

Hello!

Mayor Durkan recently launched a pre-summer emphasis program in seven neighborhoods, including Fremont, to improve public safety and address community maintenance needs. The Seattle Police Department (SPD) and City departments are deploying additional resources and taking immediate steps to enhance SPD response and address small scale maintenance needs, like replacing streetlights, trimming trees, removing graffiti, and removing illegally dumped debris. Directors from numerous City departments joined business and community members for a business area walk to identify ongoing issues.

Today, I'm happy to update you on what has taken place since the walk on May 7th. Below is an issue tracker, compiled from comments gathered from walk participants, detailing issues raised and reviewed and the current status of each. You'll also find resource tips and links to City services at the bottom of this document, so you can access available services to help keep your neighborhood safe, clean, and vibrant.

Public Safety:

The Seattle Police Department began increased patrols and Navigation Team work in the Fremont neighborhood at the end of 2017 in response to increased calls and incidents across the neighborhood. This effort culminated in the very successful clearing of the encampment at the Troll's Knoll Park, where many of the individuals living outside accepted services.

- For the first half of 2019, officer proactive work increased 196% compared to the same time in 2017.
- During this recent holistic work with other city departments, officer proactive work has been up 153% compared to May 2018.
- The North Precinct Commander directed that patrols, including foot beats and bikes, occur in the immediate area. Officers have made:
 - 31 contacts across the neighborhood, including work by the Anti-Crime Team, the Community Police Team, Parking Enforcement, and both Emphasis and regular Patrol Cars and Bike Units.
- This work resulted in
 - 1 LEAD referral
 - 1 referral directly to REACH
 - 5 jail bookings, several citations
 - 9 oral/written warnings
 - Traffic Officers made 21 contacts in May, including issuing 6 citations across the neighborhood
- The most recent 28 days show a marked decrease in property crime compared to 2018 (-32%), but more work is needed.
- Over 500 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May (Ballard & Fremont)



Community Clean Up:

Issue/Request	Location	Timeline	Notes
Bike corrals damaged and dirty.	N 34th St protected bike lane	Completed	Reset wheel stops and pressure washed two bike corrals.



Center of the Universe gets spruced up by SDOT crews.

Small Scale Maintenance:

Issue/Request	Location	Timeline	Notes
Crosswalks and stop bars worn.	Dayton Ave N & N 36th St; Fremont Ave N & N 34th St; Fremont Ave N & N 35th St;	Completed	Remarked all crosswalks; on Evanston remarked all south & east legs; both sides of street at Phinney and N 36 th ; repaired curb cuts as needed. (SDOT)

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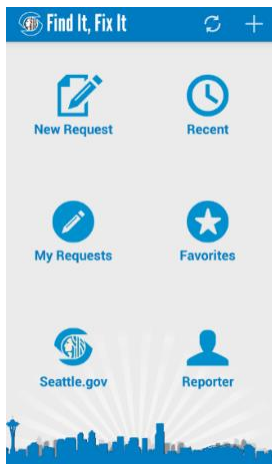
	Evanston Ave N & N 36th St; Phinney Ave N & N 36th St N 35th St & Phinney Ave N		
Striping is worn & tuff posts missing.	N 34th St protected bike lane	Completed	Restriped cross hatching and replaced missing tuff posts. (SDOT)
Signal sign damaged and not visible; abandoned structure.	N 36th St & Evanston Ave N	Completed	Sign replaced and structure removed. (SDOT)
Signs worn	Fremont Pl N & Fremont Ave N	Completed	Replaced stop signs and Do Not Enter signs. (SDOT)
Sign Missing	BGT & Phinney Ave N	completed	Identified and replaced sign. (SDOT)
Bike signs damaged	Burke Gillman Trail and Phinney Ave N	Completed	Signs replaced. (SDOT)
Damaged curb cut between slip and through lane	Fremont Ave N & N 35th St	Completed	Replaced missing and loose sections and re-painted. (SDOT)
Mitigate illegal T-intersection loading	N 36th St & Dayton Ave N	Completed	Extended load zone east of Dayton Ave N. (SDOT)
Intersection guidelines worn	Fremont Ave N & N 35th St	Completed	Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to provide layout support for Mobility Oriented Development (MOD) installation. (SDOT)
Remove Left Turn Only arrow sign	Phinney & 36th Ave	Reviewed	Left turn only arrow signs installed to help decrease neighborhood cut through traffic on non-arterial Phinney. No action taken. (SDOT)
Worn curb paint for passenger load zone	North side of N 34TH ST & West side of Evanston Ave N	Completed	Repainted passenger load zone curb. (SDOT)



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Weedy grass in planting bed	N 35th & Dayton - in front of Rudy's Barber Shop	Completed	Mowed grass in planting bed. (SDOT)
Laurel hedge in center island needs to be cut back; large landscape bed overgrown with low trees on south side of Fremont Ave N.	35th & Fremont; Fremont Ave N & Fremont Place N to intersection of N 35th & Fremont Ave N	Completed	Cut back hedge in intersection, cut back hedge on south side of street and lift trees. (SDOT)

Community Resources:



Find It, Fix It -- Service Request Mobile App

<https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>

"Find It, Fix It" is a smartphone app offering mobile users one more way to report selected issues to the City of Seattle including illegal dumping, street light outages, potholes, and sharps/needles, among others.

With Find It, Fix It, reporting an issue is as easy as snapping a photo with your smartphone, adding detailed information, and hitting submit. The map's "drag and drop" feature or the phone's technology can be used to pinpoint the location.

Neighborhood Traffic Operations – Seattle Department of Transportation

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm>

Neighborhood Traffic Operations (NTO) helps ensure safe traffic operations on Seattle's neighborhood streets. Staff respond to resident's questions and concerns regarding speeding, traffic safety, traffic signs, and similar issues. More information is available on the [Traffic Circle Program](#) page.

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Crime Prevention Coordinators – are experts in crime prevention techniques. You can talk to them about outgoing crime problems in your neighborhood, getting involved in Block Watch and setting up a meeting to train you and your neighbors on crime prevention tips.

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Block Watch – <https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/block-watch>

AlertSeattle – <https://alert.seattle.gov/>

The official emergency notification system used by the City of Seattle to communicate with city residents during emergencies. Sign up to receive free alerts from the City via text message, email, voice message, or social media.

Adopt-A-Street – Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

<http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/adopt-a-street>

Promotes civic responsibility and community pride as well as enhances Seattle's quality of life through clean streets and beautiful neighborhoods.

Report discarded needles, syringes, and other sharps – Customer Service Bureau

<http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/hazardous-materials-reporting>

If you find discarded needles, syringes and other sharps in *Seattle city limits*, you can report it to the City by calling the [Customer Service Bureau](http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau), 206-684-2489 (CITY), for advice or report it on the Find It Fix It smartphone app.



Next Steps:

This is just the beginning! There's more work to be done. In the weeks ahead, City departments will continue to work on issues raised at each walk. The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods remains committed to connecting people to needed services and programs. Over the next few weeks, we'll be updating and sharing this tracker as more issues are completed.

Again, thank you for your commitment to improving your community. Please reach out to me at andres.mantilla@seattle.gov if you have any questions.



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