

WEDGWOOD CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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What is the Wedgwood Children and Neighbors (WECAN) Project?

Wedgwood Elementary parents and neighbors started WECAN to improve the walking and biking route to school, and to provide additional education and encouragement to get more kids walking and biking safely to school. The project includes new sidewalk on NE 83rd and 85th streets, and 28th Avenue NE. It also includes sidewalk repair and replacement on Ravenna Avenue NE.

What has changed since the 2012 project open house?

At the 2012 open house, SDOT heard support for extending the sidewalk on 28th Avenue NE to connect to the existing sidewalk network that begins at NE 82nd Street. We also heard support for including sidewalk repair and replacement on Ravenna Avenue NE. We reviewed the request and secured funding to design and construct these improvements. The project also includes education and encouragement programming, and is fully funded.

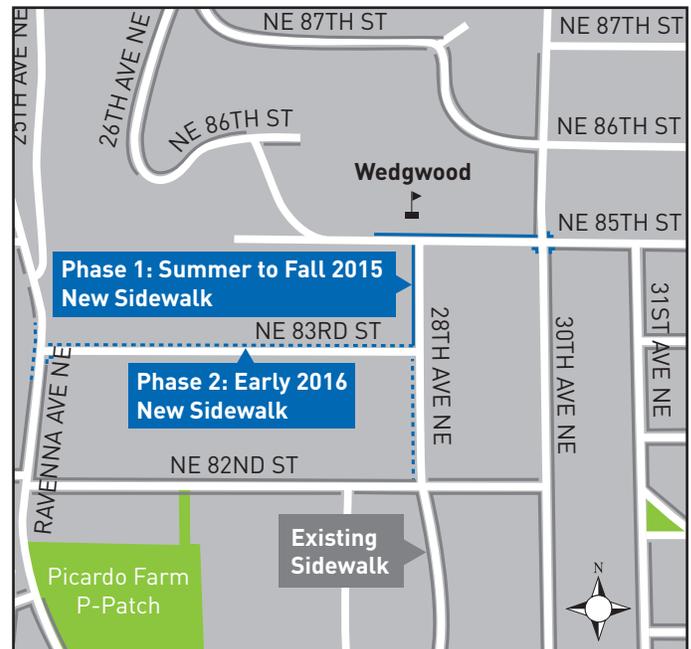
We held another open house on February 3, 2015 to share updated plans, provide an estimated construction schedule, and respond to the community's questions and safety concerns for the area. We are working with WECAN and the school to develop a traffic circulation plan that will keep pedestrians, cyclists, cars and buses safe and moving during and after construction.

Benefits

- Improves safety on the walking and biking route to school
- Connects Wedgwood Elementary to the existing sidewalk network south of the school
- Provides safety education so kids have the skills they need to safely walk and bike to school
- Encourages more kids to walk and bike to school, which will reduce congestion at the school

Education and Encouragement

SDOT has partnered with Feet First, Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, and Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center



to provide a comprehensive program including bike safety education, support for walking school buses, bike trains, and evaluation of arrival and departure procedures.

Construction Timeline

Phase 1 of construction is planned for summer 2015 when school is on break. It includes the improvements along NE 85th Street as well as those along 28th Avenue NE between NE 85th Street and NE 83rd Street. Phase 2 is planned for early 2016 and includes the remaining improvements and sidewalk repairs and replacement.

Project Funding

A Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) grant is funding education and encouragement aspects of the project. Construction is partially funded by WSDOT. SDOT's local Safe Routes to School program, which is funded by the school speed zone enforcement program, will cover the remaining cost.

Construction Cost

- Total construction cost estimate \$1.5 million
- WSDOT grant \$400 K
- Local funding \$1.1 million

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