



July 21, 2021

Re: Aurora Reimagined Coalition - Jersey Barrier Protected Path on Aurora

To: Sam Zimbabwe

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board fully supports Green Lake & Wallingford Safe Streets' efforts to create a complete outside loop around Green Lake Park for people to walk, run, and bike safely. In particular, SBAB endorses the proposal to repurpose the curbside northbound lane for people walking, rolling, and biking by installing a jersey barrier on Aurora Ave alongside Green Lake Park. Together with the two-way PBL that SDOT has recently completed, the jersey barrier along Aurora would complete a much needed loop around the outside of Green Lake Park.

The existing outside path on the west side of Green Lake Park is dangerous as it's rutted, potholed and filled with tree roots. In addition, it is crowded and forces people into dangerous situations, as there is no alternative connection on the west side of the Lake.

Green Lake & Wallingford Safe Streets' proposed project would provide significant benefits to the community, including:

- Separating people biking and walking from one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the city (Aurora Ave)
- Reducing the chance of crashes between cars, bikes, scooters, and pedestrians – directly in line with the city's Vision Zero goals
- Calming traffic on West Green Lake Drive, reducing the risk of crashes and injuries while making the community safer
- Creating a new, safe, and complete transportation route all along Green Lake Park for people biking and walking to local businesses, to work, and to their daily needs
- Expanding the park experience and recreation opportunities

SBAB supports the creation of this protected, multi use path on the curbside, northbound lane on Aurora Ave alongside Green Lake Park and urges SDOT to fund and implement this plan. We encourage you to consider the concerns and recommendations of the local community in the Green Lake and Wallingford neighborhoods. The GLWSS project website can be found at: <https://www.glwstreets.org/aurora-park-path>.

Sincerely,
The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

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The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planing processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council
Resolution 25534