

A photograph of three young children riding bicycles on a paved path. The child on the left is wearing a blue patterned shirt and green striped pants. The child in the middle is wearing a blue t-shirt and blue shorts. The child on the right is wearing a grey t-shirt and blue shorts. All three children are wearing helmets and smiling at the camera. The background shows green foliage and a residential street with parked cars.

Lake City Healthy Street

Cedar Park and Olympic Hills – 2022/2023 Evaluation



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Department of
Transportation

Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

Presentation Outline

- COVID-19 Response
- Evaluation
- What's next?
- Q&A

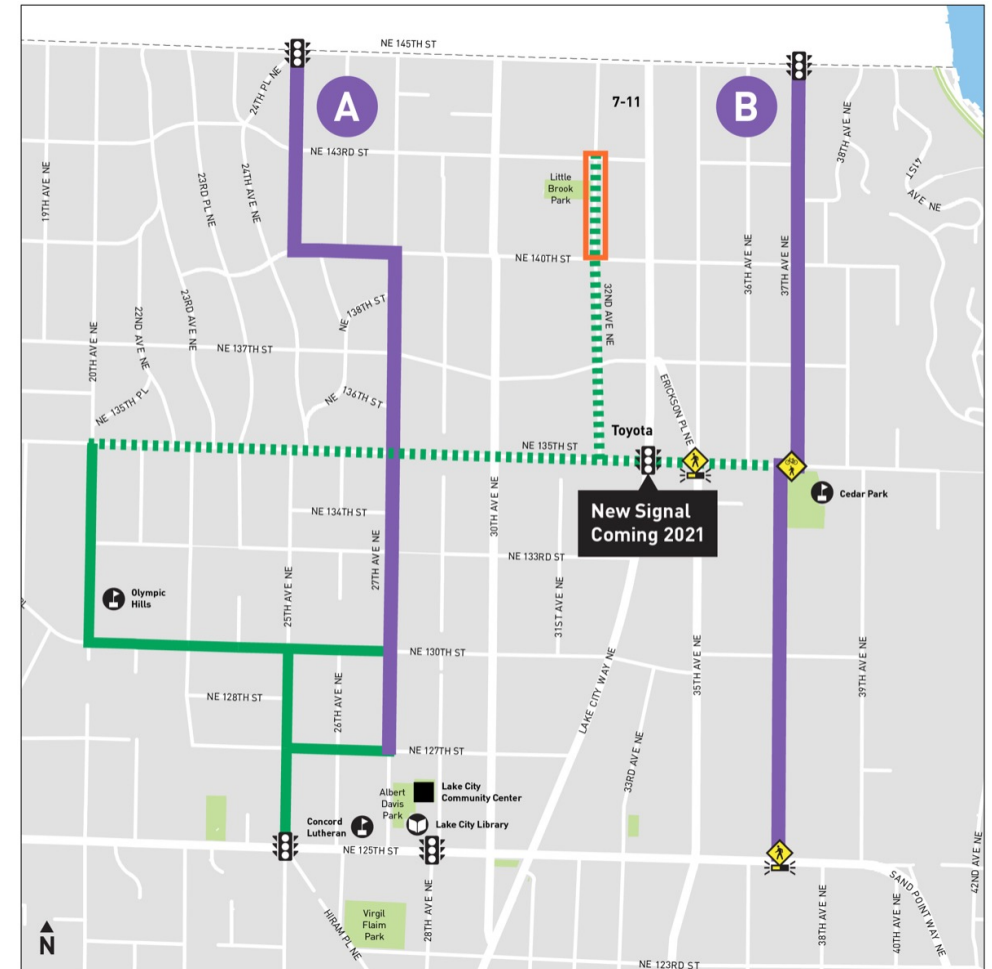
STAY HEALTHY STREET

Lake City

- A** **B** Stay Healthy Street
- Pilot Stay Healthy Street
- Crossing Improvement
- Crossing Signal
- Flashing Beacon Crossing

Existing Bike Facilities

- Neighborhood Greenway
- Future Neighborhood Greenway



Lake City Healthy Street (2022)

Making life easier during COVID-19

Stay Healthy Streets were added to:

- Create space for you to walk and bike 6 feet apart close to home
- Connect you to groceries stores, pharmacies, and businesses
- Reduce car traffic to keep you safer while walking and biking
- Reduce impacts to hospitals and essential workers

KEEP IT MOVING
Stay Healthy Streets
Keep it Distant: 6 + feet








STAY HEALTHY STREETS

Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets





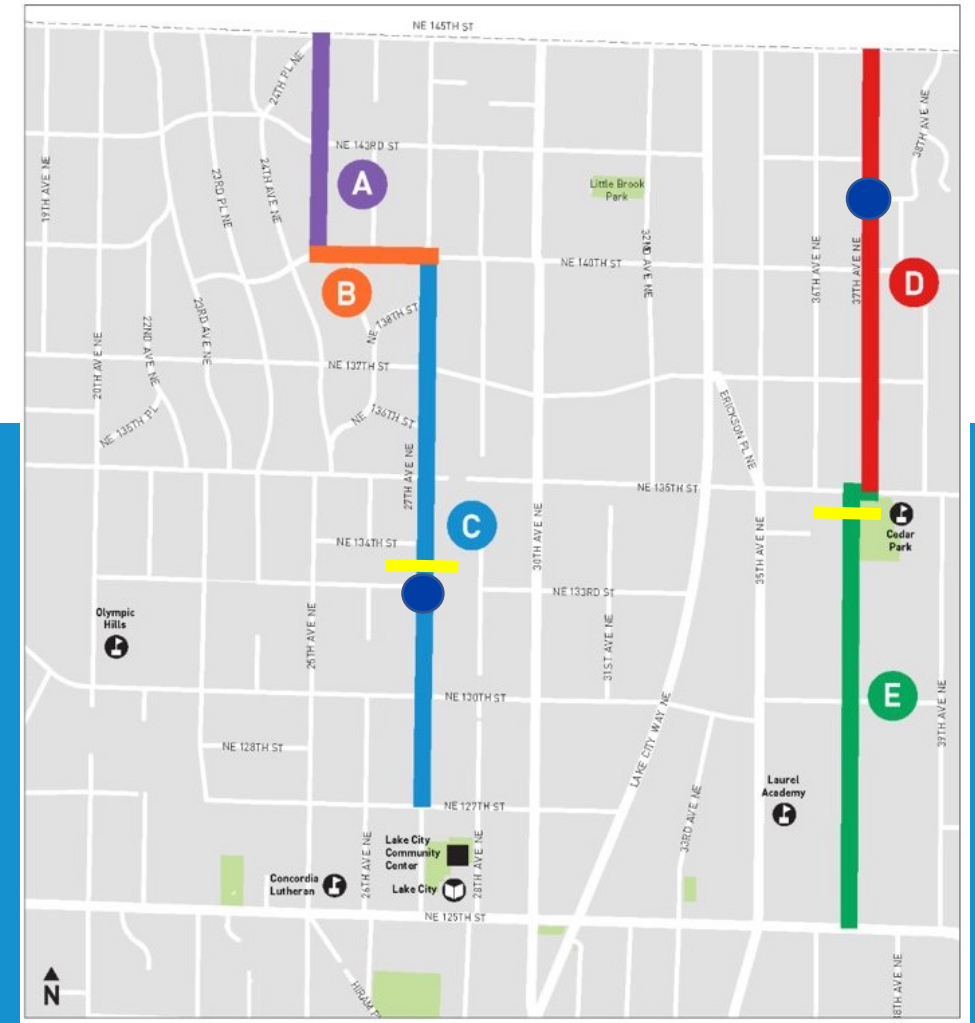
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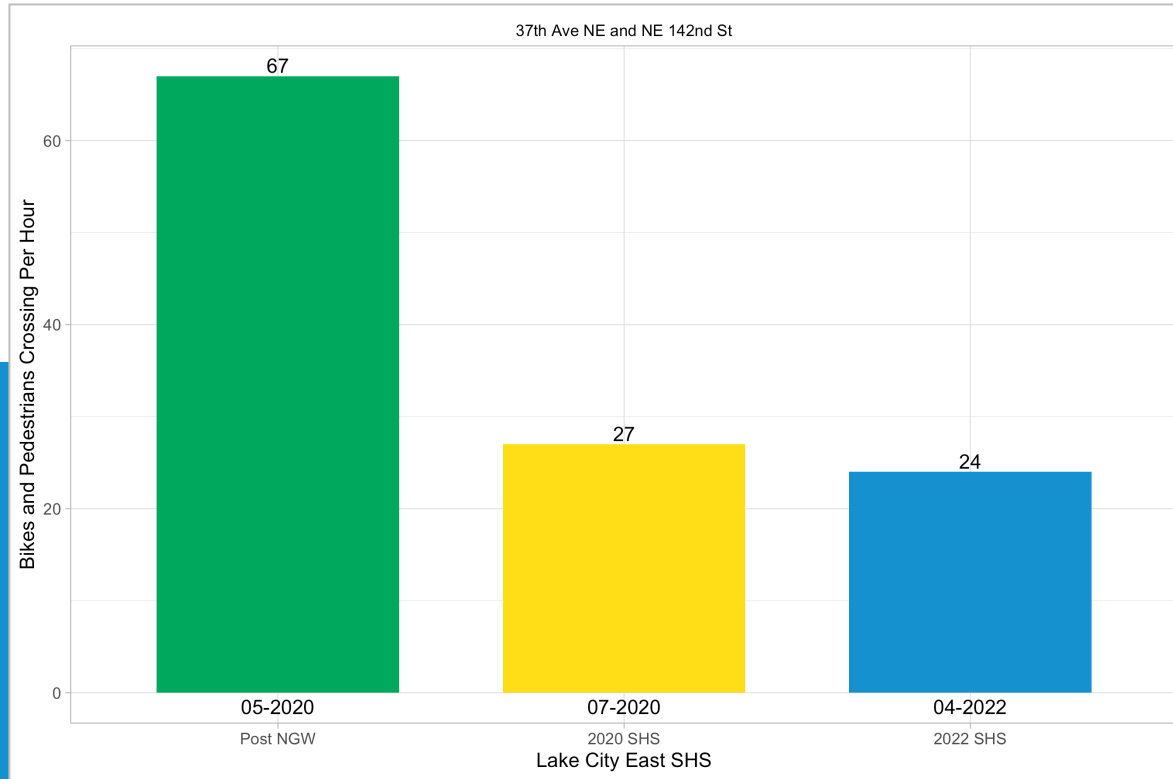
3 PILOT A TEMPORARY STAY HEALTHY STREET	4 EVALUATION OF A PILOT STAY HEALTHY STREET			
 Observe Listen Evaluate	 Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?	 Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?	 How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)	 Are there fewer vehicles driving on the street? Are the vehicles traveling slowly?

Data Collection Locations

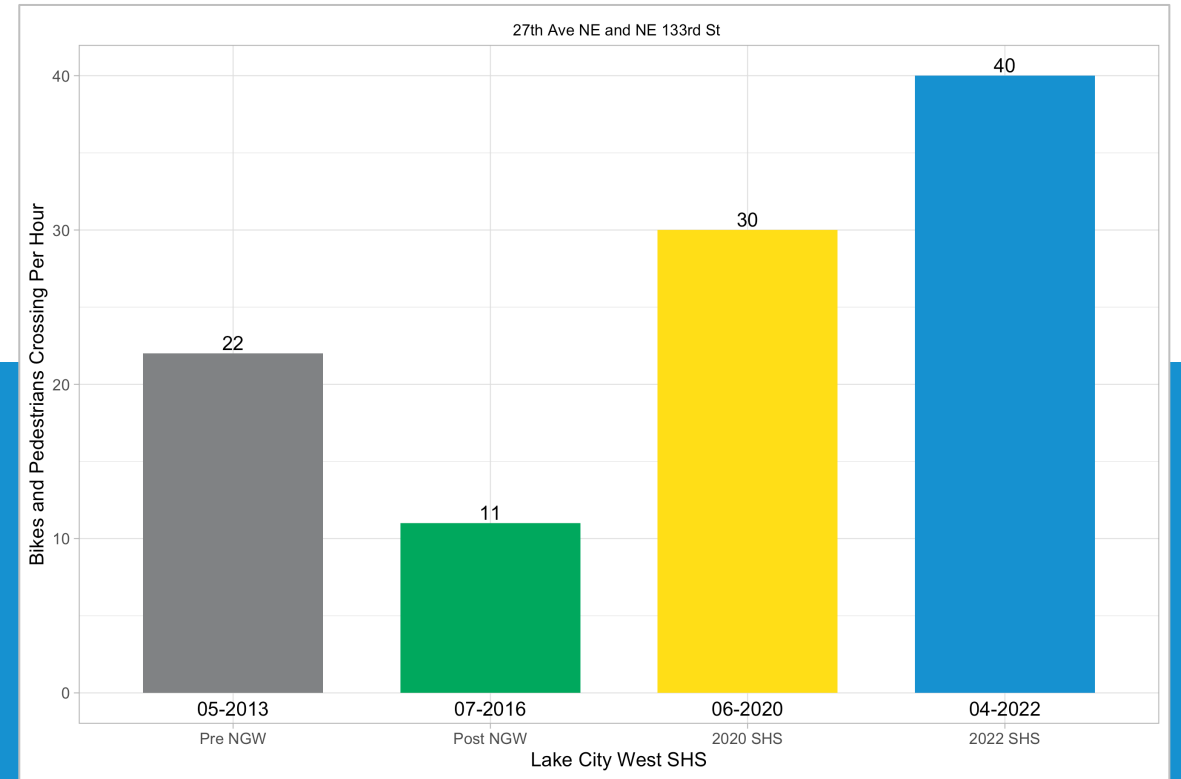
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	Lake City East	27th Ave NE & NE 133rd St	Turning Movement Count
	Lake City West	37th Ave NE & NE 142nd St	
	Lake City East	27th Ave NE n/o NE 133rd St	7 day bike data 7 day vehicle data
	Lake City West	37th Ave NE s/o NE 135th St	



People walking and biking per hour



East

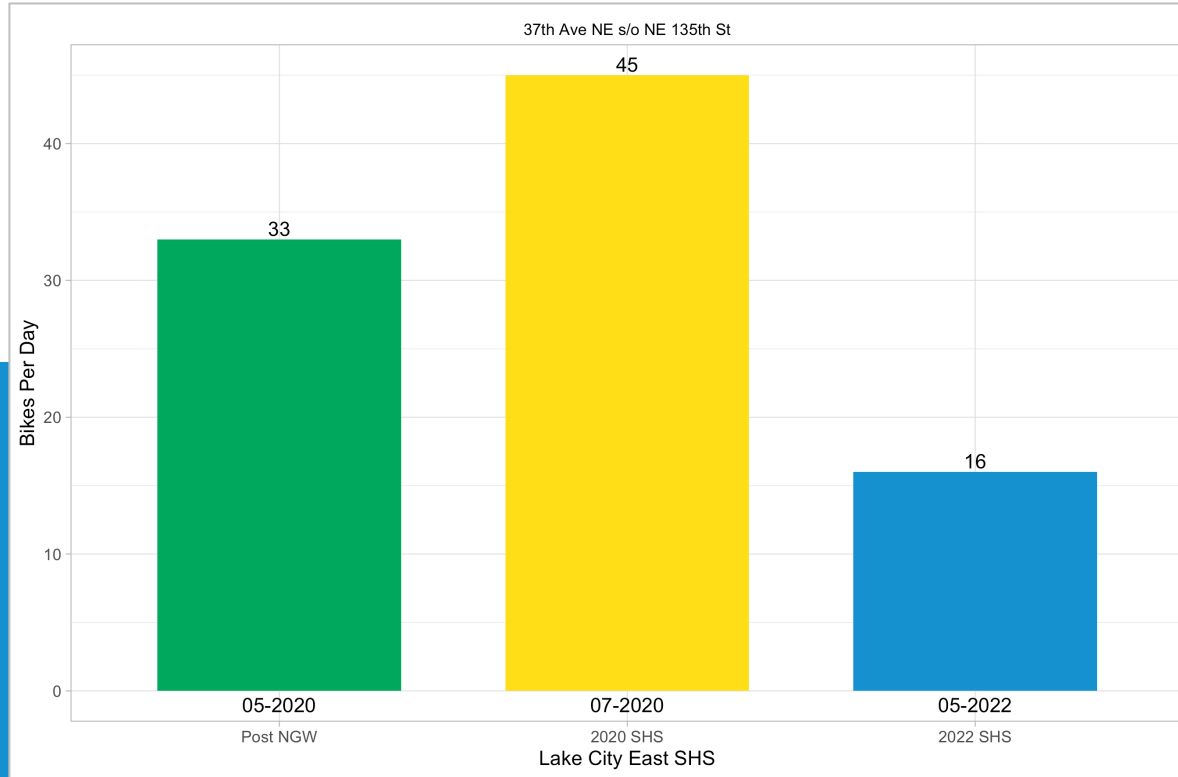


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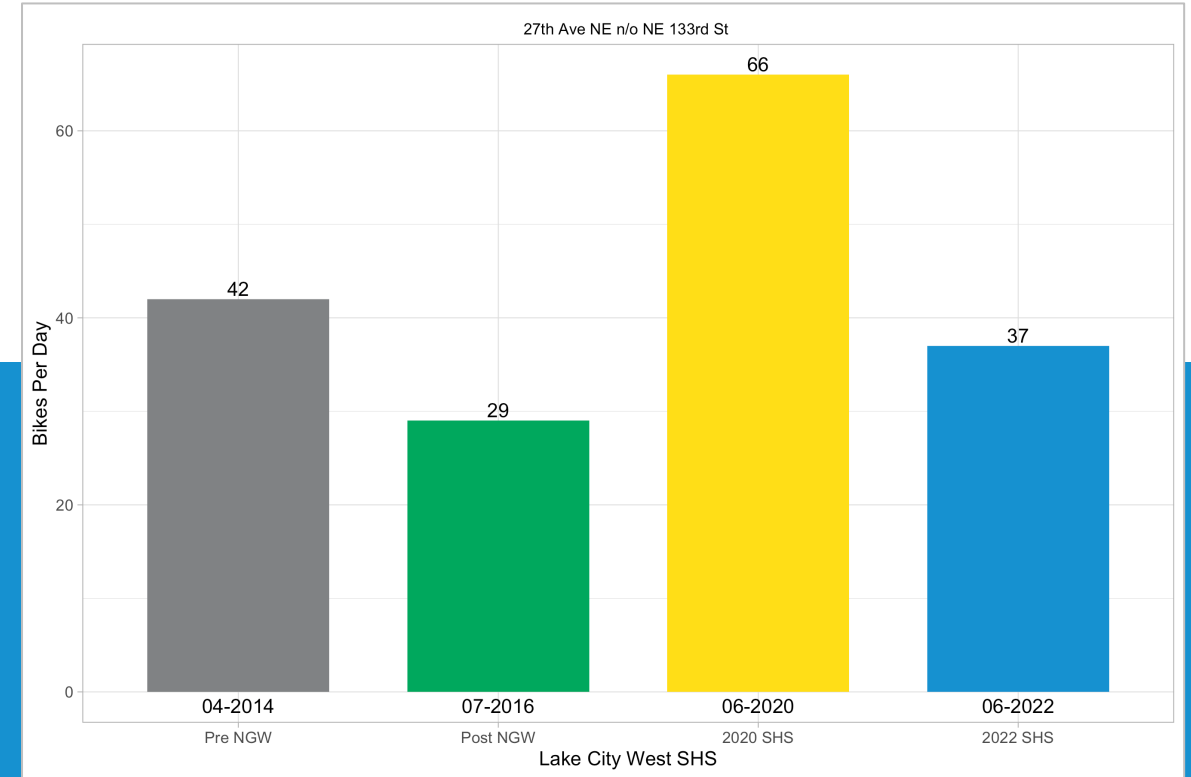


Are there more
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People biking per day (7 day average)



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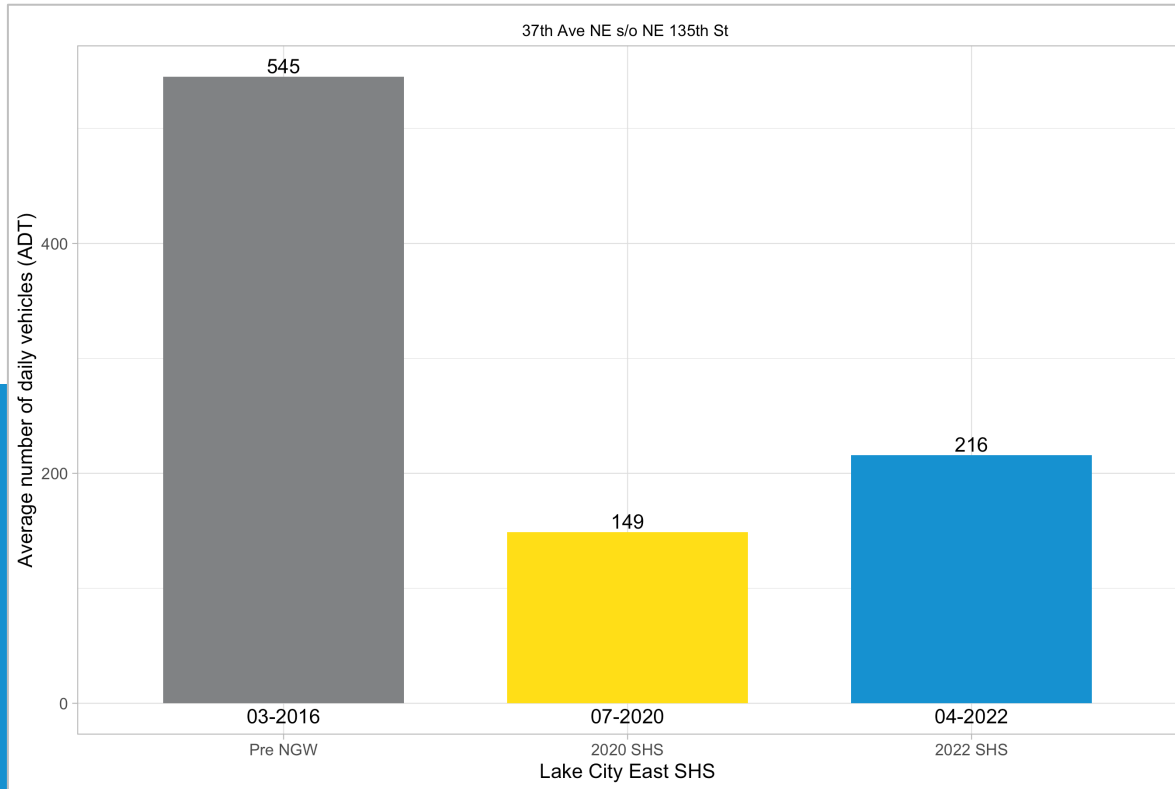


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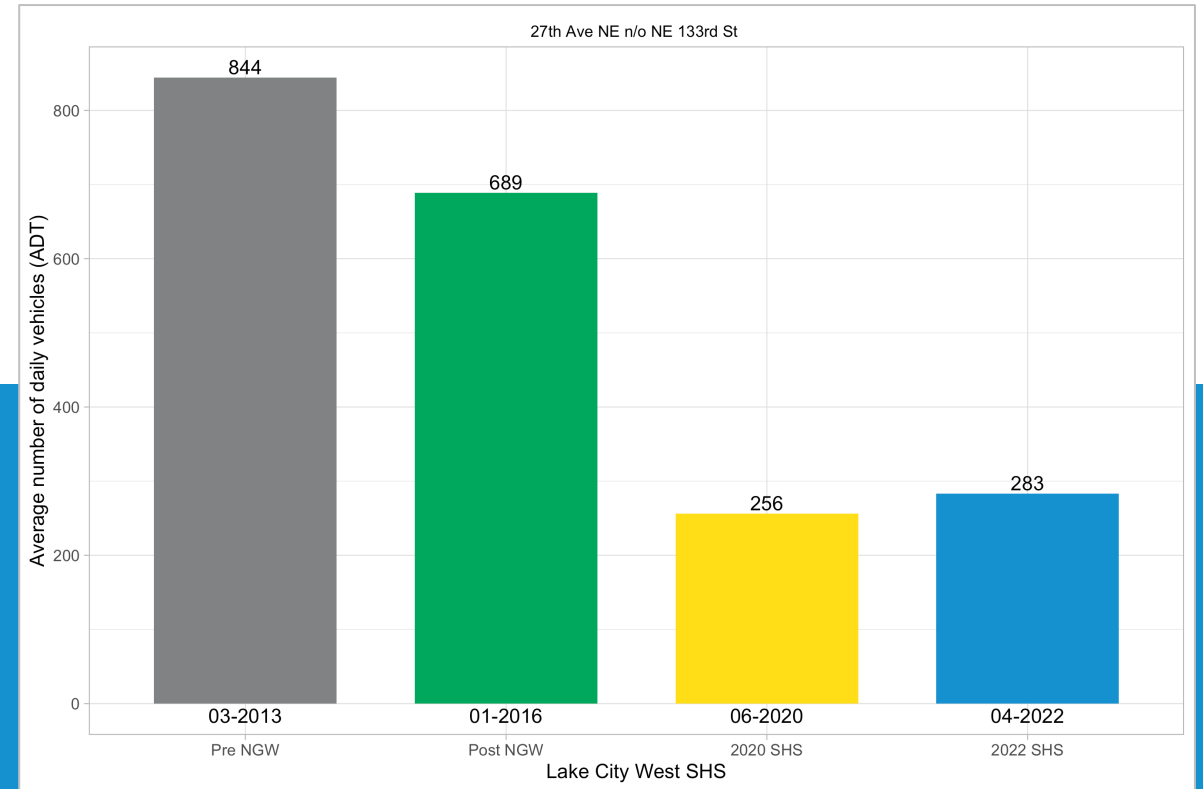


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Vehicles per day (7 day average)



East

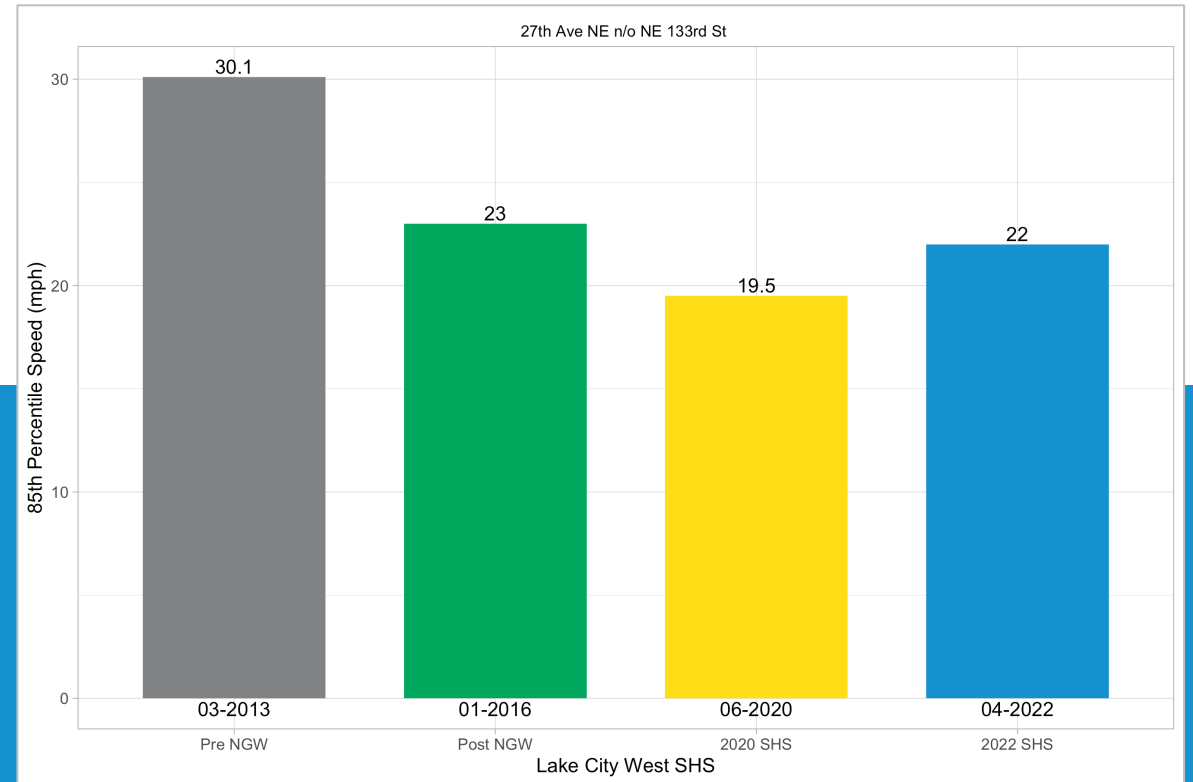
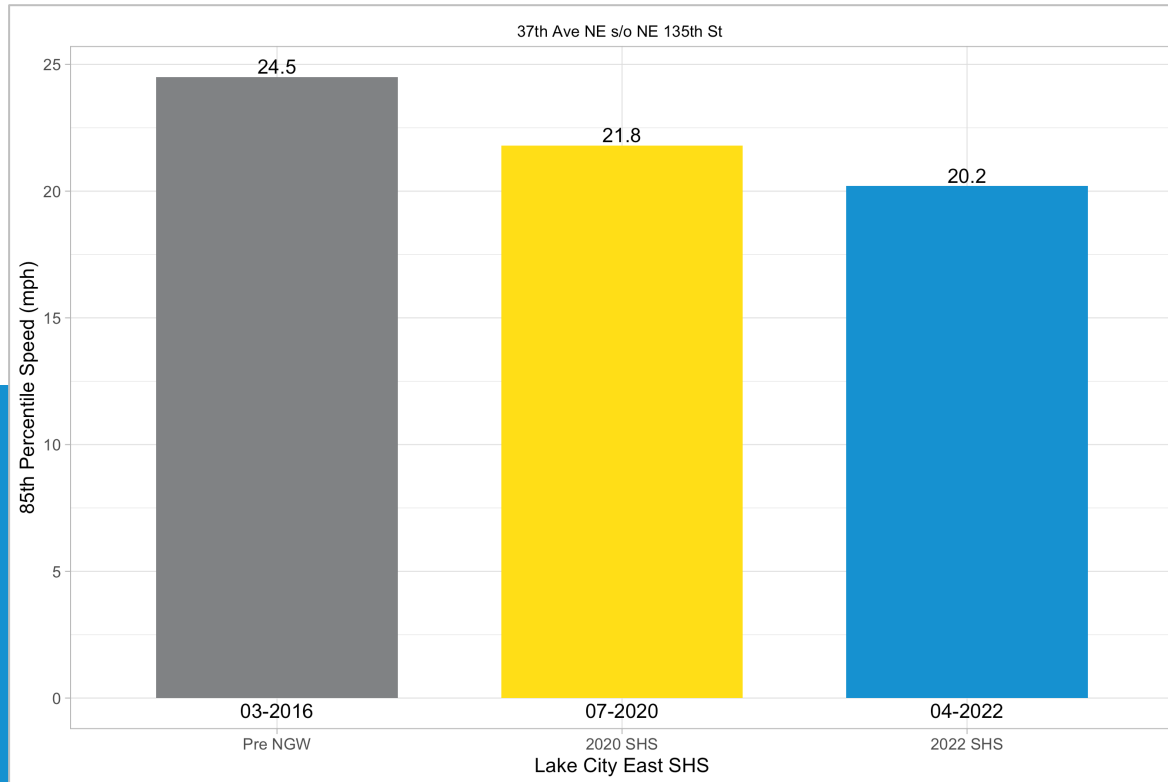


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Are there fewer
vehicles driving on
the street?
Are the vehicles
traveling slowly?

Vehicles speed (85% of vehicles drive this speed or slower)



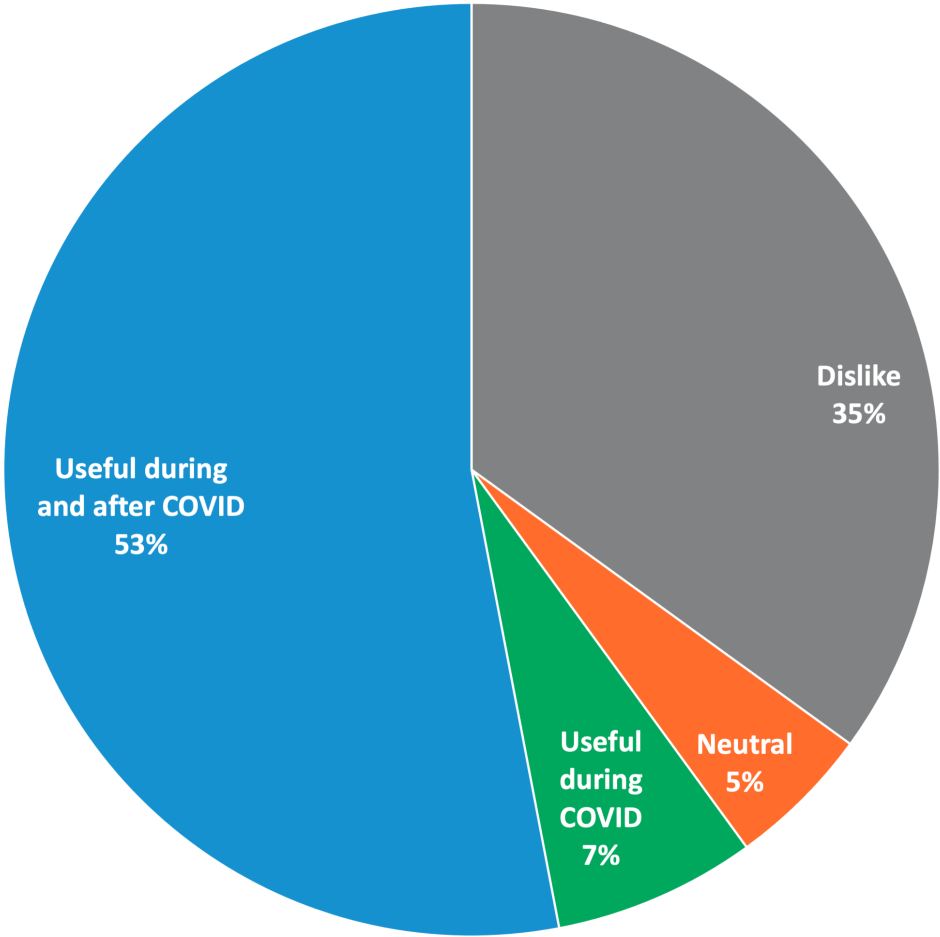
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Online Survey ~ 81 Responses for Lake City (East and West)

How do you feel about the Stay Healthy Streets that were put in your neighborhood during the pandemic?



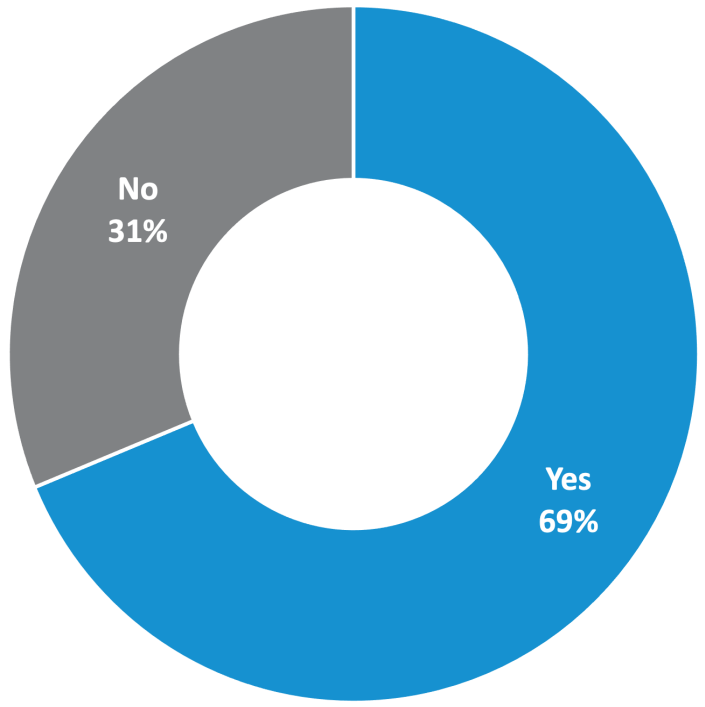
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Results as of July 6, 2022

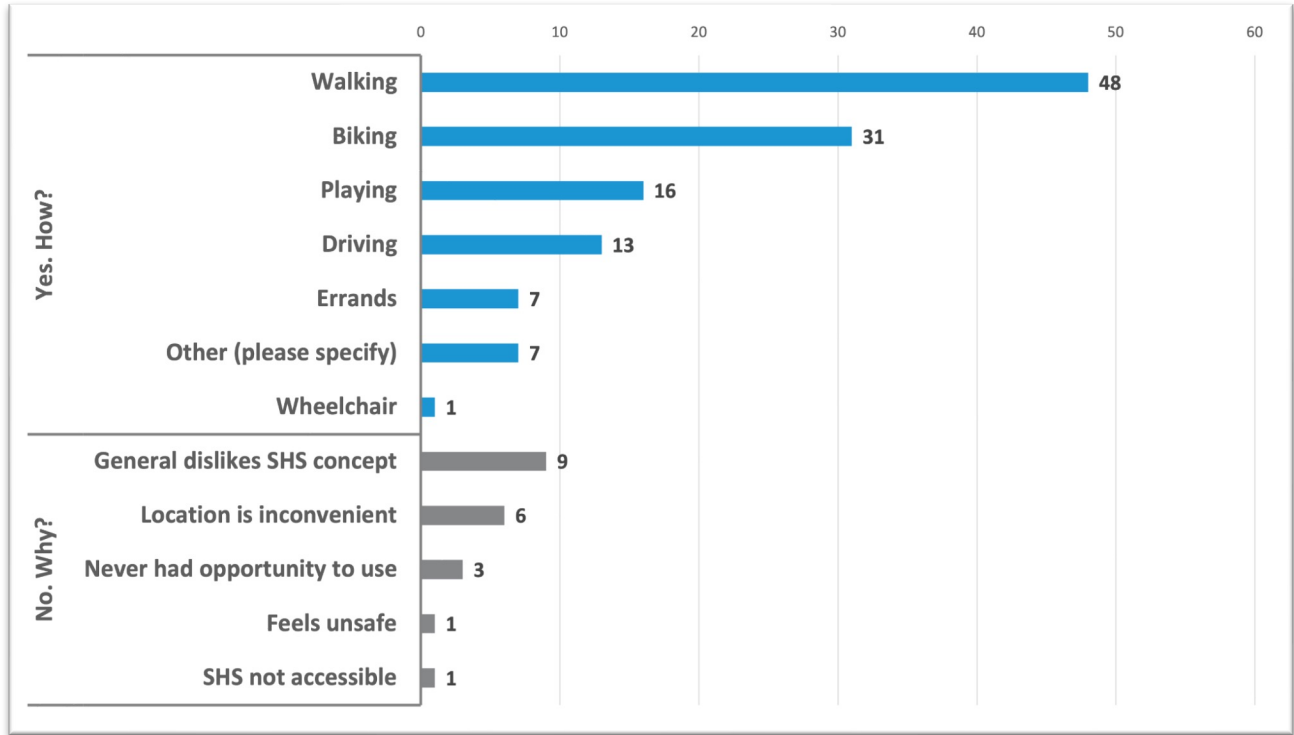
Online Survey

Have you or your household used the Stay Healthy Streets?
If yes, how? If no, why?



(n= 80 responses)

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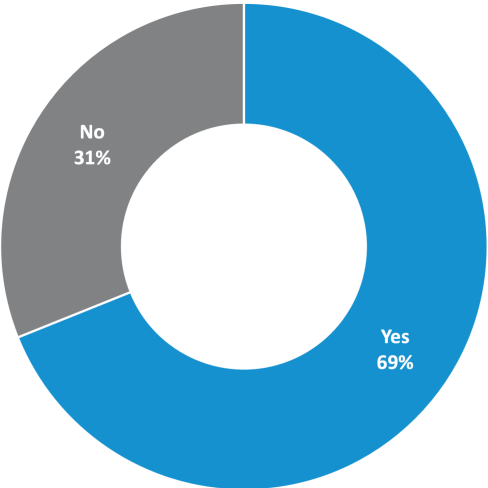


(n= 74 valid responses)

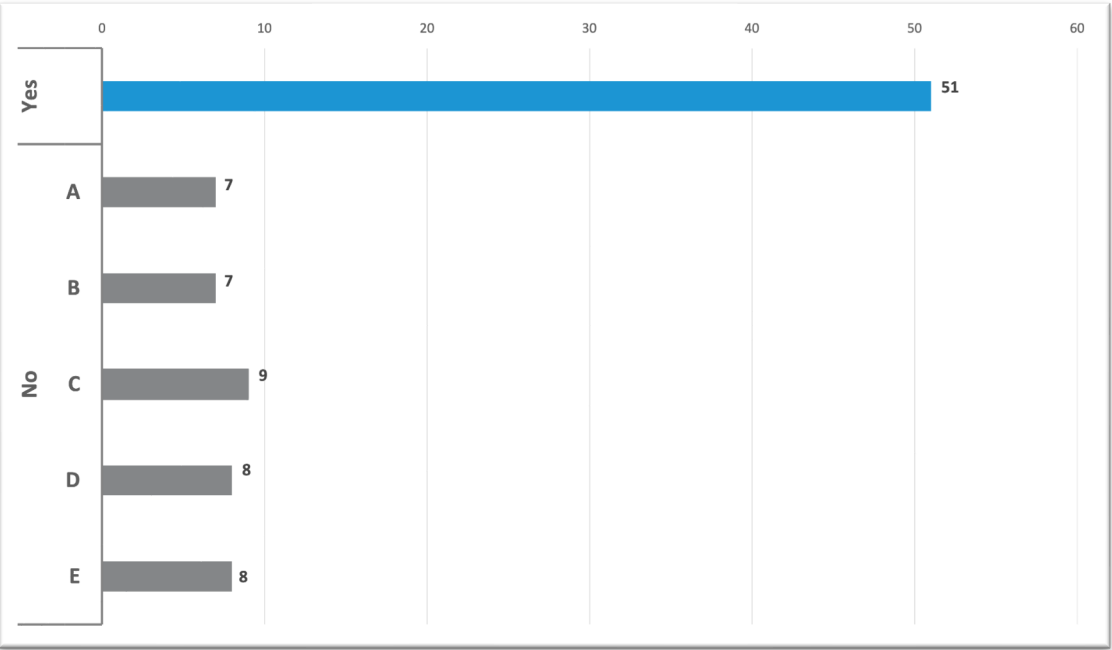


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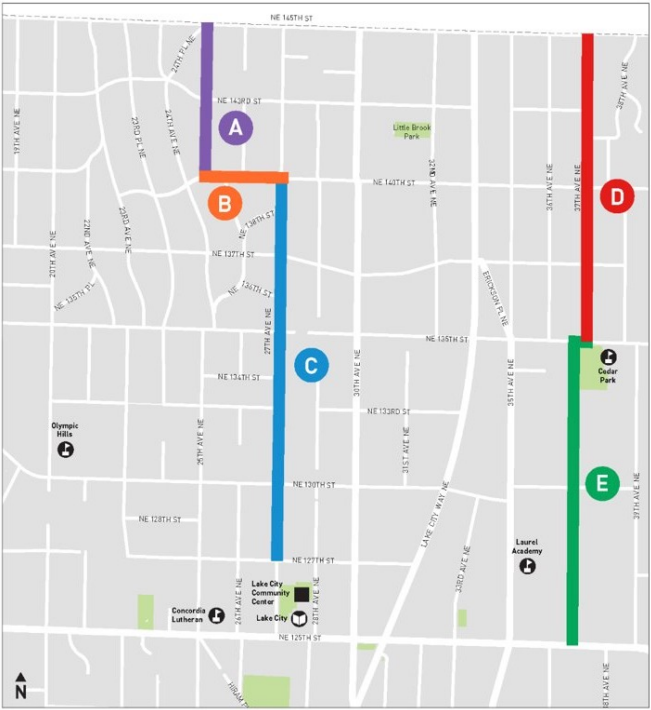
When using Stay Healthy Streets do you feel safe? If you answered no, where on the Stay Healthy Street do you feel unsafe?



(n=74 responses)



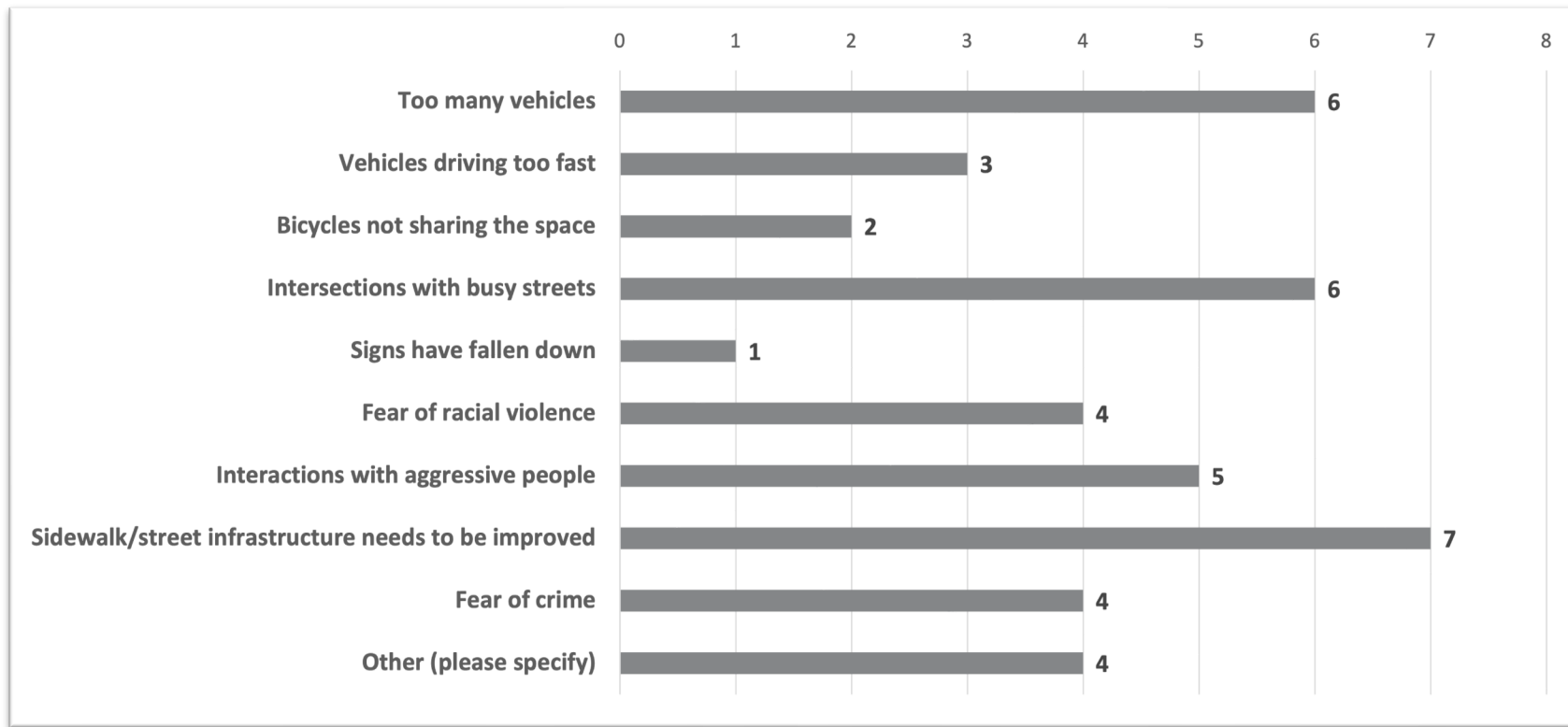
(n= 64 responses)



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Online Survey

Why do you feel unsafe on the Stay Healthy Street?



(n= 13 responses)

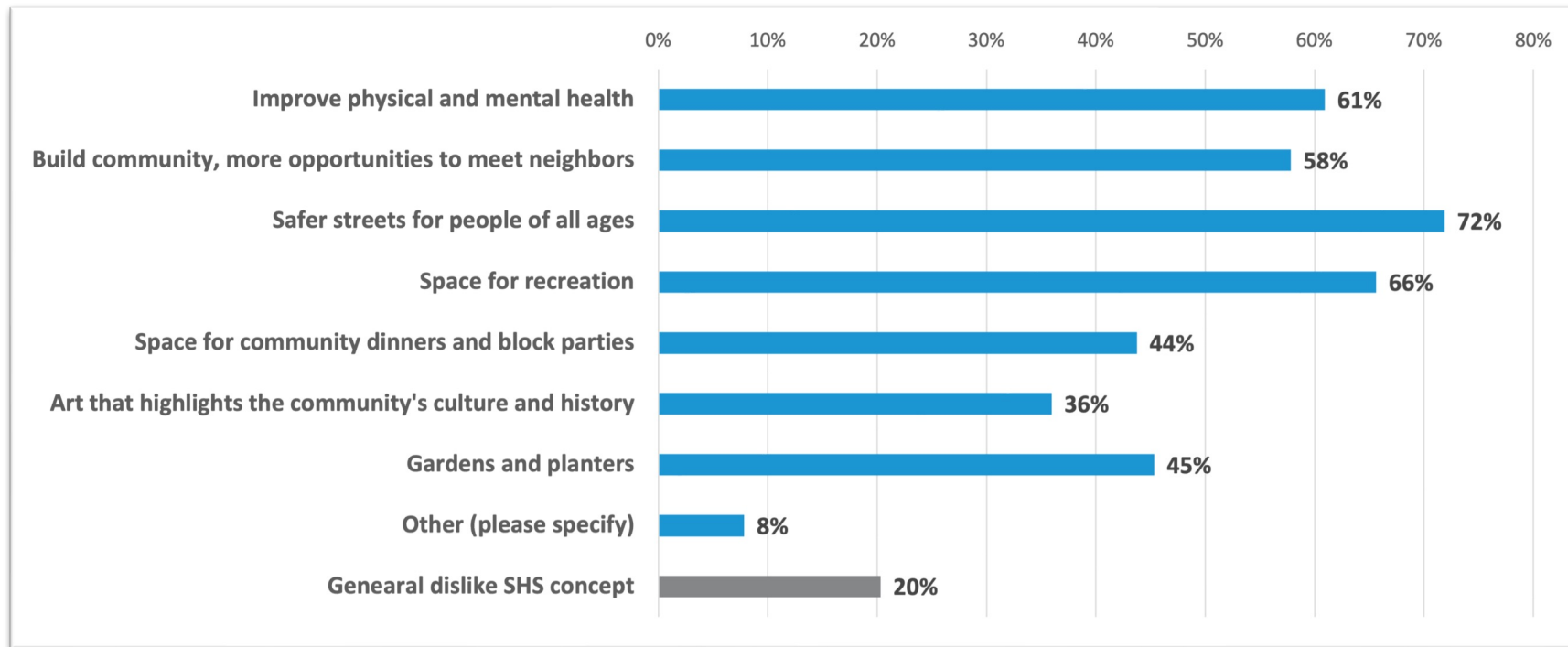


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Online Survey

Thinking about the future of your neighborhood after COVID-19: How could Stay Healthy Streets improve your community?



(n = 64 responses)

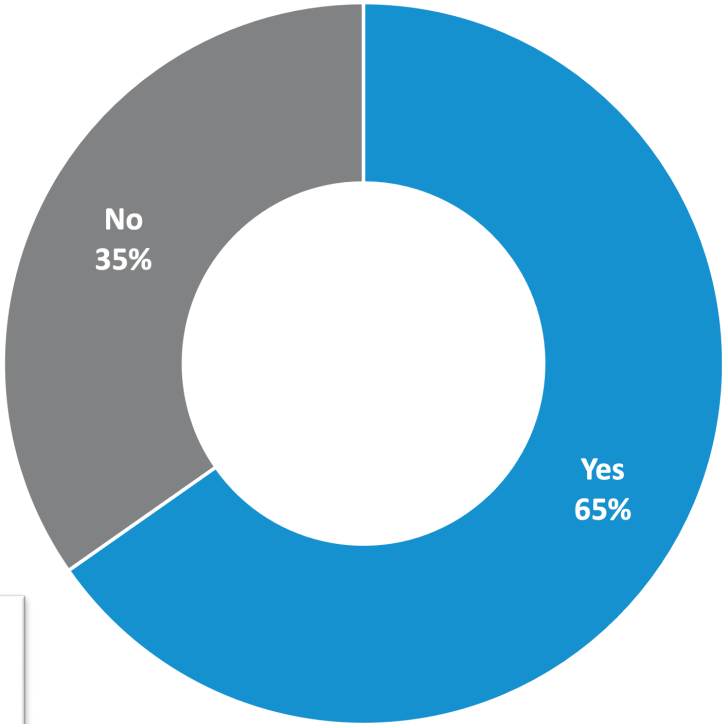


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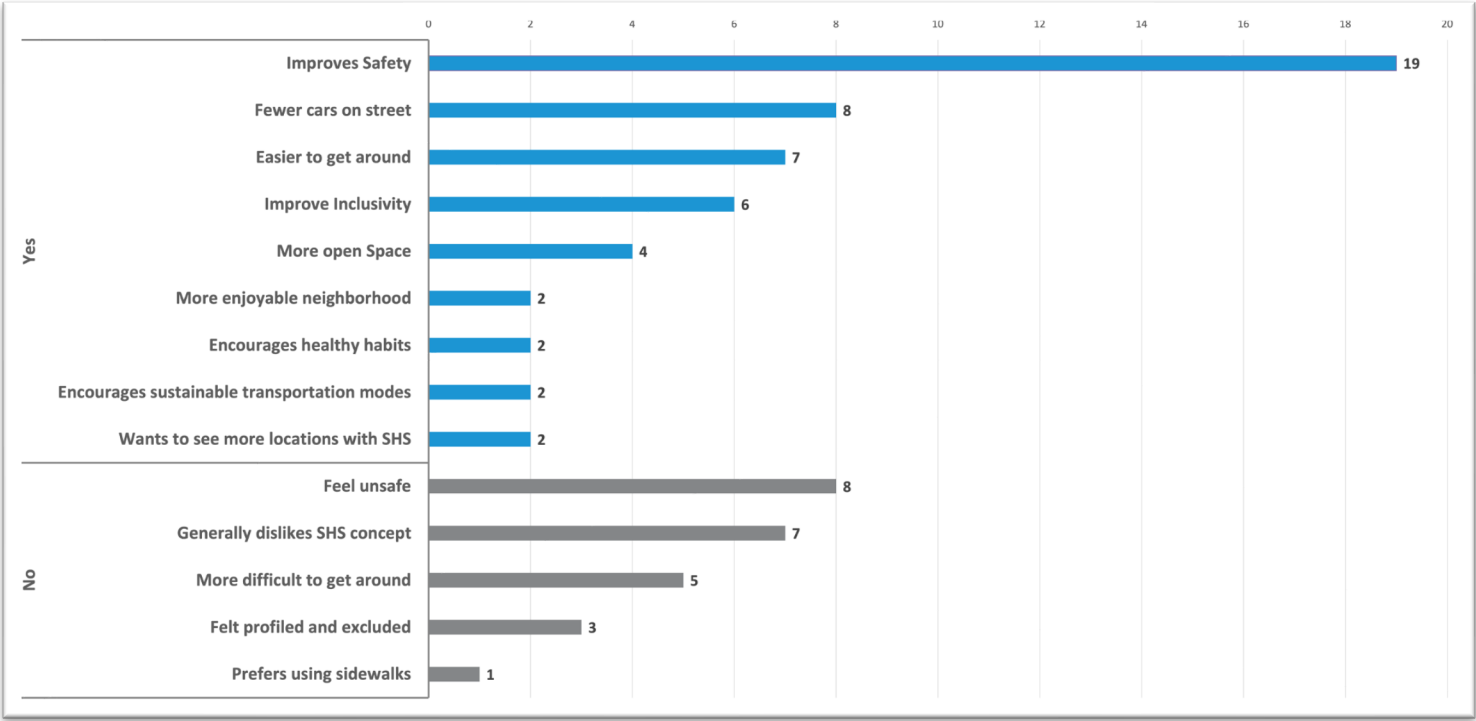


Online Survey

Do you want Stay Healthy Streets to be permanent in your community? Why?



(n = 72 responses)



(n= 57 responses)

Community feedback - Pilot Phase 1

"...For background, I've lived along 145th for over 20 years, I know how hazardous it can be to cross, how much speeding goes on, red lights being run, etc., drivers who like to punch it to race up the hill for fun and to make a lot of noise... I both drive and walk in the neighborhood, about 10 years ago, I pretty much quit trying to cross 145th any where there isn't a light during peak traffic hours--roughly 7 AM to 7 PM, whether walking or driving. Between 15th and Lake City Way, that means there are just 3 points to cross, shutting down that last block of 25th reduces it to 2. The next light east at 30th, connects up to a street in Shoreline that does not actually go through, so it's not a great option...

Because of how fast traffic moves, it's also dicey to make a right turn off of 145th... when I turn onto 22nd, I put my signal on halfway through the intersection at 20th and purposefully go slow enough to ensure impatient drivers behind me will go around before I reach 22nd...had way too many close calls in the past from the people wanting to gun it up the hill as fast as possible and not paying great attention...There are ZERO markings leading up to 25th to tell someone on 145th that block is closed, I've seen people turn there to be met with that barricade and nearly being rear-ended..." (comment made in Jul 2021)



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(25th St NE & NE 143rd Ave, photo taken in Sept 2022)

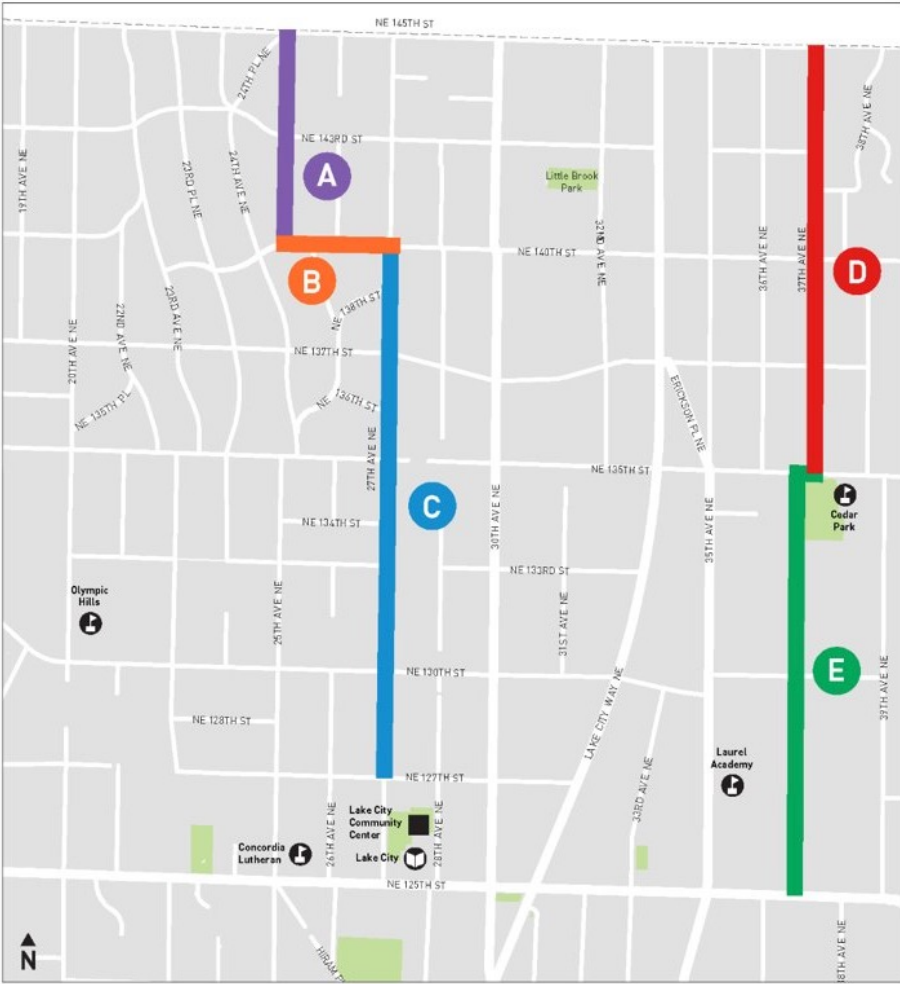


2022 Evaluation Decision

Recommendations:

- Remove Section A and B
- Continue Pilot Healthy Street, additional outreach: Sections C, D, E

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Home Zone Outreach Activities and Feedback

Home Zone Outreach

- Community Walk: August/September 2022
- Five Steering Committee Meetings between November 2022 to May 2023

Feedback on HS

- General positive for the HS

2023 Outreach Activities

Outreach Activities and Community Engagement

- Digital flyer sent to Cedar Park Elementary Middle School
 - Emailed to school administration and PTSA
- Cedar Park PTSA meeting to get parent feedback
- Posters along each intersection of the Cedar Park and Olympic Hills Healthy Street
- 173 mailers sent to houses living along the Cedar Park Healthy Street
- 75 mailers sent out living along the Olympic Hills Healthy Street
- Olympic Hills Elementary end of the school year celebration community engagement event
- Meetings with our Home Zone team for information gathering and feedback sharing

HEALTHY STREETS AND SCHOOLS



Olympic Hills Elementary School

Olympic Hills Elementary School is on a Healthy Street that is open for students and adults walking, rolling, and biking and closed to pass through traffic.



What is a Healthy Street?

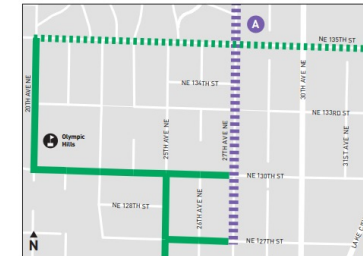
Healthy Streets are open for people walking, rolling, biking, and playing and closed to pass through traffic.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some neighborhood greenways were upgraded to Healthy Streets and opened to people walking, rolling, and biking. These streets have enhanced safety features like speed humps, stop signs, and crossing improvements at major streets. Like any residential street, pass through traffic is discouraged, but local access, deliveries, waste pickup and emergency vehicles are allowed.

How can I use a Healthy Street when taking my child to and from school?

- When possible, walk, roll, or bike with your child on the Healthy Street
- If you must drive to school, try parking 1 block away and finishing the trip on foot to avoid driving on the Healthy Street
- If you must drive on the Healthy Street, use extra caution, expect children and adults in the street, drive slowly, and limit driving on Healthy Streets to one block or less

To learn more about Healthy Streets and give us your feedback visit our website at: www.seattle.gov/stayhealthystreets



Community Feedback

Based on the HS Feedback Form (from April 2023 to June 2023) and emails (from Jan 2022 through June 15th, 2023), about **73%** of respondents (135 in total) were in favor of HS or supported the HS being permanent, and 27% of them expressed concerns or preferred re-open the streets.

Support

"This is an amazing healthy street. So many elementary school kids use it to safely walk to school. The neighborhood kids use it to walk to the playground on the weekend. We absolutely love it and would be heartbroken if it went away. It's so amazing to have even one street where my kids can safely walk and learn to bike."

"The healthy street has been amazing in so many ways. Neighbors walk on it, run on it, ride their bikes on it it seems to be a place where people connect and get out walking when they might otherwise not. we do not have sidewalks so 27th Ave., Northeast is a perfect place for people to walk. Watch kids learn to ride their bike...Please keep it a closed street. It is awesome."

"We love all the families walking their children, pets, and family members down the street. Since its become a healthy street, we've seen more community engagement, clean-up of homes and overall safer community."

Concern/Opposite

"This street is constantly overrun by reckless drivers and it's dangerous to walk here with my infant daughter and dog."

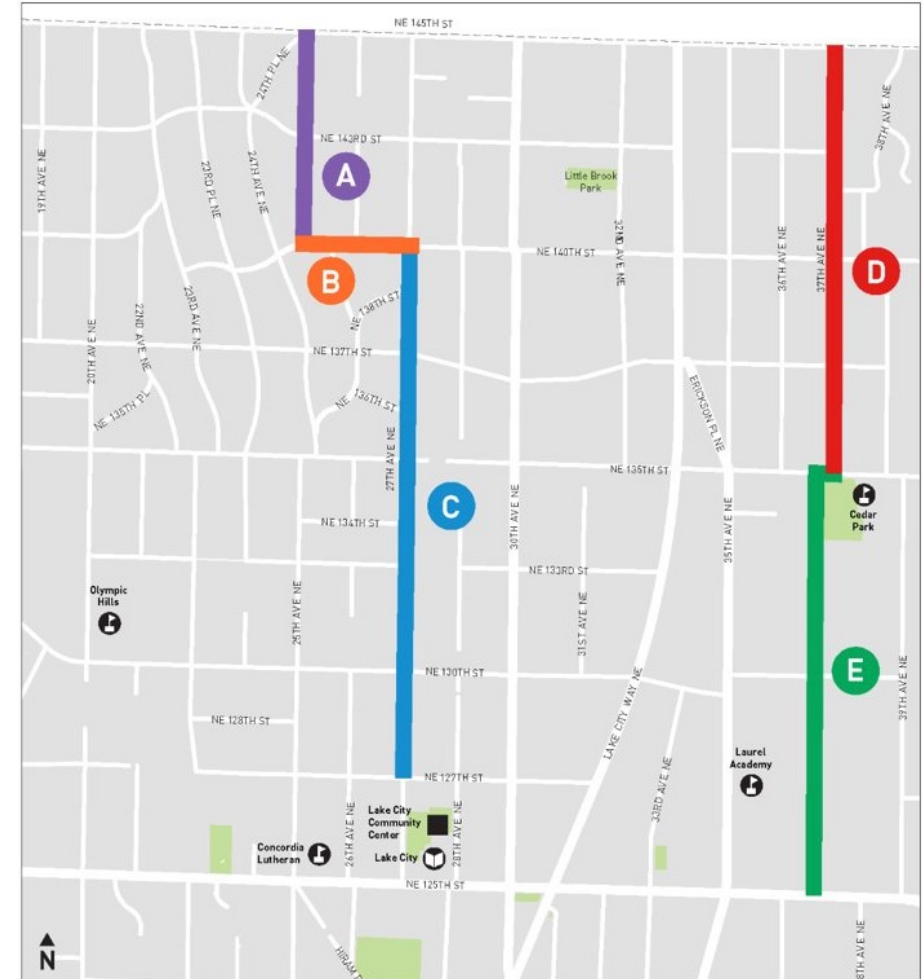
"It seems pointless to shift traffic onto other streets, which only increases traffic on those other streets. It creates a hazard at intersections where there are signs blocking the roadways. And I resent the idea of having to be directed to streets other than the most direct route to where I want to go."

"...The Local Access Only signs block half of the road, forcing cars into the wrong side of the street where I'm trying to ride, or vice-versa. The street grid in this neighborhood is irregular, with several dead-ends branching off of 27th avenue. There will be a moderate amount of traffic on the road whether or not is 'local access only' since 27th is just about the only straight through-street running from 125th to 145th."

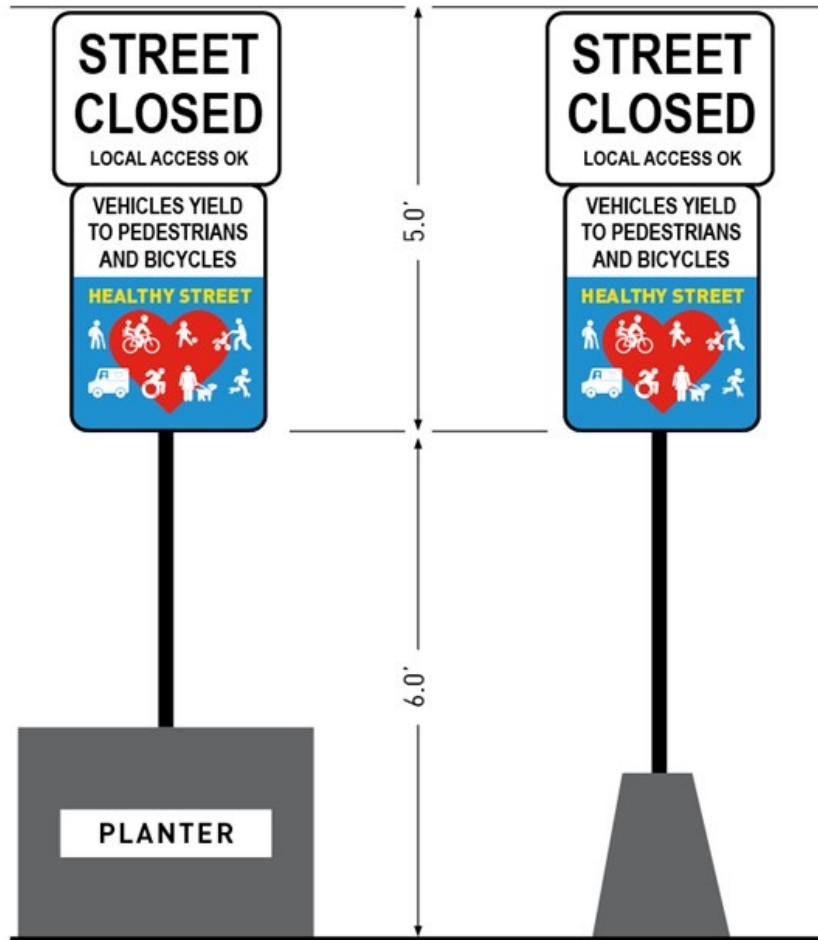
2023 Evaluation Decision

Recommendations:

- Make Sections C, D, E to be permanent HS

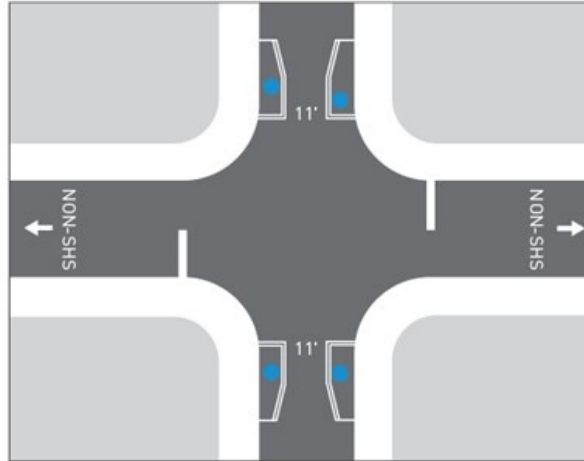


Permanent Healthy Street Options



Planter:
42" Diameter x 30" Tall

Sign Block:
22" Diameter x 23" Tall



Conceptual diagram of Healthy Street intersection



Permanent Healthy Street treatments in Greenwood





From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!