

# WEDGWOOD CHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS 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 on Ravenna Avenue NE.

## What has changed since the 2012 project open house?

At the 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 on Ravenna Avenue NE. After reviewing these requests, SDOT staff agreed to add these two proposals to the plan. The project now also includes education and encouragement programming, and is fully funded.

## 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.

## 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



## Construction Timeline

The sidewalk project is currently at 60% design with final design scheduled for early 2015. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2015, while school is on break.

## 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 \$1,499,000
- WSDOT grant \$388,000
- Local funding \$1,111,000

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