

# University Greenway Open House

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GREENWAYS  
 SEATTLE



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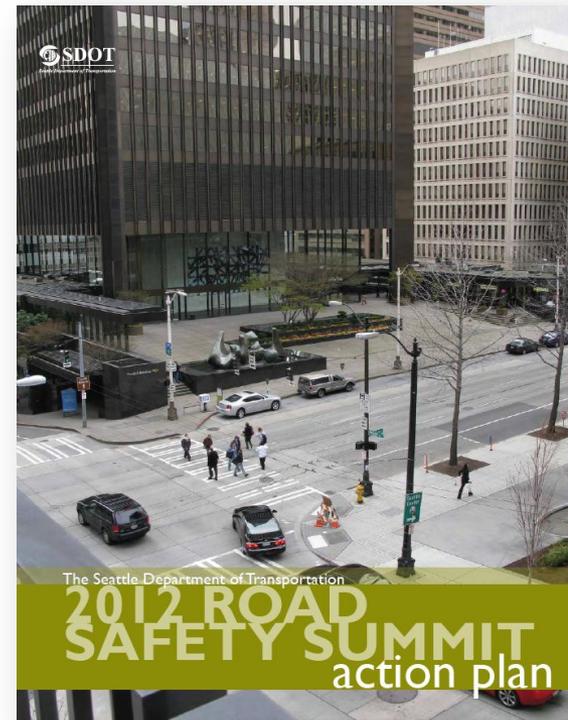
# Tonight's Presentation

- City's safety goals
- What is a neighborhood greenway?
- Selecting a greenway street
- Other neighborhood projects
- Your questions and input
- Next steps



# Seattle's Traffic Safety Goal

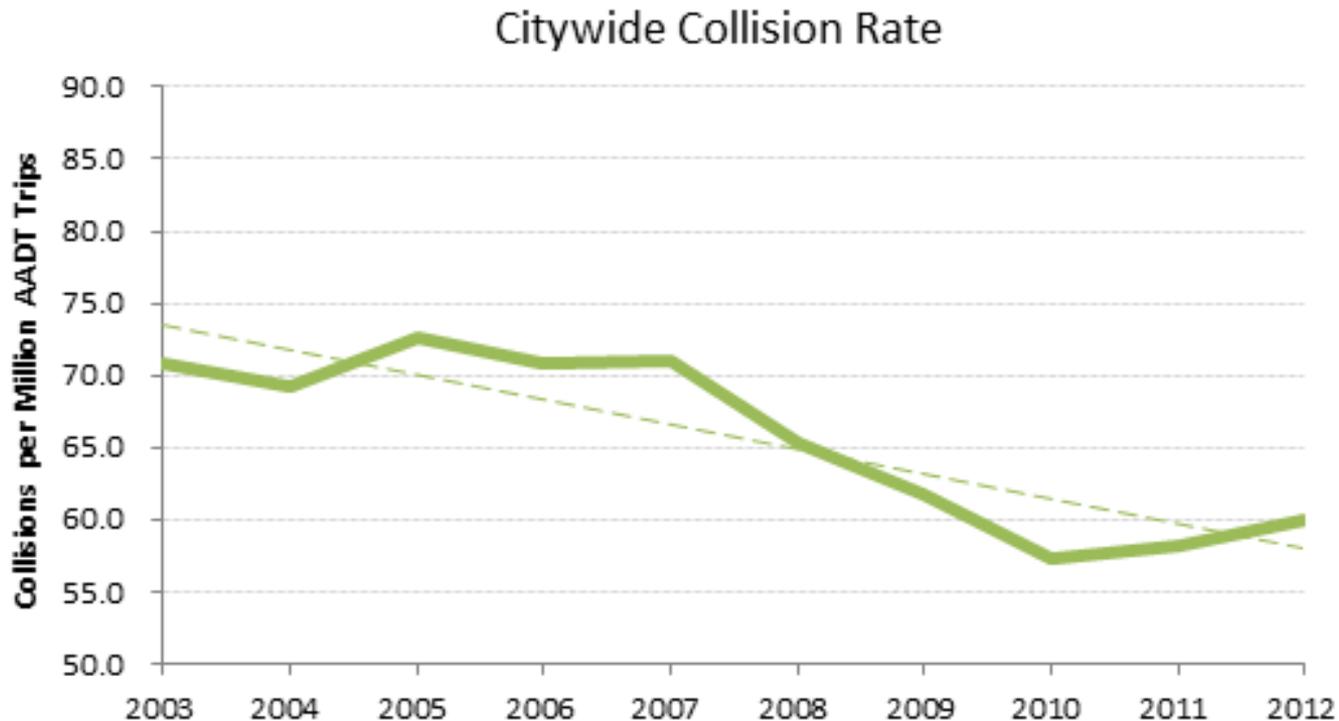
Seattle has a goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030. Neighborhood greenways are a tool to help reach this goal.



Approach: Focus on engineering, education, enforcement, evaluation and empathy

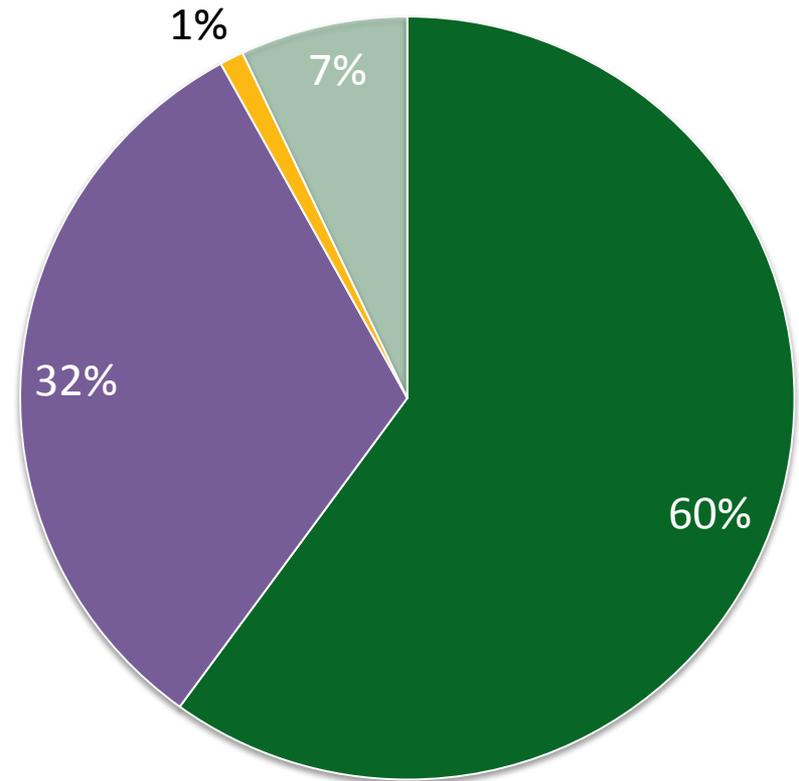
# Focus on the Most Vulnerable

- Seattle population 17 and younger – 10 percent
- Seattle population 65 and older– 12 percent
- People with disabilities



# What We Can Accomplish

- Make safer streets for everyone
- Increase walking and biking
- Offer healthy travel options
- Improve the environment
- Create equitable transportation system
- Keep people and goods moving



■ **Willing But Wary**

■ No Way, No How

■ Strong and Fearless

■ Enthusied and Confident

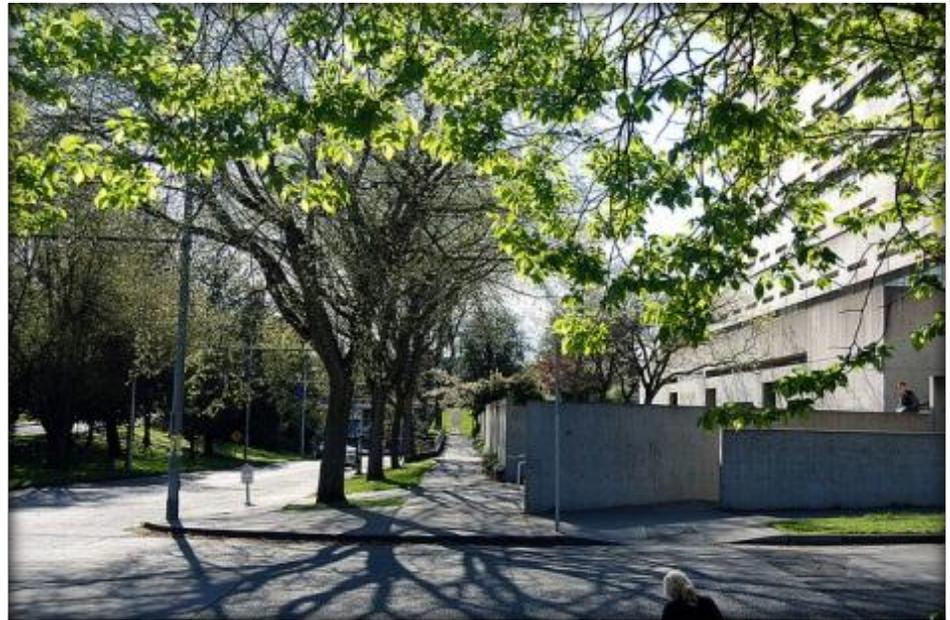
# What is a Neighborhood Greenway?

A safer, calm residential street for you and your family



# Best Locations

Residential streets with low speeds, volumes and few hills



UW photo courtesy of "punctured bicycle" / wikipedia

that take you to schools, parks, farmers markets, libraries and shops

# Slow Speeds = Safety

Lower speed limit to 20 mph



- Drivers are better able to stop and prevent collisions
- More calm environment

# Speed Humps

Add about one speed hump per block



- Slows motorists and people riding bikes
- Reduces cut-through traffic

# Signs and Markings

Add signs and markings to help people find their way around the neighborhood



- Directs people walking and biking to and along the greenway
- Helps motorists know people walking and biking are present

# Safer Crossings at Busy Streets

Add curb extensions, rapid flashing beacons, crosswalks, medians or traffic signals



- Easier for seniors and children to cross
- Make motorists aware of people walking and biking

# Stop Signs

Add stop signs at streets crossing the greenway



- Calms traffic entering and crossing the greenway
- Improves safety for people walking and biking on greenway

# Sidewalk and Pavement

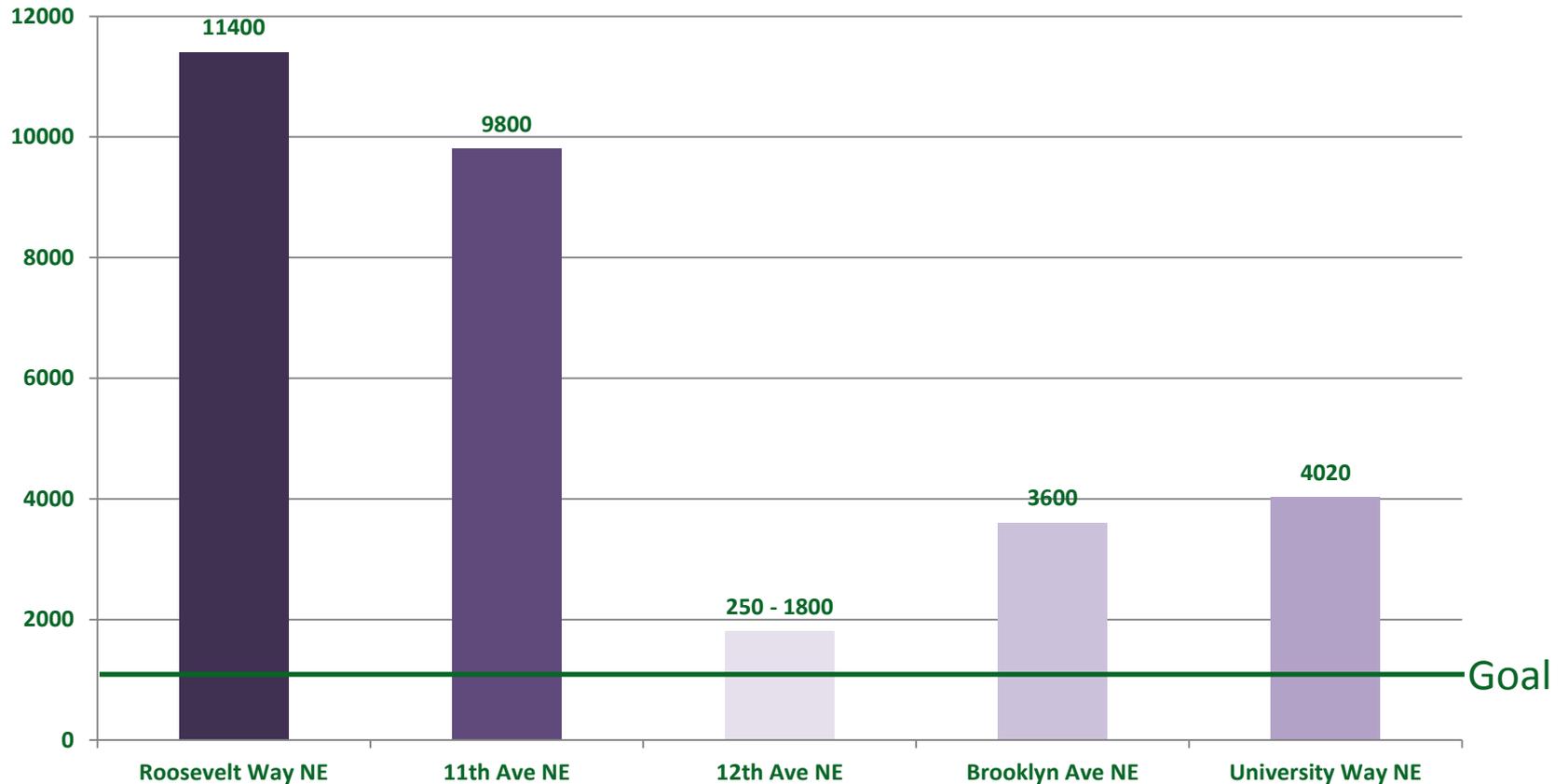
Smooth sidewalks and streets and add curb ramps



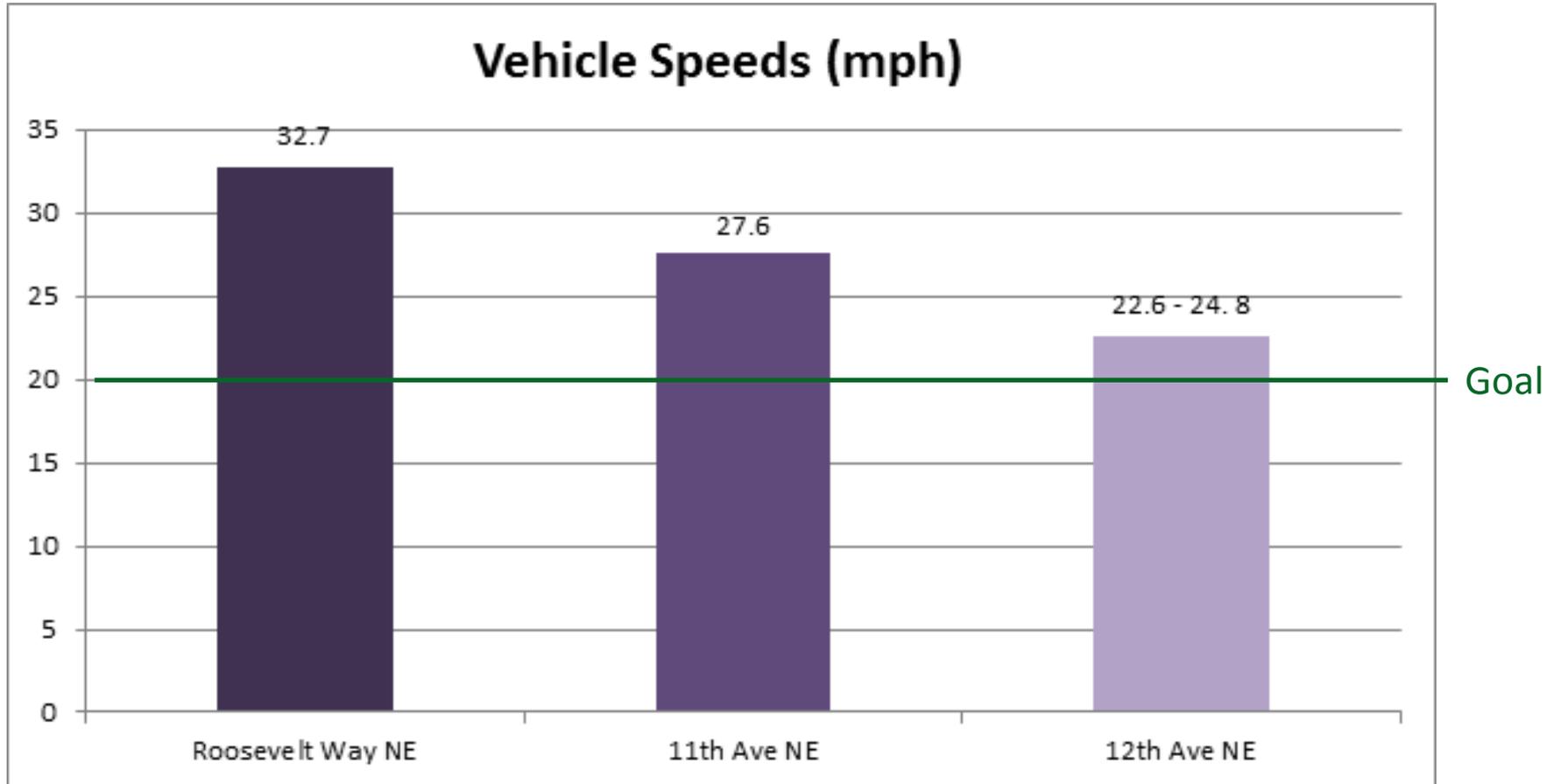
- Safer for you and your family to walk and ride bikes
- Helps people in wheelchairs, or with strollers

# Selecting a Greenway – Traffic Volume

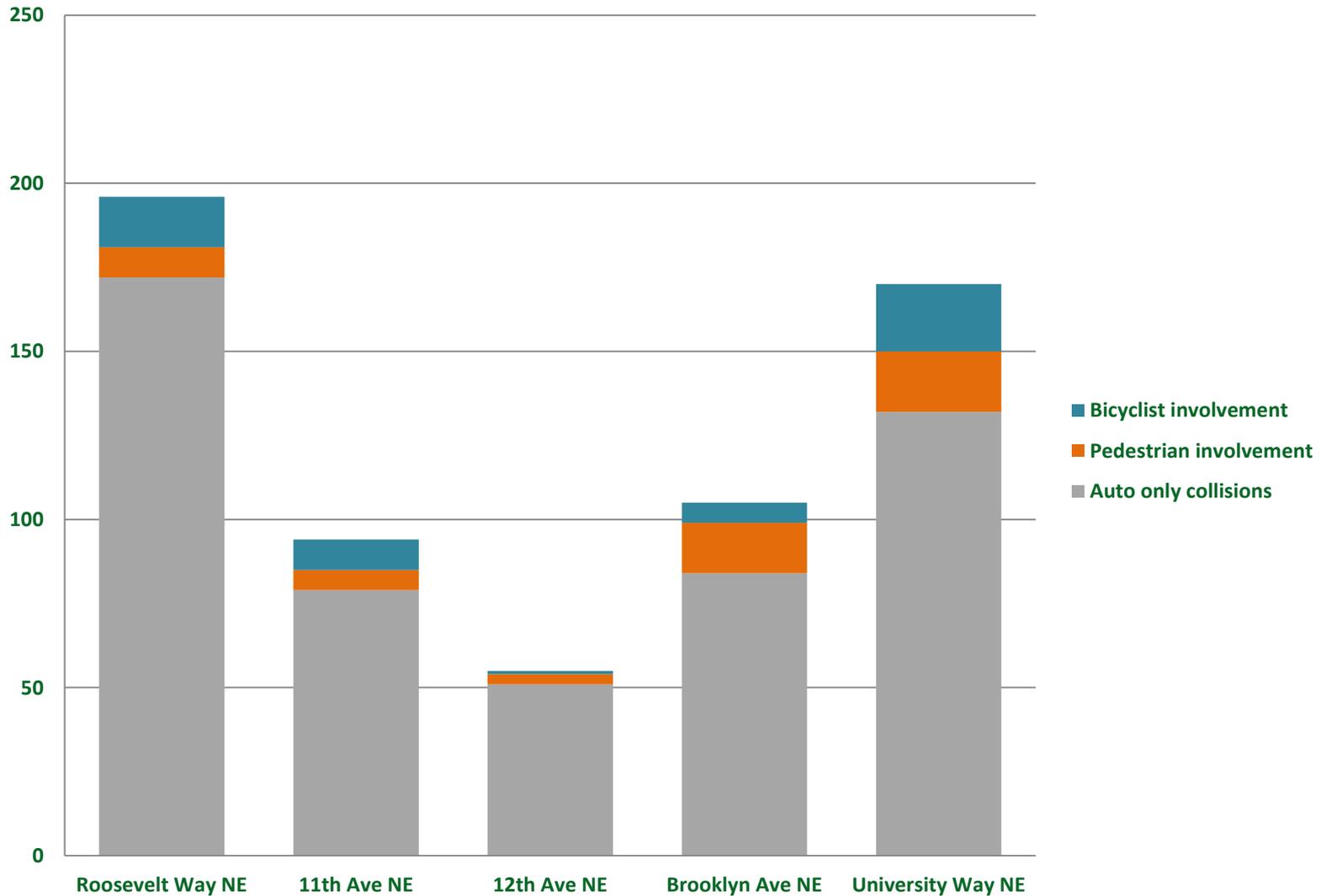
Average Daily Traffic Volumes



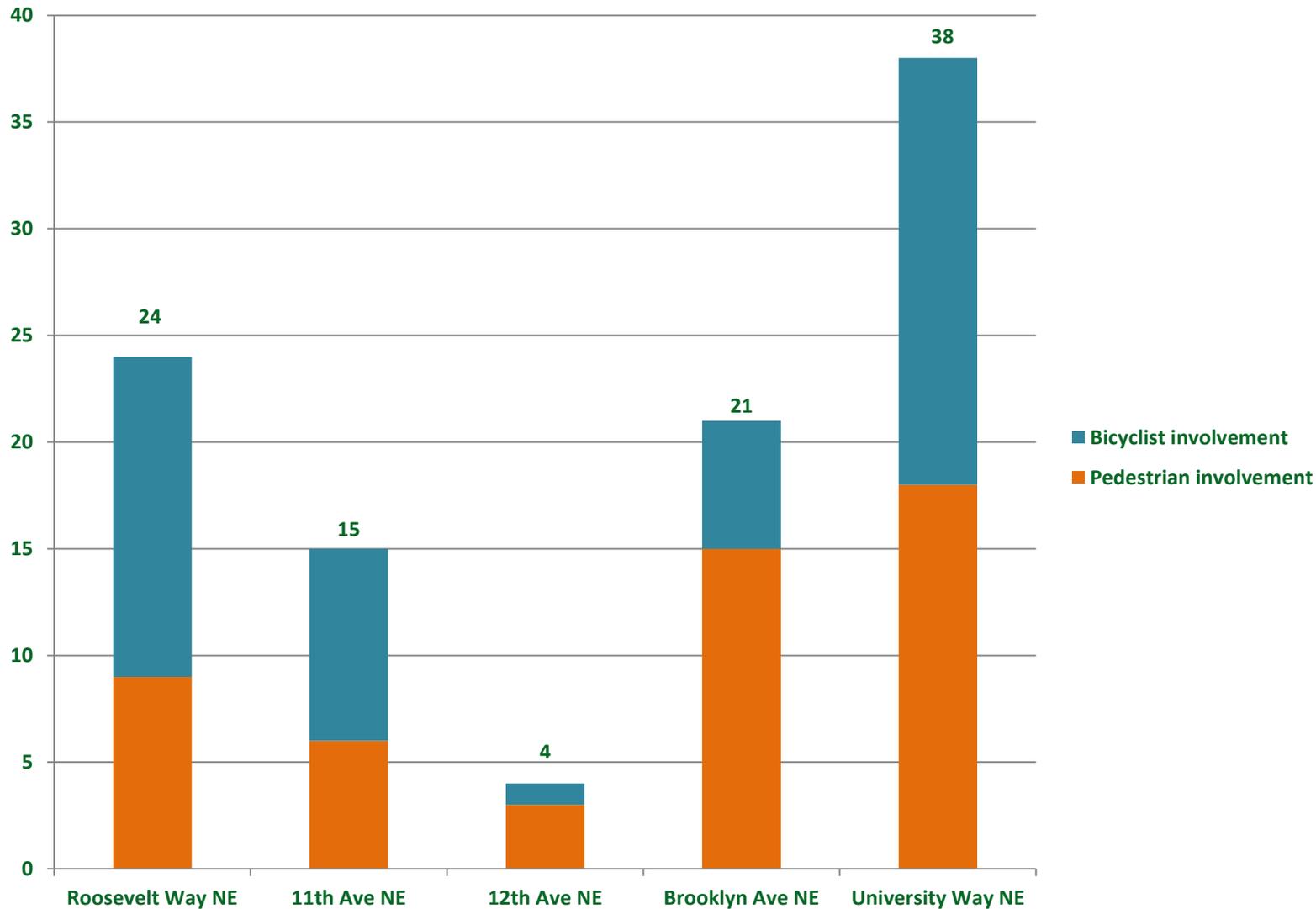
# Speeds (mph)



# Collisions (2010- 2013)



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Collisions (2010- 2013)



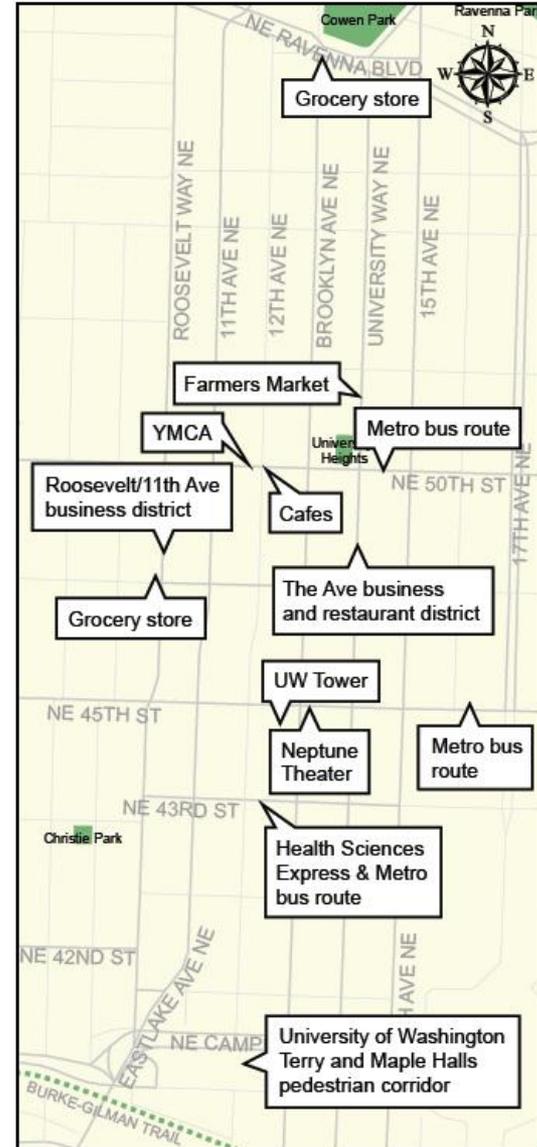
# New Neighborhood Safety Project

- What:** New traffic signal at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 50<sup>th</sup> St  
funded by traffic safety grant
- Why:** Safer crossings at intersection
- Schedule:** Construction in 2014



# U District Destinations

Where do you want to walk and bike?



# Other Projects

- University Link Light Rail
- UW Maple and Terry Halls and Pedestrian Plaza
- U District Urban Design Framework



Pedestrian Plaza Rendering Compliments of University of Washington and Mithun



Green Street in South Lake Union

# Questions and Input



# Next Steps

*Fall 2013:*  
Meet with  
stakeholders  
and data  
collection

*Nov 2013:*  
Public  
meeting #1

*Late 2013/  
Early 2014:*  
Meet with  
stakeholders

*Early 2014:*  
Design  
concepts

*Spring 2014:*  
Public  
meeting #2

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