



## FACT SHEET

# BALLARD NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY PROJECT

Safety Island at the Northeast Corner of 17th Ave NW and NW 57th St  
October 2015

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

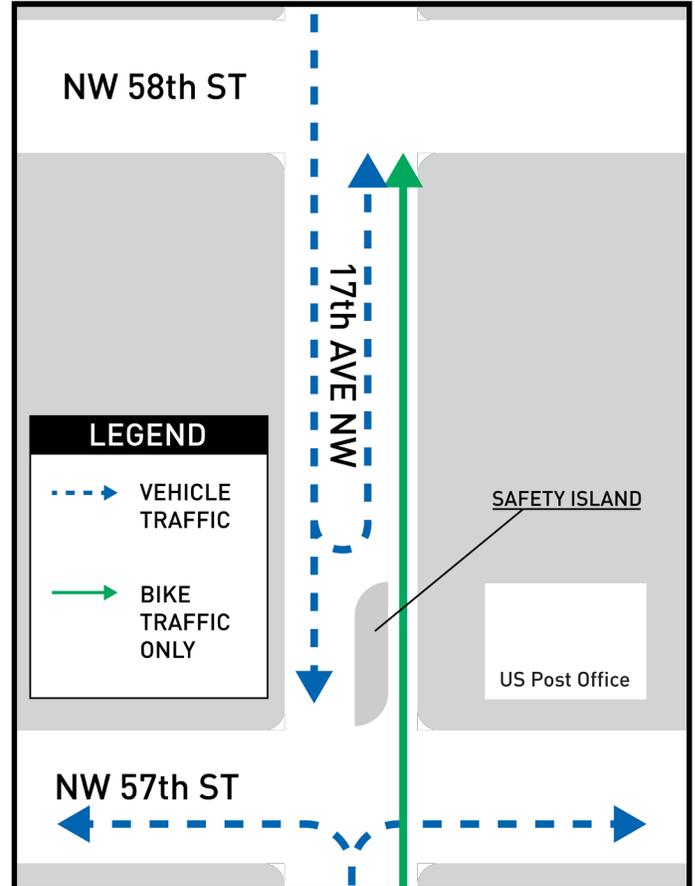
Crews began work earlier this week to install a safety island at the northeast corner of 17th Ave NW and NW 57th St in front of the Ballard post office. The installation of this safety island will restrict northbound through traffic for one block of 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th streets during construction and permanently. Northbound traffic will be allowed north of the safety island on 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th streets. This block will remain open to southbound traffic during and after construction. This work is part of the Ballard Neighborhood Greenway Project.

### WHY ARE WE INSTALLING A SAFETY ISLAND AT 17TH AVE NW AND NW 57TH ST?

During design of the Ballard Neighborhood Greenway, we heard concerns about traffic circulation near the post office and the volumes and speed of vehicles along 17th Ave NW. Installing the safety island and restricting northbound through traffic for one block of 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th streets will not only reduce cut-through traffic on the greenway, but will also improve safety and preserve the residential character of the neighborhood. For reference, this will be similar to the changes we implemented with the NW 58th St Greenway at the intersection of NW 58th St and 15th Ave NW near St. Alphonsus School.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Construction of the Ballard Neighborhood Greenway began in early-September and is expected to be complete in early 2016. The contractor has started with paving work, such as curb ramps and curb extensions, and will return later this fall to install crosswalks, pavement markings, and signage. With the onset of the rainy season, our contractor sometimes needs to shift its schedule to do work that can be done when it's raining, such as demolition and site preparation. Crews will use the dry days to pour concrete and asphalt and to install pavement markings.



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE INTERSECTION AT 17th AVE NW AND NW 57th ST

- The installation of the safety island will restrict northbound through traffic for one block of 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th streets.
- Northbound traffic will be allowed north of the safety island on 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th streets.
- 17th Ave NW between NW 57th and NW 58th will remain open to southbound traffic.

### INFORMATION & CONTACT

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