Planning

Planning efforts are either underway or will begin shortly to define additional neighborhood greenway networks in areas where community planning activities are already underway. These include:

- Rainier Beach
- Broadview/Haller Lake/Bitter Lake
- Ballard
- Capitol Hill
- SE Seattle (alternative to Rainier Ave S)
- University District