FREMONT AVE NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY UPGRADE PROJECT

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION
We’ve evaluated the Fremont Ave Neighborhood Greenway in north Seattle to see how it’s working. Based on what we’ve learned, we’re proposing a series of upgrades to make it even safer.

Neighborhood greenways are safer, calmer neighborhood streets for you, your family, and neighbors. We make people walking and biking the priority.

The evaluation showed that much of the traffic calming we installed in 2014 is working, but there are a few areas where we can do more. Data showed a 15% reduction in speeds, about a 25% increase in the number of people walking and biking, and an 86% drop in the number of people driving over 30 mph.

We identified cut-through traffic on N 90th St as an issue we want to address to enhance safety. Additionally, there are a few locations where we will add speed humps to further calm traffic.

For the entire neighborhood greenway, we’ll trim trees, and update signs, pavement markings, traffic signals, and speed humps to meet our newer safety standards and best practices.

PROJECT ELEMENTS
- Install diagonal diverters on N 90th St to reduce cut-through traffic. One will be at Dayton Ave N and the other at Linden Ave N. See example diagram at right.
- Collect traffic data throughout the neighborhood before and after the diverters are installed to make sure they’re working properly.
- Do cost-effective “microsurfacing” from N 105th St to N 110th St. Microsurfacing is a maintenance treatment that extends the life of pavement and makes it smoother.
- Remove and reconstruct speed humps on Fremont Ave N from N 105th St to N 110th St, and add new speed humps from N 77th St to N 100th St.
- Adjust traffic signal timing to prioritize people walking and biking.
- Install green bike boxes, where feasible, at the existing traffic signals. Bike boxes are painted spaces at intersections that can make people biking more visible, preventing crashes.

SCHEDULE
The traffic diverters on N 90th St will be constructed this summer, and then the rest of the neighborhood greenway upgrade work will take place before the end of the year.

This neighborhood greenway is part of our family-friendly walking and biking network. You can learn more about our other projects at www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenways.htm.

WHAT’S A DIAGONAL DIVERTER?
Traffic diverters prevent cut-through traffic and help calm neighborhood streets. People driving have to turn at the diverter; people walking and biking don’t.

We keep any traffic circles intact, and work with first responders to maintain emergency access.

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