

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 are wearing helmets and smiling at the camera. The background shows green foliage and a residential street.

Rainier Valley South Stay Healthy Street

2022/2023 Evaluation



Seattle
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.

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



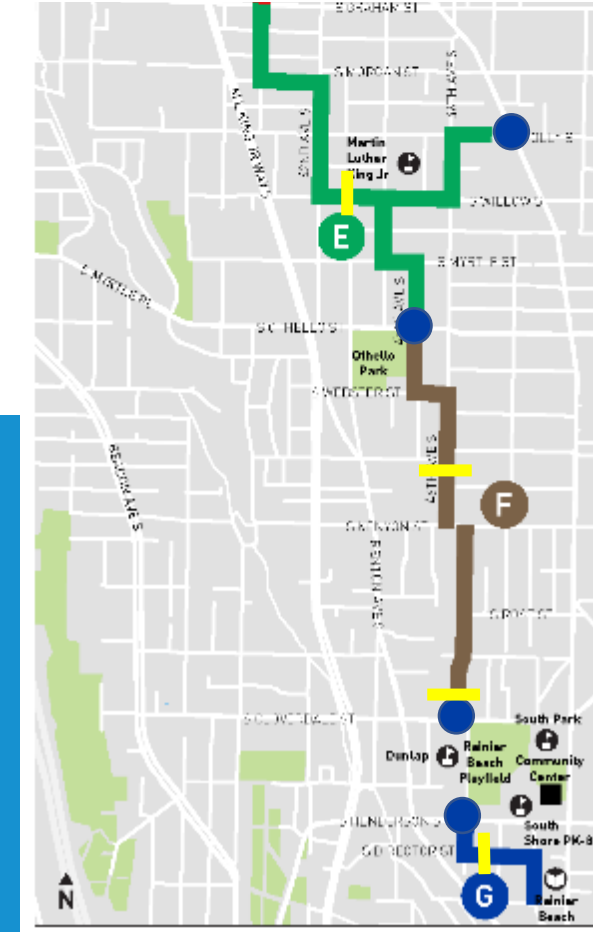
Is this street a good candidate for permanent implementation?



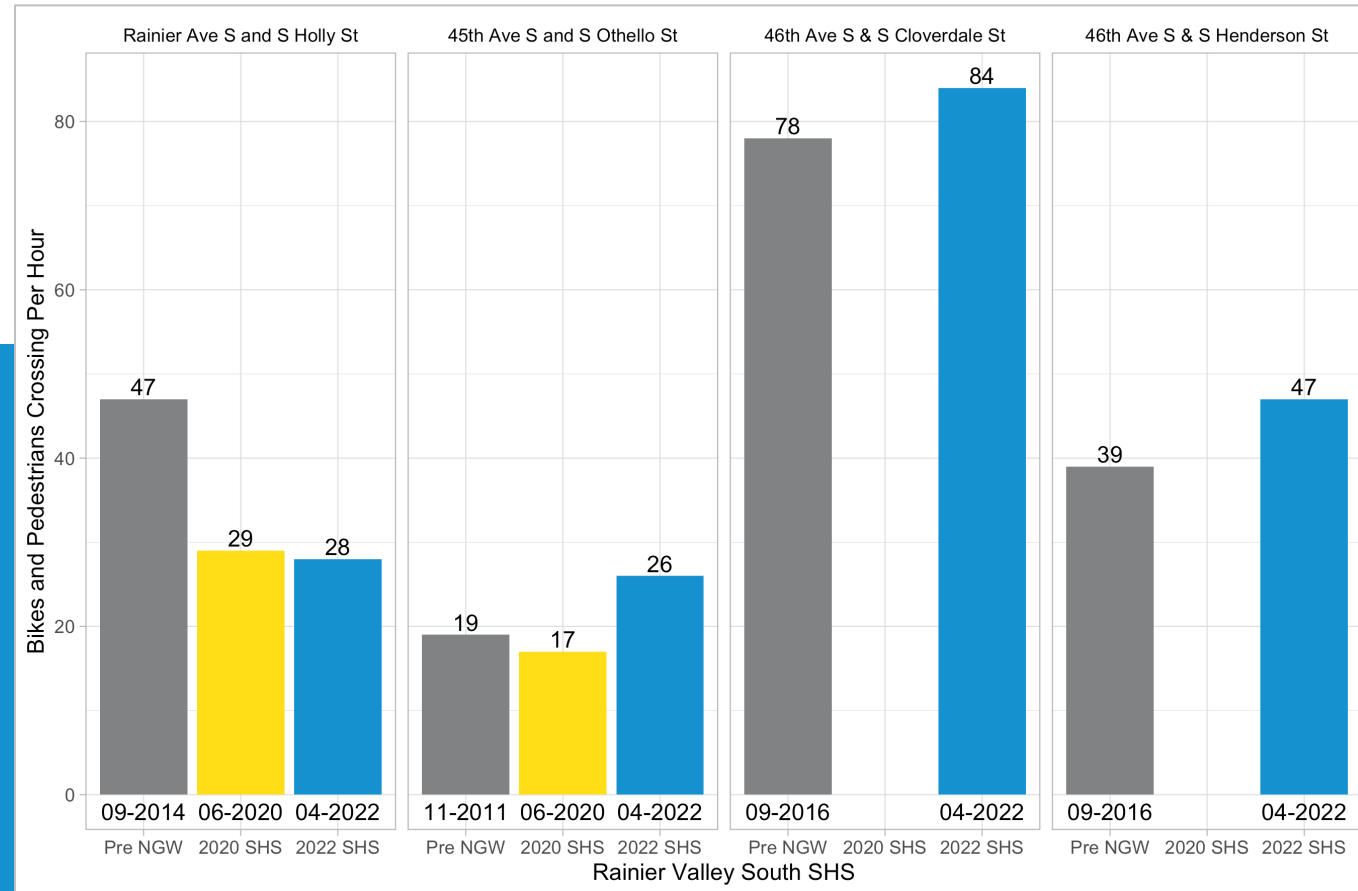
3 PILOT A TEMPORARY STAY HEALTHY STREET	4 EVALUATION OF A PILOT STAY HEALTHY STREET			
 Observe Listen Evaluate	 Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?	 Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?	 How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood?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

Data Collection Location

Icon	Location	Type
●	Rainier Ave S & S Holly St	Turning Movement Count
	45th Ave S & S Othello St	
	46th Ave S & S Cloverdale St	
	46th Ave S & S Henderson St	
—	S Willow St e/o 42nd Ave S	7 day bike data 7 day vehicle data
	46th Ave S s/o S Holden St	
	46th Ave S n/o S Cloverdale St	
	S Director St e/o 46th Ave S	



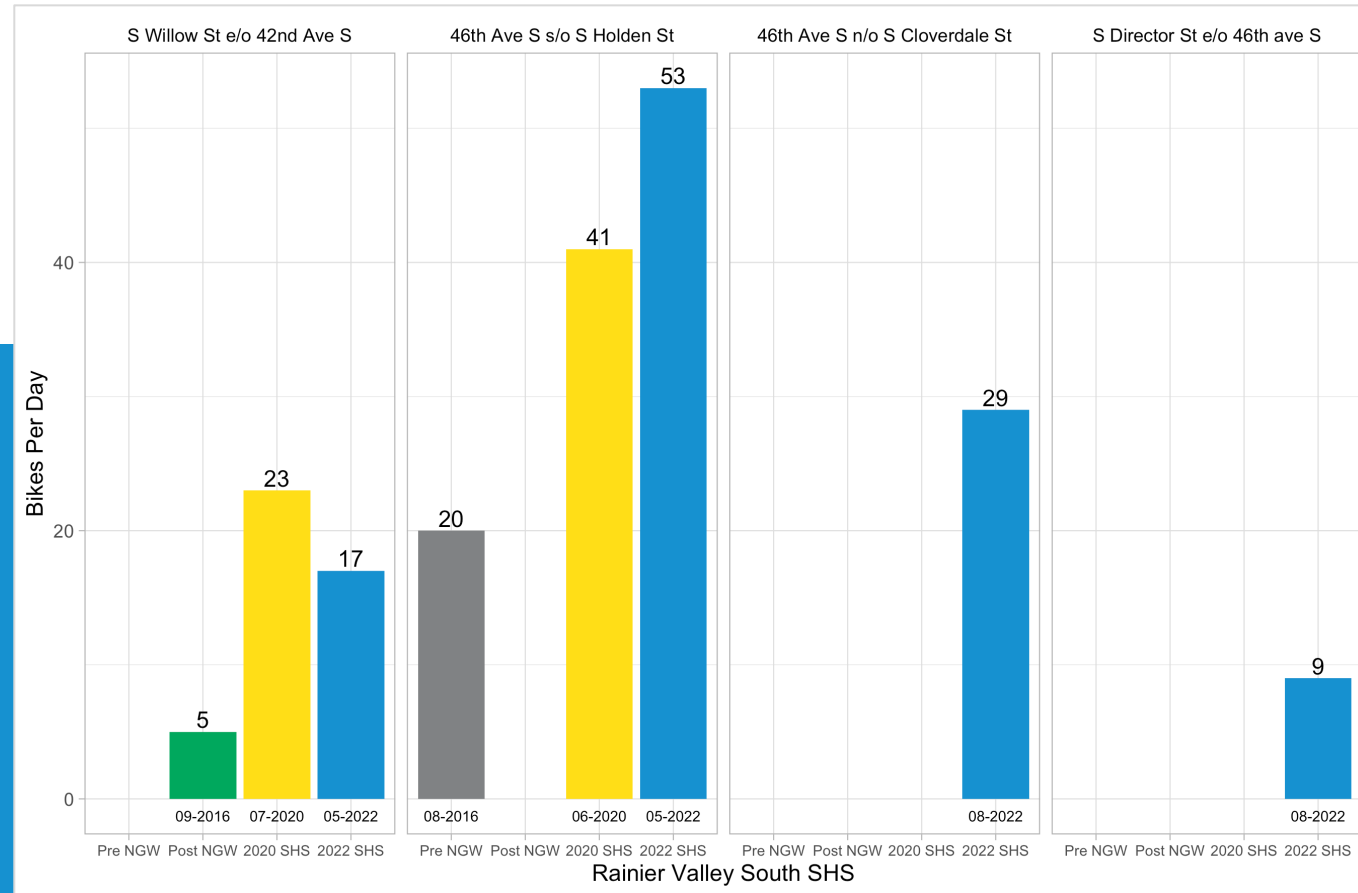
People walking and biking per hour



Are there more
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rolling and biking?



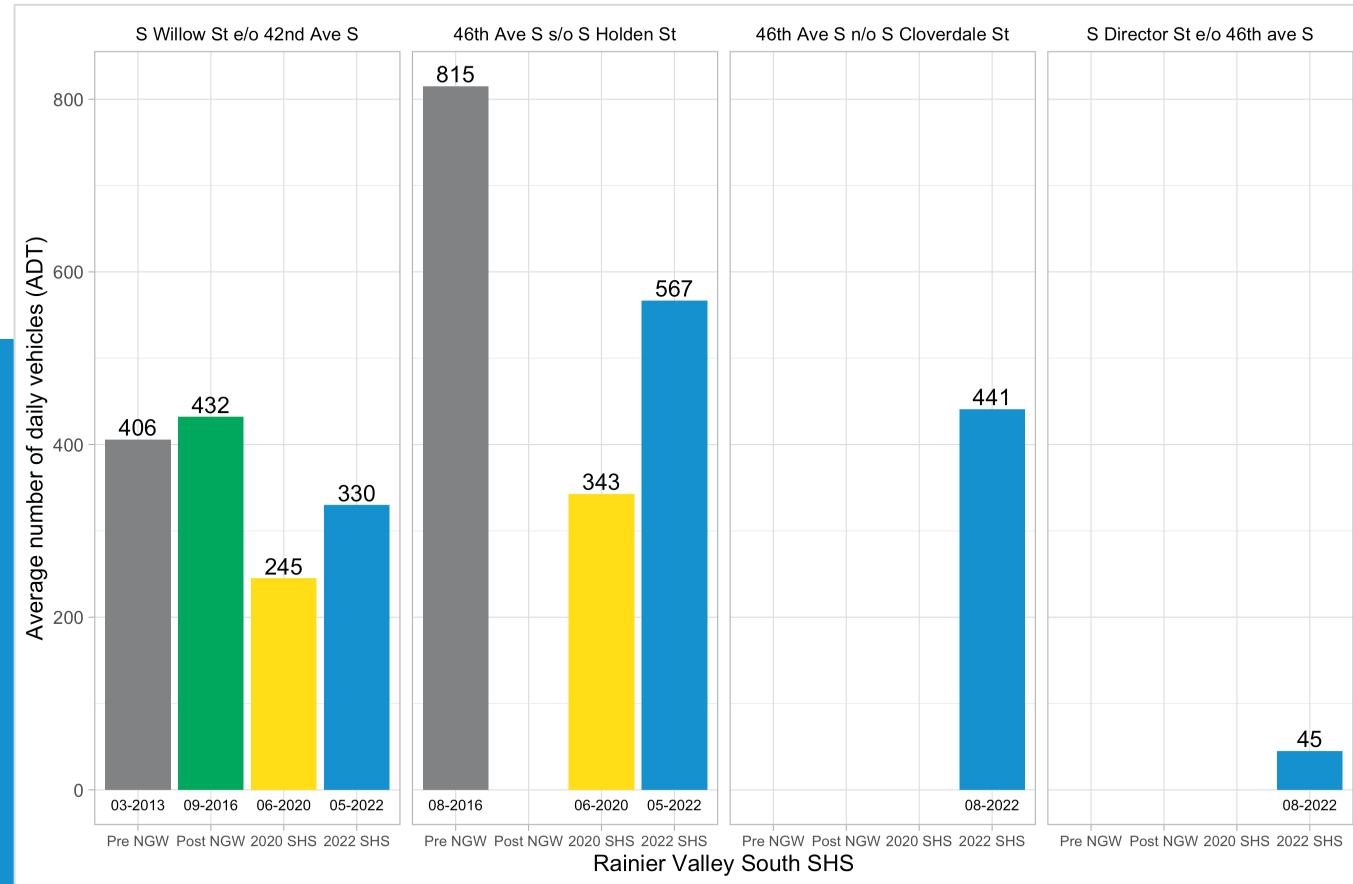
People biking per day (7 day average)



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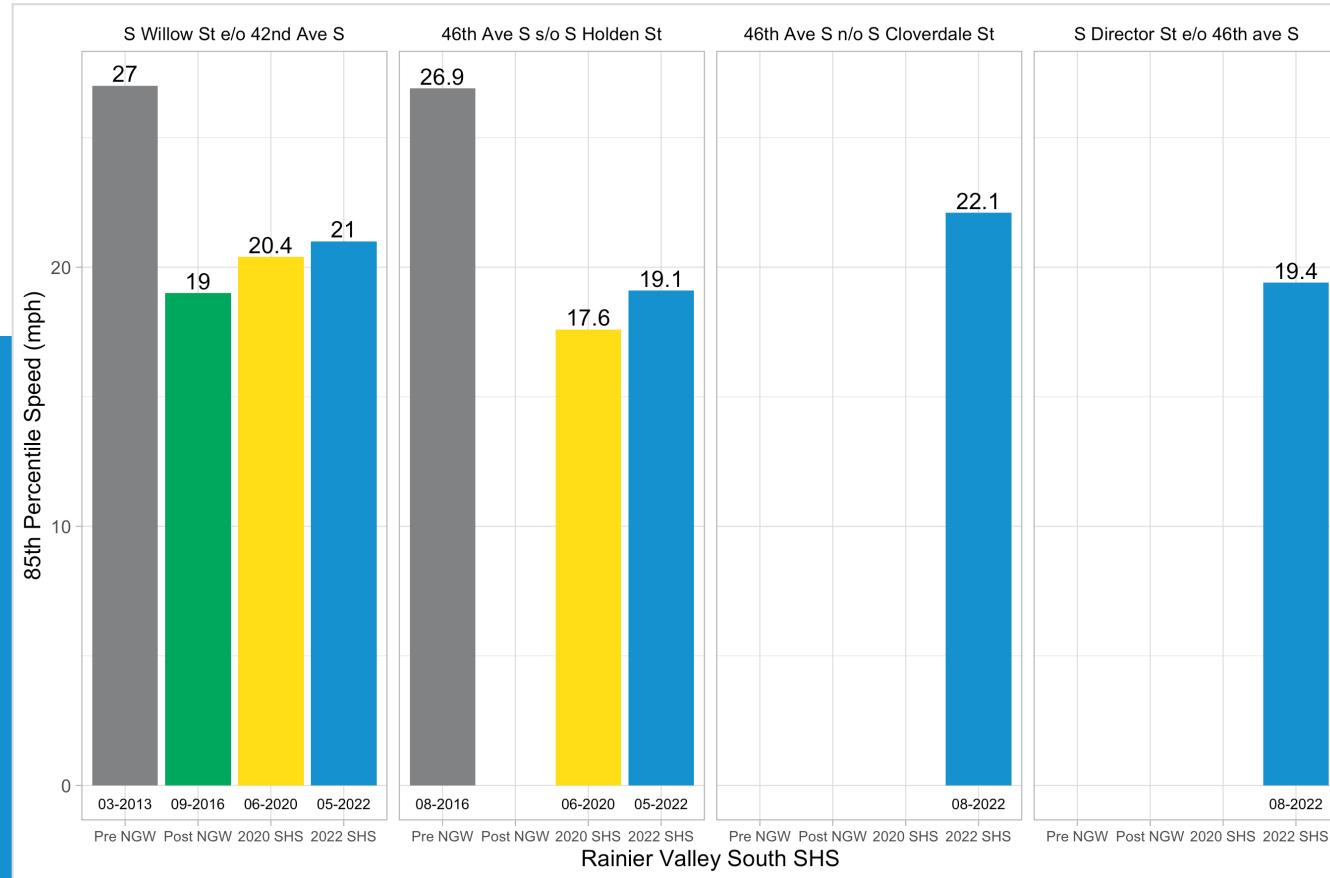


Vehicles per day (7 day average)



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

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

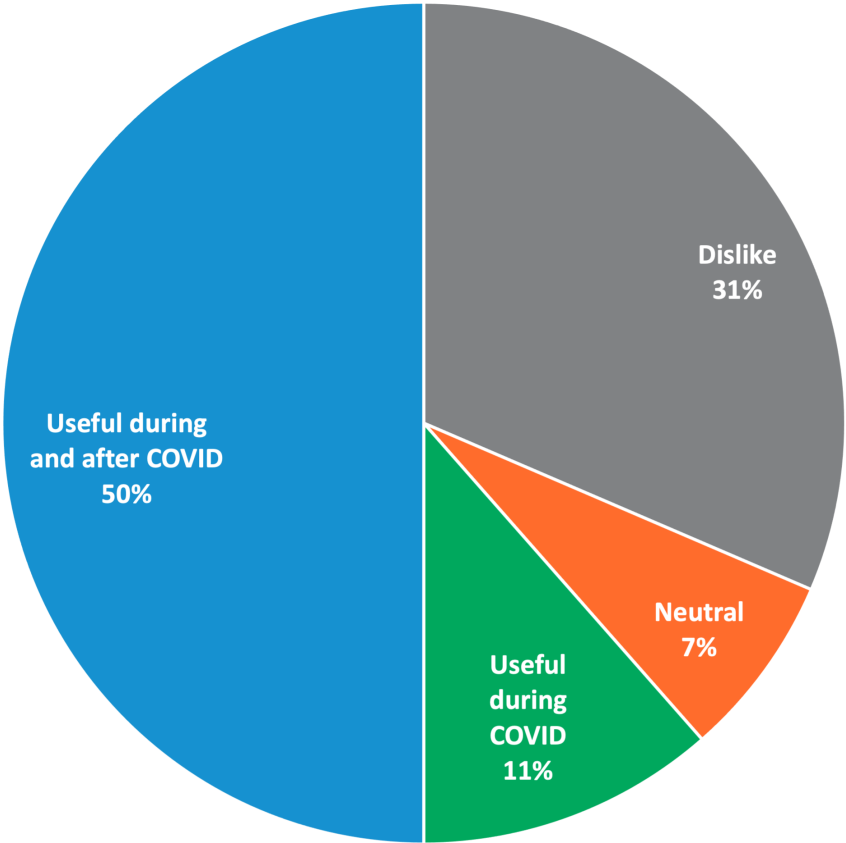


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Online Survey ~ 340 Responses for Rainier Valley

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

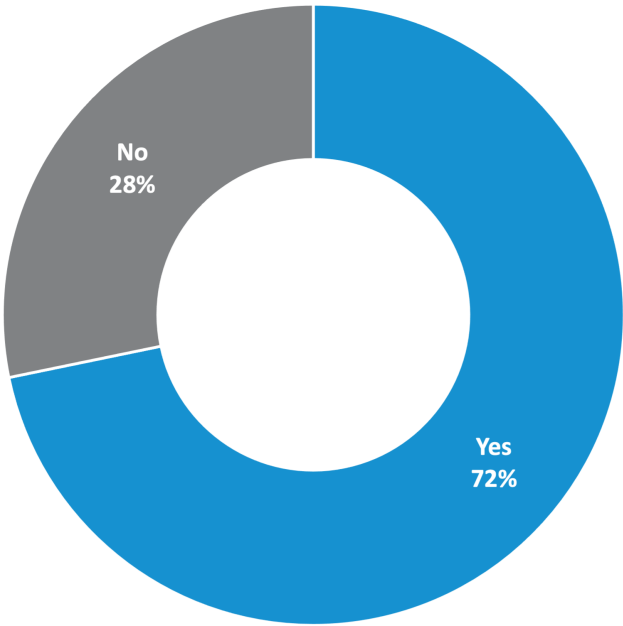
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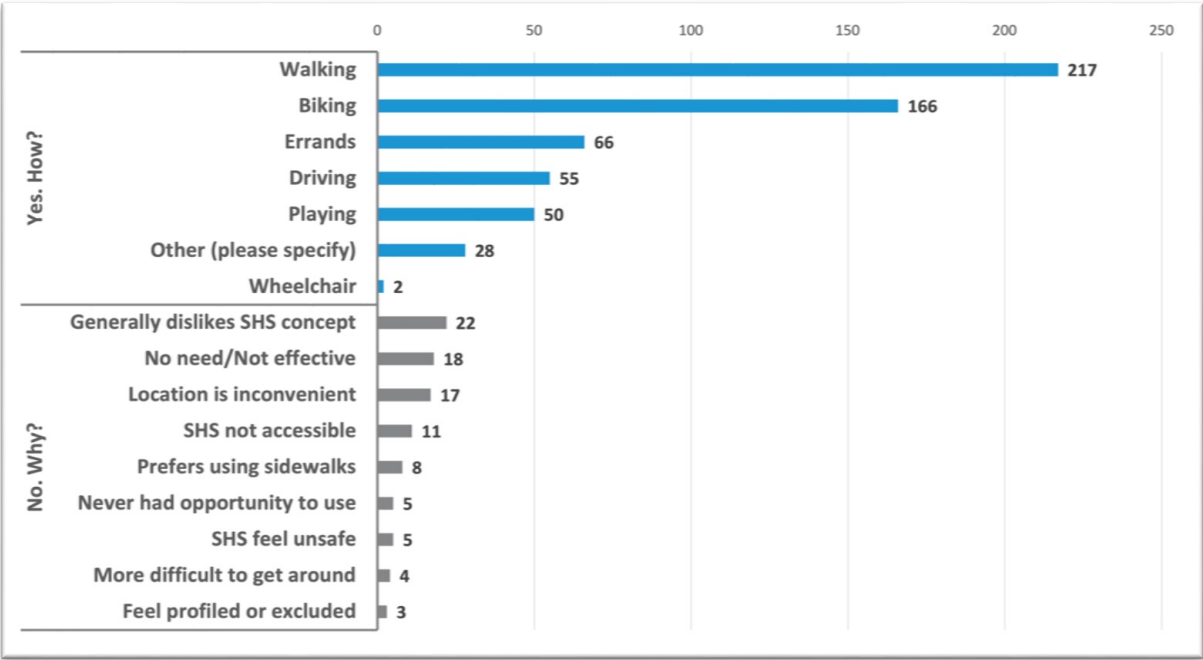
Results as of July 6, 2022

Online Survey

Have you or your household used the Stay Healthy Streets?
If yes, how?



(n= 340 responses)

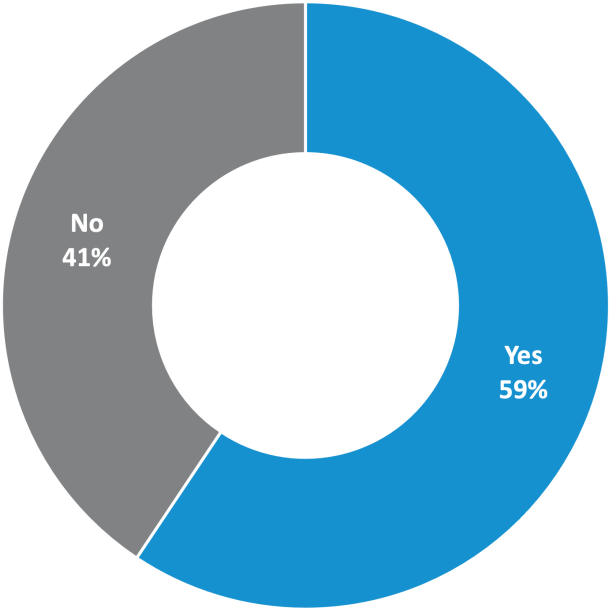


(n= 326 responses)

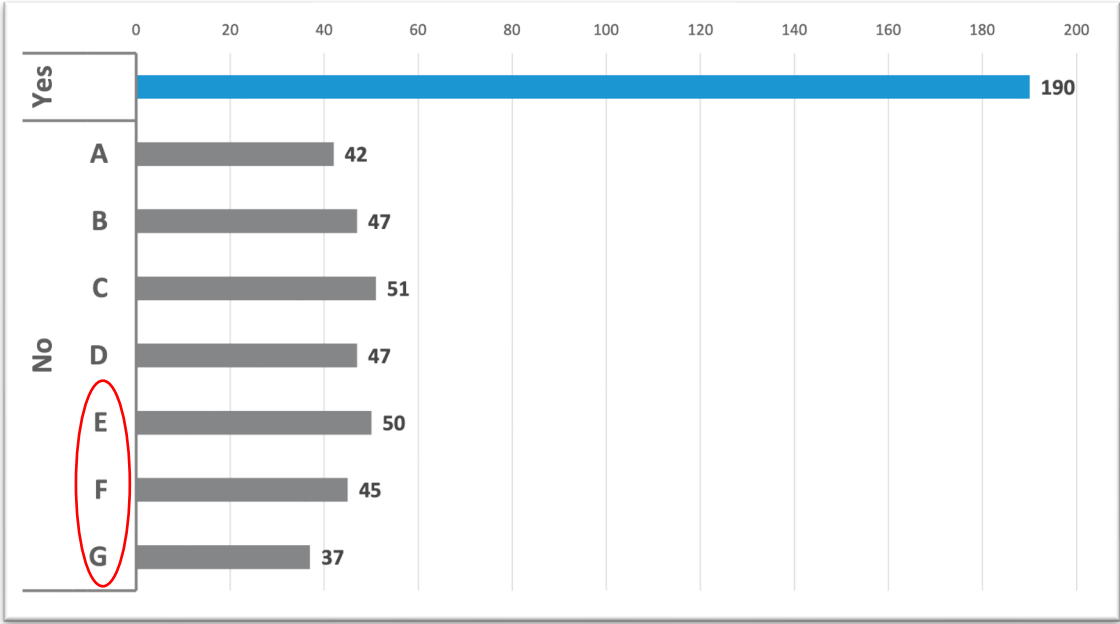
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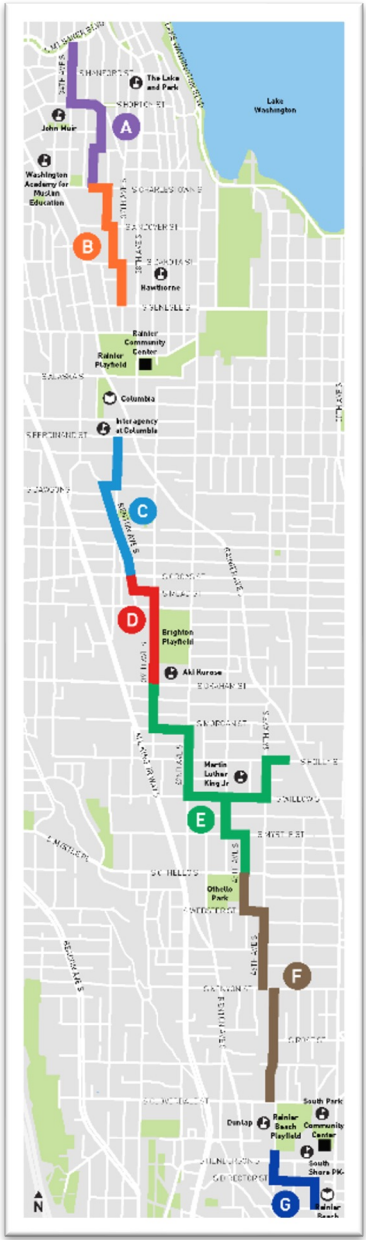
When using Stay Healthy Streets do you feel safe? If you answered no, where on the Stay Healthy Street do you feel unsafe?



(n= 320 responses)

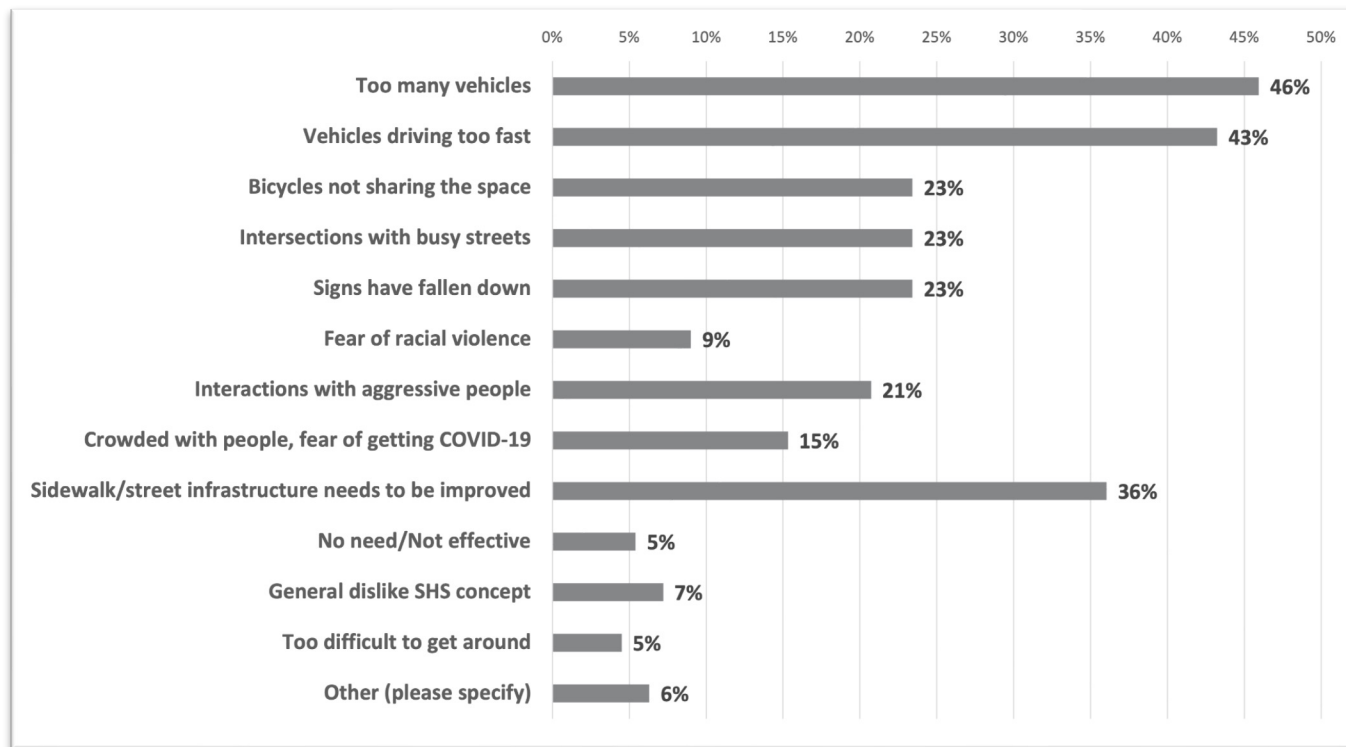


(n= 289 responses)



Online Survey

Why do you feel unsafe on the Stay Healthy Street?



(n= 111 responses)

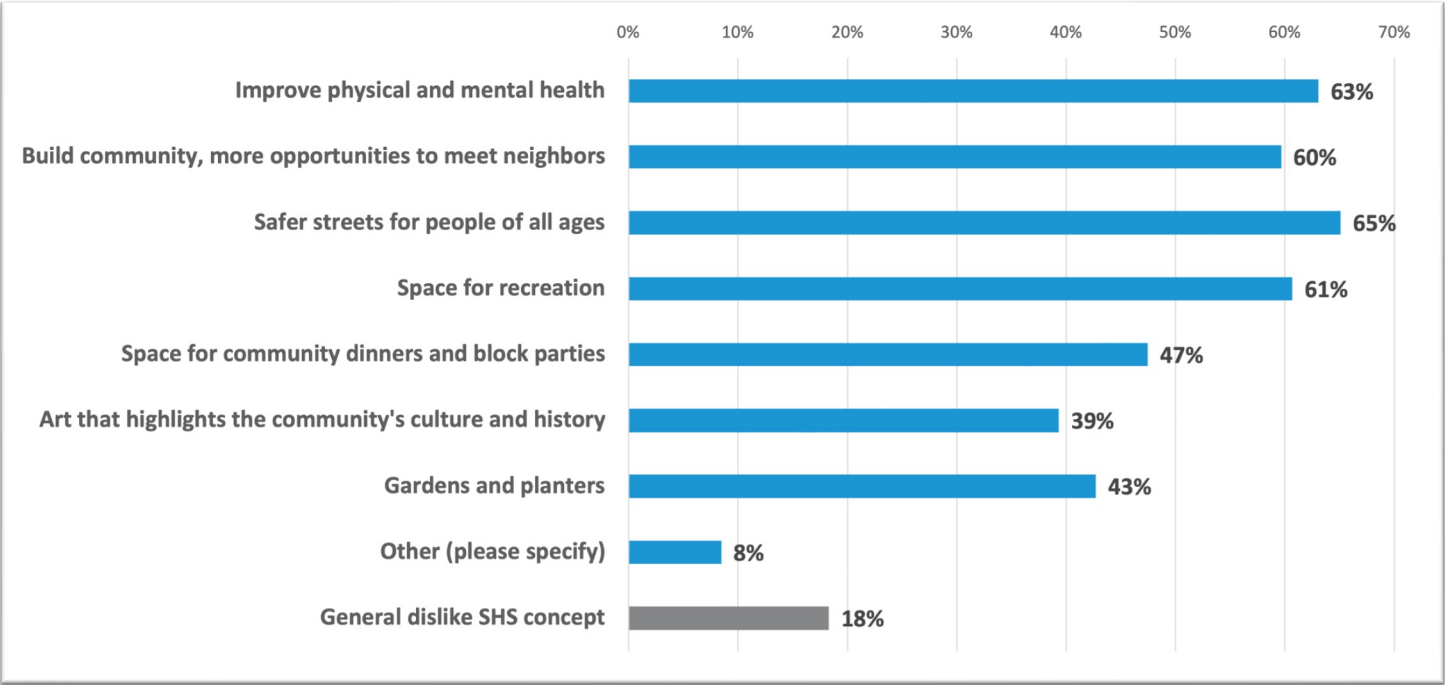


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Online Survey

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



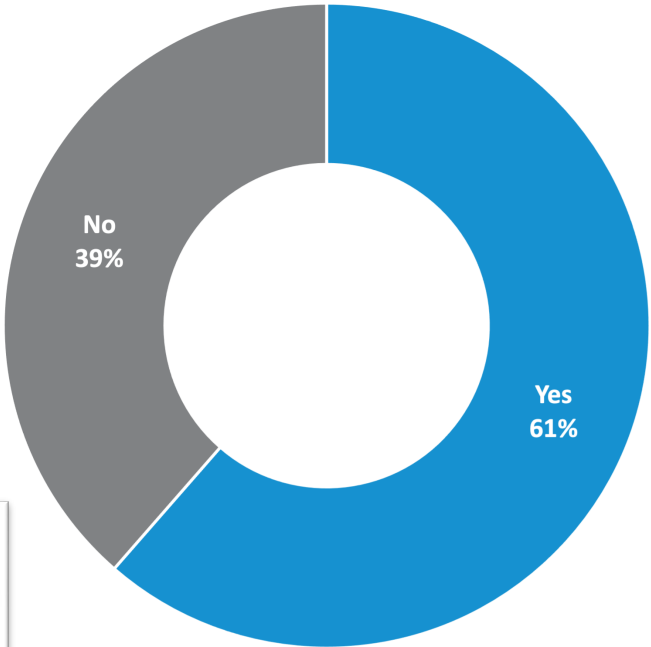
(n= 295 responses)



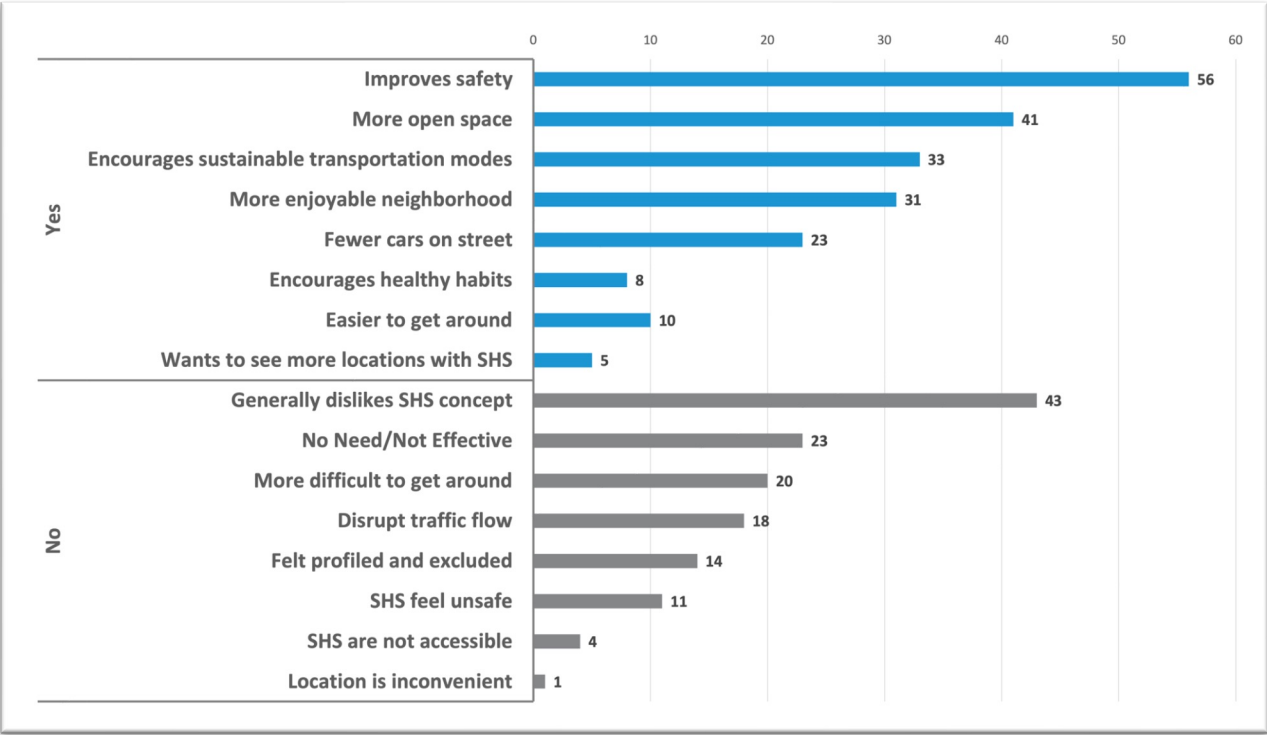
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Online Survey

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



(n= 311 responses)



(n= 227 responses)

Site Visit Photos

S Willow St & 44th Ave S (facing south, entering HS on 44th Ave): only one barricade (without sign on it)



S Holly St w/o Rainier Ave S

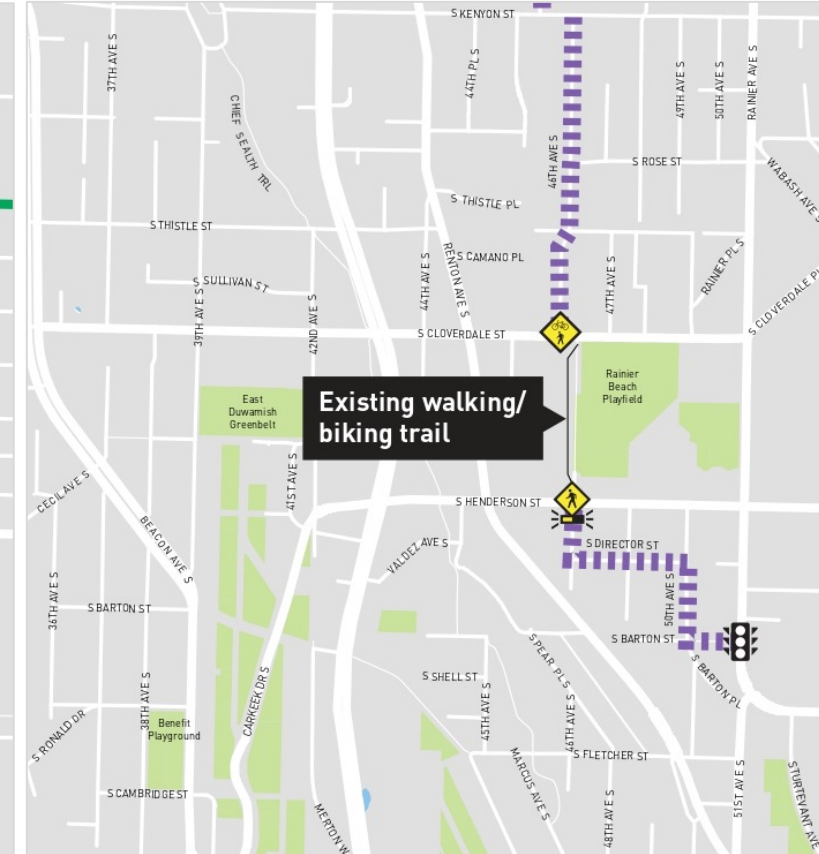
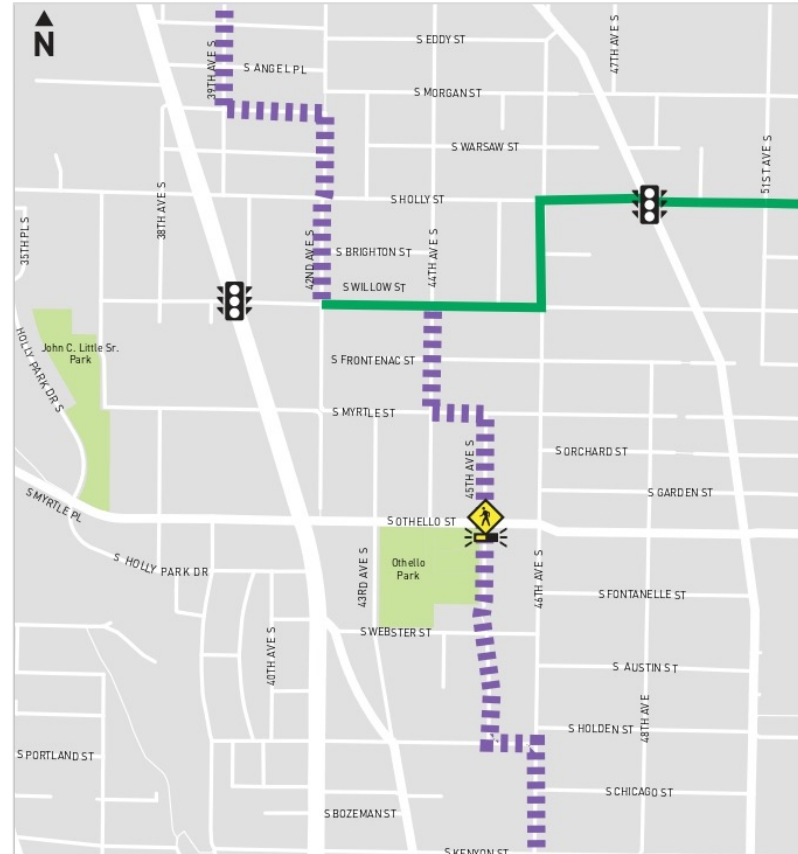


2022 Evaluation Decision:

See Below Left

Recommendations:

- Continue Pilot: 
- Returned to neighborhood greenway:
 - S Willow St between 42nd Ave S and 46th Ave S
 - 46th Ave S between S Holly St and S Willow St
 - Holly St between 46th Ave S and Rainier Ave S



See Above Right

Outreach Activities and Community Feedback in 2023

Outreach Activities and Community Engagement

- 45 posters along each intersection of the Rainier Beach and Othello Healthy Street
- 132 mailers sent to residents living along the Rainier Beach and Othello Healthy Street
- Bike Bus to Dunlap Elementary and South Shore PK-8 outreach with over 40 kids and parents
- Meetings with our Safe Routes to School team for information gathering and feedback sharing



Bike Bus and Walk Group to School

SDOT is supporting Seattle Public Schools, Peace Peloton, and Cascade Bicycle Club to lead walking and biking groups to Dunlap Elementary and South Shore PK-8.

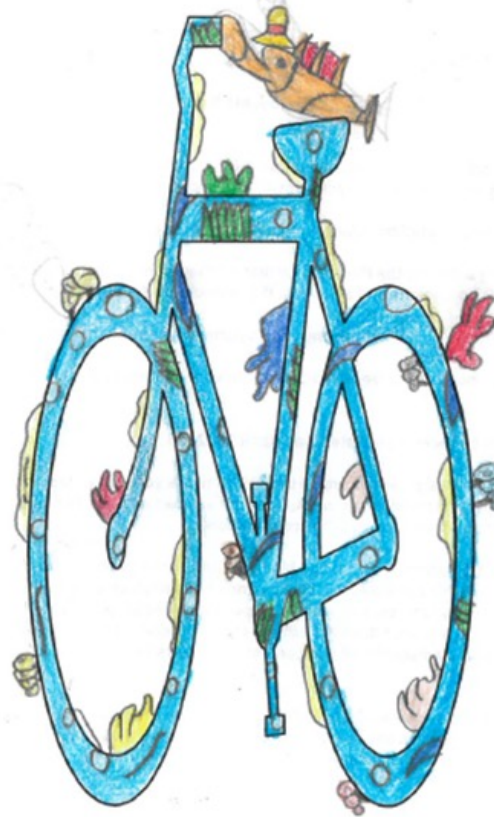
- Each week in May and June 2023, about 20-30 students are biking together to school along the Healthy Street starting at Brighton Playfields
- Parents feel comfortable biking with their kids on this route because people driving are required to slow down with speed humps, signage, and push button crossings
- It's been such a success that it's likely continuing into the next school year



Bike to Books

SDOT worked with art teachers at Dunlap Elementary School and South Shore PK-8 for students to create designs for bicycle sharrows.

About 15 winning designs will be installed in 2024 by SDOT crews along the Healthy Street from Othello Playground to the Rainier Beach Library.



Community Feedback

Based on the HS Feedback Form (from April 2023 to June 2023) and emails (from Jan 2022 through June 15th, 2023), about **23 out of 28** responses were in favor of HS or supported it being permanent, and 5 of them preferred re-open the streets.

Support

"I like that Healthy Streets keep traffic low and encourage more pedestrian travel which adds to the feeling of community in the neighborhood. In addition, people tend to speed around my location at Othello so Healthy Streets help to promote safety in the neighborhood."

"I would appreciate to see permanent signage installed, similar to what is in place on Beacon Hill. I would appreciate fliers delivered to homes, explaining the purpose of the healthy streets. Educating my neighbors on why it matters might help them slow down and respect the closed streets."

"I love being able to walk down it day and night. It is very safe. Neighbors on the street have nice front yards. Quiet street"

"I like that it causes drivers to slow down esp. in front of the school but it also gives every more space to walk around. I have dogs and there are a lot of families that walk in the area and having a space that can accommodate more people. Folks walking dogs, strollers and kids on scooters or bikes can all share the sidewalk and we can safely walk in the street and not be worried about cars flying down the street running us over has made us get out and meet neighbors more."

Concern/Opposite

"It is used by delivery trucks, garbage trucks, school buses, cars and absolutely no one is walking in the street, nor did they ever on this section due to it being a highly trafficked street."

"The city put up makeshift curbs to stop cars from parking here and there on sidewalks- sidewalks that were rarely used in the first place making all streets in the neighborhood one lane creating a nightmare of congestion and bad behavior...We have sidewalks. We do not need to choke the streets. Streets are for bikes and cars and that is a healthy street."

"Having signs on the street, there's been many traffic jams in those streets."

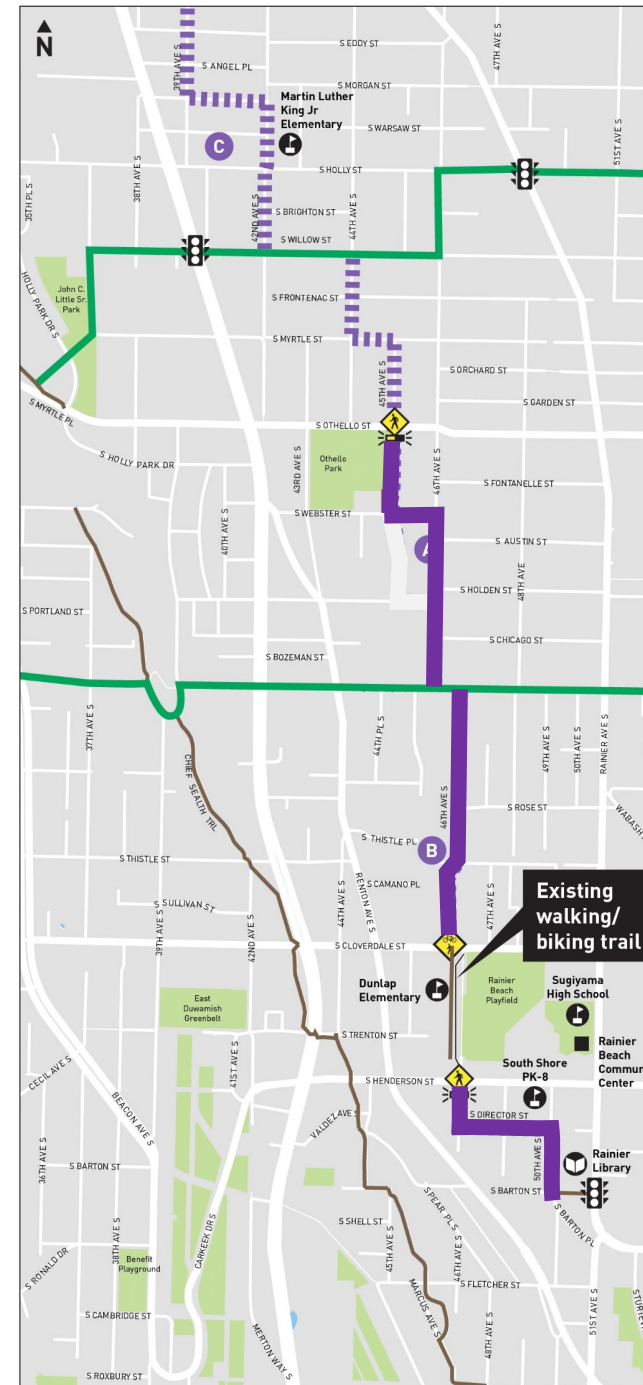


2023 Evaluation Decision:

Recommendations:

Make the following section permanent:

- HS between S Othello St and S Barton St

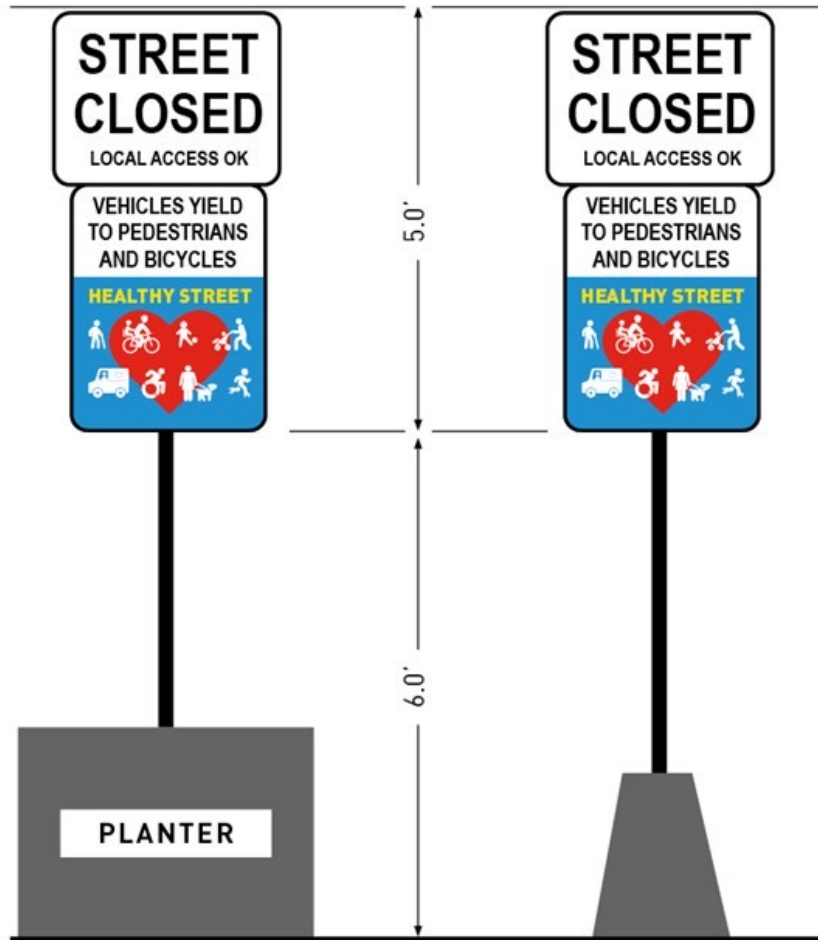


HEALTHY STREETS

Othello and Rainier Beach

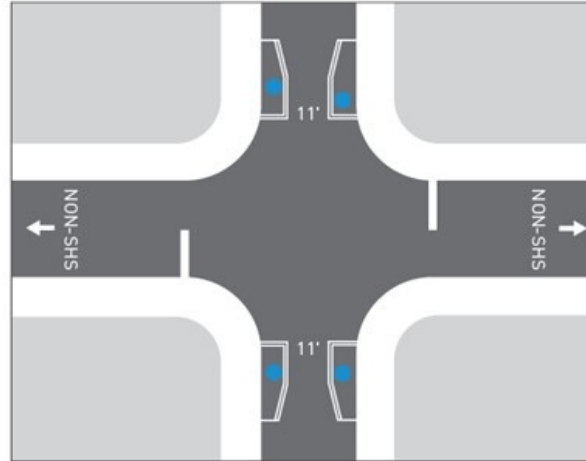
- Under Review
- A Othello
- B Rainier Beach
- C Hillman City
- Neighborhood Greenway
- Multi-use Trail
- Crossing Improvement
- Crossing Signal
- Flashing Beacon Crossing

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]



Questions?

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From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!