

Keep Moving Street--Lake Washington Blvd Correspondence (8/30 to 9/4)

Date	Email	Pro	Opposed
30-Aug	<p>I am writing in support of keeping Lake Washington Blvd closed to cars and open to people and bikes!</p> <p>I live on 42nd Ave S and overlook LWB. To my eye, the number of people using the lakefront park has increased 10-fold since the closure to cars. Weekend or weekday, mornings and evenings---there are now individuals walking, couples strolling and families picnicking in the lakefront park. It was never like this before, even on bicycle Sundays. I suspect that families were previously unwilling to bring their kids to a park where cars were zooming by at 45 mph a few feet away (yes, they speed on LWB). And who wants to picnic to the smell of exhaust? The park is now a precious, highly-used FREE community asset.</p> <p>Although I no longer use LWB for driving, this is a minor inconvenience compared to the daily enjoyment from my walks on LWB without the noise, danger and exhaust of the cars.</p> <p>Watching the people in the park from my back porch, I see that most are masked and routinely observe proper social distancing (although this was not previously the case at the Stan Sayres parking lot, which should remain closed until Covid recedes). Most people are pretty good about cleaning up after themselves. And I've noticed two older gentlemen who've taken it upon themselves to walk through the lakefront park and pick up trash a couple of mornings each week. This is exactly the kind of community engagement we want!</p> <p>I urge you to continue the LWB car closure and consider making it permanent.</p>	1	

These have been truly challenging times. One of the few bright spots is being able to enjoy Lake Wa Blvd as a Stay Healthy St. We live nearby and we regularly walk, bike or run down there. Closure to car traffic has made it much easier to do that safely since there is room to socially distance. Much of the community seems to be "safely" enjoying it also - biking, walking, running, rollerblading, dog walking, pushing strollers. It is family friendly and all ages seem to be taking advantage of access to this area.

We live on one of the nearby streets - 50th Ave. South and have not noticed any negative impact. It has been such a positive asset to the community and is widely used. We hope that it can go on for longer, especially since it is still very important to stay healthy and have safe & healthy streets.

Please keep Lake Wa Blvd closed to motor vehicles for a longer period of time, at least through the month of September and hopefully for longer.

Thank you so much for making Lake Washington Blvd. a Stay Healthy Street

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31-Aug

Hello SDOT,
How are you? I live in the Seward Park Lakewood neighborhood and am pleading with you to keep Lake WA Blvd closed from the Mount Baker beach park to Seward Park. It is so wonderful to be able to get outside and relieve so much of the stress related to the pandemic and not have to worry about social distancing. I have not noticed an increase in traffic on the streets away from the blvd either so it does not seem to be causing any traffic problems. I think Lake WA blvd should be closed indefinitely and see no reason why it creates a hardship for anyone.

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1-Sep

Walked along Lake Washington and Seward Park today and was impressed by how many people were biking and walking along the Stay Healthy streets.

I hope that the Lake Washington Boulevard closures can be extended through October. As the days grow shorter and the coronavirus limits our activities, I think that these opportunities will continue to be very important for families.

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1-Sep

Hello SDT, I'm writing to advocate for extending the closure of Lake Washington Blvd for as long as possible. I understand it is currently scheduled to reopen to traffic after Sept 8, but that you are considering an extension. My husband and I have used this street once or twice a day, every single day, since it closed. We use it for biking and walking, and we've also had picnics down there because it's so much more quiet and pleasant. As we struggle for places to safely exercise and gather during COVID, Lake Washington Blvd has been an incredible resource.

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1-Sep

I can't find anything posted on the website except that it says it "might" stay closed through September. As someone who lives a block from the lake, we have been plagued with traffic and cars parking illegally on our street. I would also like to be able to use the street again in my car.

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Please let me know when the opening decision will be made and announced.

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Please extend to the end of September at least. I would suggest mid October. Year round would be my greatest wish.
Thank you!

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1-Sep

Hi, I am both a bike and car commuter on Lake Washington Blvd, and it has been absolutely fabulous commuting via bike on the road without cars. And on days where I need to drive in for my commute, finding an alternative route has not been a problem. Thanks for considering keeping the road closed to cars longer!

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1-Sep

LWB closed to traffic has been such a blessing!!
There is plenty of boulevard available to cars- I would like to request respectfully to keep that portion of the LWB open to the enjoyment of everyone, not cars
Respectfully yours !

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1-Sep

Hello.

I hope you will consider leaving Lake Washington Blvd closed to vehicles, as it is, for the coming months until winter is truly upon us.

If you come and look at what's going on, it's truly amazing. All kinds of people, across racial and socioeconomic spectrums are actively using the space.

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There is community coming to share a space that would otherwise seem unavailable.

People are still home and going to need to stay home for some time, and any opportunity to have safe spaces to get out seems so vital.

1-Sep

To whom it may concern:

We are residents near Lake Washington Blvd near Seward park. We LOOOVE
having the Blvd open for bikes especially if the loop is closed to bikes. It 1
should be either or can't close both!!!

Thank you for your consideration!

1-Sep

Subject: Please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed for the next few months

Thank you

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1-Sep

Hello!

Our family lives in the Seward Park neighborhood and we want to let you know how amazing it has been to have Lake Washington Blvd closed to cars the past few months. It has been such a pleasure to bike, walk, and ride scooters safely with our 7 year old this summer, especially as the Seward Park loop has been closed to wheels. We see people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and genders using and enjoying this public space at all hours of the day every single day. The street closure has been such an enhancement for public space accessibility and has brought so much joy to many people during a very difficult time.

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We are asking that you please consider keeping Lake Washington Blvd as a keep moving street (limited to local access vehicles) through the fall months until the rainy season starts. This would have such a positive physical and psychological impact during these next few challenging months, especially for the disproportionate number of Southeast Seattle residents who have less access to private outdoor space. Thank you very much for considering this feedback!

1-Sep

I'm a boat owner and the shut down of Lake Washington Blvd is a bit overdone. Access to Stan Sayres boat launch should remain open. It's a big inconvenience. The small stretch of road should still be accessible.

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1-Sep

HEHO,

I wanted to write to ask that you reopen the stretch of LWB from Seward to Mt Baker, in some capacity.

I am an avid cyclist, and I drive for my job, so I have perspective on both.

I live in Brighton, and I previously used LWB to come home 5 nights a week. Yes, I witnessed speeding, I also witnessed cyclists not paying attention to proper road cycling behavior. There will always be some of each of these. When you closed LWB to cars, you stopped the folks who are car dependent from enjoying that stretch of road, and turned it into a park for the wealthy, able-bodied, lake-adjacent neighborhoods. Before the closure, I noticed several groups of African immigrants parking along that stretch and picnicking together. That is gone completely. I noticed African American men, gathering in parking lots to enjoy the mini-parks along the lake. That is also gone. What I see now, are groups of white families walking their dogs and babies down the middle of the street, oblivious to who else might be using the street. If the goal was to sharply reduce access to that beautiful part of the SE precinct to already underserved groups, you have done that. And you have moved traffic to streets like 23rd, MLK and Rainier. The neighborhoods adjacent to those streets are already traffic/ speeding impacted.

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Consider restricting car access on more weekends during the year, not just summer Sundays. Print that information a distribute it to all neighborhoods.

2-Sep

The city of Seattle has once again hurt the neighbors who need

From: Jonathan Karschney <jonathan.karschney@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:33 PM
Please keep Lake Washington Boulevard closed to traffic indefinitely. We have LOVED using it to bike or walk and get out some stress. We need a place to get out of the house safely and be active. Our children need a safe place to get exercise out of the house after being behind their computer screens for hours on end. We are Seattleites, born and raised. We were raised to be outside rain or RAIN! I hope there is much consideration for keeping this road closed so that residents nearby can have good access to safe exercise and outdoor space. Thank you for closing it when you did.

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2-Sep

Hello,

I'm writing a note to express support for all Stay Healthy Streets and specifically for the Lake Washington Boulevard Keep Moving Street.

I have observed people of all ages and ethnicities using the street regularly at all times of day for many types of recreation. Lake Washington Boulevard is a treasure in the city and should be preserved as a street for people in the city to enjoy. 1

I ask that this Keep Moving Street will be extended indefinitely as a rare gem for us all to use for outdoor recreation during this extremely challenging time.

2-Sep

In a 15 minute timeframe two cars drove on the stretch between 43rd and Mt Baker Beach. 1
There were families and a stroller on the street.
Please put more and better barriers!

2-Sep

I've really enjoyed the closure of Lake Washington Boulevard between Mount Baker and Seward Park this summer - the ability to get fresh air with adequate physical distancing has been crucial to my well-being.
Is there a possibility that this can be extended through at least the end of September or October? 1
I'd be in favor of keeping Lake Washington Boulevard closed until we revert to standard time.

2-Sep

Hello. I'm writing to ask that you keep people and bikes on Lake Washington Blvd which is right by my home in Columbia City. Cars don't need the bldv and I know because I drive that route for the view. I'd rather give up driving my polluting car along that route to give feet a place to walk safely. 1
Keep the cars on main roads. Give us more time before winter to enjoy exercise safely.

2-Sep

I would like to express my continued appreciation and support for the closure of Lake Washington Boulevard from Mt. Baker to Seward Park. I would love to see this closure continue indefinitely, as I believe it provides substantial improvement to the safety and availability of outdoor spaces for public enjoyment.

As the weather turns, I believe the closure of this stretch of road will continue to be as vital as ever in Covid times, with residents otherwise confined to indoor spaces. Outdoor dining and outdoor visits with friends and family will become increasingly less appealing as rain and cold set in, but recreation outdoors will still be necessary and possible — so long as there is space to do so.

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My only suggestion to improve accessibility would be to re-open some of the parking lots along the lake, perhaps by putting concrete blocks in every other parking space to encourage distancing.

2-Sep

Hi there! I live in Madrona and just wanted to put a vote in to keep Lake Washington Boulevard car-free for as long as possible. It's been wonderful!!

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2-Sep

How are you? I live in the Seward Park Lakewood neighborhood and am pleading with you to keep Lake WA Blvd closed from the Mount Baker beach park to Seward Park. It is so wonderful to be able to get outside, get some much needed cycling or walking in and relieve so much of the stress related to the pandemic and not have to worry about social distancing or traffic. My grandson and I go there everyday!!

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I have not noticed an increase in traffic on the streets away from the blvd either so it does not seem to be causing any traffic problems. I think Lake WA blvd should be closed indefinitely and see no reason why it creates a hardship for anyone especially since schools are online.

2-Sep

Hello,

I am writing to voice my strong support for keeping Lake Washington Blvd between Mt Baker Beach and Seward Park closed to traffic so that people may walk, run or bike while physical/social distancing. I believe this closure should be indefinite during the current public health emergency.

I am a mother of three children. After Lake Washington Blvd closed, we have been able to get daily exercise. Prior to the closure, there was no way or place for us to get a sufficient amount of exercise. With children learning remotely this fall, we will all continue to need a place to exercise and get fresh air, even when it is cloudy and rainy.

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Please consider keeping the boulevard closed indefinitely for the health of our community, especially our children.

2-Sep

Hi-

I am emailing to let you know that I would love to see Lake Washington Blvd stay closed after Sept 30th. It has been wonderful to walk and run down there with no car traffic. It's has been a reliable path to run and walk on with friends during such a difficult time in our world. When you live alone, having a beautiful area to walk in consistently adds some normalcy to the day. Thank you for your consideration.

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2-Sep

Having a lasting vision in my mind remains imprinted with five women walking side by side pushing child strollers down lake Washington boulevard, social distancing. A moment I reckon is the first time I've seen possible in this city.

When has it been that pedestrians win over cars?! When can moms/dads/friends/children take care of themselves by meeting and walking/running/talking and gathering without dangerous speeding cars.

All throughout the city cars dominate the theme. Throughout the entire city we now see a place for people of all shapes/sizes/colors/backgrounds meet safely together.

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Finally I've seen Seattle Open up space for people to be healthy! Thank you for the community support in South Seattle!

Please consider permanently keeping lake Washington boulevard for the people to walk, bike, teach their children to bike, for moms/dads to push strollers and for the community to recognize that they too have a voice!

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Please keep it closed to traffic!

Its so beautiful, quiet and peaceful. We city people need the open space! Keep the disabled parking, maybe expand a bit at the streets that come up to LW blvd so more access for people who can't walk far.

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2-Sep

I would like the road to open back up to cars. My husband is ill and it makes it difficult to access the lake with the road closed. Also, we would appreciate if the various small parking lots and Seward lot could reopen. It gives those who have limited mobility (but do not qualify for a permit) a way to enjoy the lake and the nature surrounding it.

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3-Sep

I do hope you plan to keep to your word and on 8 September as promised, reopen LWB to the rest of the tax-payers unable to cycle or walk comfortably more than a few yards. The closure has been a thoroughly selfish exercise for the benefit of a demanding and vociferous few who think only their needs should take priority and to hell with everyone else.

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Those mainly young people have years ahead of them to enjoy WLB, whilst some of us may only have a few left. Your action in closing off this beautiful route is depriving probably the majority of South Seattlites from this pleasure.

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The closure puts undue burden on the Mt. Baker neighborhood!

The amount of cut-through traffic is very distressing and it seems that there has been no effort to monitor or route it.

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Open Lake Washington Blvd for car traffic please!

3-Sep

Greetings,

As a regular runner, frequent walker, dog walker, and Dad I urge you to keep Lake Washington closed to cars and open to people and bikes (and skateboards, and rollerblades, and those new one-wheeled things, and recumbent bikes, and wheelchairs).

If you haven't been down there yourself, please check it out in person. The atmosphere is as Olmstead intended it to be. The diversity of people and families is joyful and astounding. Its not just local people from well-off Mt. Baker using it. The street and sidewalk and lake are full of people enjoying one of Seattle's true gems, public water front. This is really working well. Let's have the closure of this road be one of the silver linings of Covid. Bear in mind, I say all this as someone who drove on that road many times a week and have had to change my habits; I don't mind a bit given what is being given to our community in return.

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3-Sep

Hi!

I'm hoping this letter goes to the right person. I just wanted to voice my opinion on the closure of Lake Washington Blvd.

The closure has been an inconvenience for my family. We live in Upper Rainier and rely on Lake Washington Blvd to get in and out of the city. My son started school and we're having to find alternative routes because our main route is closed. We are a family of color and feel that this is just another way to displace us. It detaches us from healthier grocery stores our Doctors offices and much more. Please consider what you're doing to everyone involved. Not just the people with the luxury of having bikes and days off during the week to take leisurely walks. Some of us have to commute and yes Lake Washington is a way that a lot of us get to and from essentials we rely on.

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3-Sep

I am a resident of Mt. Baker and I am urging you to please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed to cars.

It has been a life-send to be able to walk and bike safely in the neighborhood while keeping distance. I had on two occasions seen an elderly person nearly hit stepping out into the street to avoid being within 6 feet of others walking on the path next to the road.

Please do everything you can to extend for as long as possible, if not indefinitely the closure of the lake to cars. The benefits greatly outweigh the inconvenience caused because I have to a take a slightly longer route in my car going from one place to another.

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AND if it is not possible to keep the road closed all the way to Seward Park because they are houses along the road on the southern end of this stretch, PLEASE at least keep it closed from Sayers Pit to Mt Baker Beach. There are no houses on this section of the road, so it is never really necessary for cars to take this route.

Thanks for your consideration and work to keep our safe healthy streets in tact going forward.

Much appreciation.

3-Sep

Lake WA Blvd should be kept car free at least through the end of Sept.

It has been wonderful that so many people are able to enjoy the lake while easily keeping socially distant. This has been essential for maintaining physical and emotional health during the pandemic. 1

3-Sep

Hi, Please extend the time period for no cars on LWB. It is so nice to have a calm place to walk, ride, etc. One can hear birds, see beneficial insects, and the air is cleaner. I have lived in the area for many years, and this has been the nicest summer at the Lake. If you can't continue everyday, how about bicycle Saturday and Sunday ever week? Thank you. 1

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For health, carbon reduction and general quality of life, please make the closure of Lk Wa Blvd permanent, or at least extended into winter. 1

Any city across the world that closes streets in favor of pedestrians, bikes, and businesses wonders why they didn't do it sooner. And the Emerald City claims to be green? Let's see what you do. Think big, long term.

3-Sep

I am encouraging you to continue with the vehicle closure from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park. The last announcement I read indicated the closure was through Labor Day.

We live in walking distance to this corridor, and the prolonged closure has been the most positive change to come to our neighborhood in the 30+ years we have lived here. It has greatly helped with social distancing, and there always are a significant number of people using the park and closed streets. 1

3-Sep

Hi!

Our entire family has enjoyed the closure of lake wash Blvd tremendously! We've walked, we biked, we've rollerbladed. We use it daily and it has been such a welcome place to safely enjoy the outdoors during the pandemic. We live in south mount baker near genesee street about a mile away from lake wash Blvd and we do find the closure has increased traffic near our home, but the street closure is worth it. During quarantine we couldn't even walk around that area because there were so many people and not adequate distancing.

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The other closed streets in and our neighborhood and Columbia city do not seem to be as utilized. The signs are often moved and cars regularly drive on them.

Thanks again for this brilliant idea! Please consider keeping lake Washington Blvd closed until the weather chases us all inside or forever!

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Hoping that someone making these decisions receives this and reaches out to those who are denied access to Lake Washington Blvd due to your closure.

Please do NOT keep Lake Washington Blvd closed. It inequitably benefits the wealthy people living on or within a few blocks of the lake. Those of us who are seniors and farther away are denied lake access because we can't walk or bike the hills. Exercise is important for seniors and closure of the Blvd limits our access. I've lived in the neighborhood for 40+ years and this is the first blatantly discriminatory action that I've seen against seniors and others who are not directly on or very close, without hills, to the Blvd. I've been paying increasing property taxes for all of these years and realizing few and few services. As I age and the virus causes me to self quarantine, I need to stay active and would like to have the same benefits as those who live on the Blvd. Please open the Blvd and provide equal treatment to all tax payers.

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3-Sep

Hi,
I would love to see Lake Washington Boulevard continued to be used for pedestrians and bikes until it starts raining. My family is out there multiple times a week and there are tons of people making use of the space. It would be a shame to lose it as it would be difficult to socially distance once everyone has to use the bike path.

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3-Sep

I hope you will consider keeping Lake Washington Blvd closed to car traffic thru the end of 2020.

Having the street accessible for walkers, bikers, strollers, skaters, older folks, children, people fishing, swimming and socializing at safe social distances is essential to the cities health and wellbeing during this difficult time.

Everyday I walk, run or bike on the route and everyday I witness people of all ages, races, able-isms and interests using the lakefront to stay active and healthy.

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As someone who lives in the neighborhood I can attest to the fact that the street closure has not created any meaningful disruption to getting around. There are many other routes for accessing the neighborhood and the lake.

It is safer, quieter and better used now that it is car free. Please consider keeping the road car free at least thru the end of 2020, if not longer.

3-Sep Thank you so much for considering this request. I know many many more

I use it everyday as do many others. It keeps us safe!

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3-Sep

Hello-
Our family and community have enjoyed the safety and space of having Lake WA Blvd closed these past several weeks. It allows us to get out and not worry about the building traffic in our neighborhood.
Please consider keeping the route closed through the winter. This will help families get outside and feel safe as the weather turns to Fall/Winter and rain.

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3-Sep

hi there, we are seattle city residents and we deeply enjoy the open/no car stretch of lake washington blvd north of seward park. please keep it open (and closed to traffic) through october at least, please! i hope it is an annual closure. it has been a godsend for me (a runner) and my kids (6 and 8, bicyclists) to get exercise safely.

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3-Sep

This is just a short note to let you know how wonderful it has been to have Lake Washington Boulevard as a place for people to go for exercise and fresh air.

I've gone several times now, and see many, many people and families enjoying the summer in that open space. Everyone, by and large, is following the rules.

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It would be great to have this closure-to-cars continue through all of September, and maybe beyond, if that is feasible. King County is still not out of the woods with Covid 19, though the data in recent days is encouraging. It's not over yet!

3-Sep

As a 65 year old, it has been so important for me to get daily exercise in a covid-safe place. I walk every day from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park --- and I only can do this safely when the road is closed to cars. Otherwise, I will go back to what I did before, walking residential streets with less cars. It is more dangerous when walking with another senior friend, since one of us walks on the sidewalk and the other to stay 6 ft apart walks in the street. But we have no other choice if the Blvd closes.

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Thank you for making my summer walks safe for me -- please make my winter walks in the dawn and dusk light safe! Keep the Boulevard open!

3-Sep

I am a local resident in the Seward Park/Columbia City area, and I'm writing in support of keeping Lake Washington Blvd a Stay Healthy Street.

I utilize the street multiple times per week, and really appreciate having space to exercise and enjoy the lake while maintaining social distancing. Every time I am on Lake Washington Blvd, I see numerous people from all different walks of life enjoying the space as well.

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It would be great to have Lake Washington Blvd closed to car traffic through the rest of the year — I think it would be a great boon to the community and public health. I have not experienced any negative consequences from this program.

3-Sep

I am writing to encourage you to continue the closure of lake Washington Boulevard to cars. I live a few blocks away and I walk along the lake several times a week. Before the closure, it was difficult to keep six feet away from other walkers without stepping into traffic.

It is a joy to see so many people of all ages walking, running or biking along the boulevard. It is now easy to stay far enough away from other users. Being active in a beautiful place is important to maintaining our health during this pandemic. As long as kids cannot go to school or participate in sports, it is important for families to have places to be active together.

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I recommend that you post signs asking bicyclists to slow down when walkers or kids on bikes are present. Also, although I am able to walk to the lake, I would support reopening the parking lots at the north end of the closure to make access easier for those who do not live so close.

I really appreciate your decision to close the boulevard to cars. I also appreciate and use all the other community greenways in central and south Seattle. I hope you will continue to expand walkability in Seattle.

3-Sep

Thank you for closing LK wa Blvd to cars. Please continue to keep it closed past the tentative Sept 8 reopening date.

It is a wonderful location for allowing people to do all the activities they do there anyway, without interference from vehicles. Since the onset of COVID, the boulevard has been even more popular for jogging, cycling, scooting, strolling and just playing. And now, since it has been closed to cars, it has become much safer for all those activities, since pedestrians had been entering the street in order to stay 6' from others, and now are no longer in danger of being hit by cars.

As for Race and Social Justice issues, the concern is to provide access for people who don't live super close to nice parks, or in this case, to this lovely boulevard. It appears as though people from the larger south end neighborhood, and not just those who live super close, have figured out how to park on the nearby streets to access the park all along the lake. It is great to see so much variety in who has been using the closed boulevard and it's shoreline, including many small family / friend pods who are picnicking, playing, launching floaters, discovering turtles and just having fun, all along the lake, with face masks, plenty of social distance, and no worries about their kids being in traffic.

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Thanks for improving signage so that it's more clear to cars what is and is not closed, who is allowed access, and how fast allowed vehicles, and bicycles, may travel. After a confusing start, compliance by cars appears to be total, so now that vehicle users are accustomed to the closure, the hard work has been done. Let's take advantage of that and keep the boulevard closed.

3-Sep

Closing LK Washington Blvd to car traffic was a brilliant move, giving people more space to social distance during COVID. I realize it is inconvenient for those who live on the Blvd or on an adjacent side street (due to increased street parking), and am thankful to all who made daily sacrifices for the good of the bikers, walkers, and all the apartment dwellers who need more open spaces to be in.

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Please consider extending the closure beyond this week. Having access to the watering fresh air has been such a godsend and contributes to the mental and physical well being of so many!

3-Sep

I am so enjoying taking my bike out each day. At 75 I don't feel safe riding in traffic, but this is perfect. It's wonderful seeing how many people are taking advantage, particularly children with their parents. They need an outlet after school by Zoom. I really hope you can keep it up through September. It's also safe for people walking to have more room between parties. I believe cars can take alternative routes and not use those three miles as a thoroughfare.

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Thank you for considering keeping Lake Washington Blvd closed for vehicles through September.

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Please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed to traffic beyond the September 8 deadline! This is a wonderful way for people to social distance and enjoy the parks along Lake Washington. Please keep the Boulevard closed to traffic at least through October 31st.

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3-Sep

Hello,

The closing of Lake Washington Blvd from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park has been an enormous gift to us during the pandemic. My family and our neighbors use it regularly to walk, bike, and enjoy the lake, and the expanse allows us to still safely social distance. The scene at the lake before it was closed was unhealthy and I didn't feel safe going there.

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PLEASE keep it closed beyond Labor Day! It is keeping us sane during this difficult time.

Thank you for your consideration

3-Sep

Hello! I am writing to urge you to keep Lake Washington Blvd car free. It has been so great to see how many people are using it for social distance walking and biking. I live in the neighborhood. Thank you!

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3-Sep

<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am emailing in support of extending the closure of Lake Washington Blvd between Mt Baker Beach and Seward Park. It has been really lovely having the road closed off and has been very effective in allowing people to social distance. I am a long time Mt Baker resident since '92 and many of my fellow neighbors also love having the boulevard closed.</p> <p>3-Sep</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>3-Sep</p>	<p>Please keep Lake Washington Boulevard open to walkers with reduced traffic. I've been enjoying walking and biking on the trail and would like to see this enhanced public use continue.</p> <p>1</p>
<p>3-Sep</p>	<p>The car-free Boulevard has been so successful I think. Please extend the time period for keeping the Boulevard safe for walkers, joggers, bikers, etc.</p> <p>1</p>
<p>3-Sep</p>	<p>I am writing to you as a resident of Columbia City whose quality of life has been significantly improved by the removal of cars from Lake Washington Blvd. Early on in the pandemic, the popular walking trail along the lake would get so crowd that I no longer felt comfortable using it. Pedestrians were forced to choose between not maintaining 6' of distance or stepping out into the street, often full of cars racing too quickly around curves with poor visibility.</p> <p>Since the Stay Healthy Streets designation, I have been able to use Genesee Park in combination with Lake Washington Blvd as a primary location for getting outside time and movement. Now I see families on the sidewalk with small children while pedestrians, runners, and cyclists comfortably share the scenic street.</p> <p>Please extend the time for Lake Washington Blvd to be a Stay Healthy Street through at least the end of October and strongly consider making the change permanent.</p> <p>1</p>
<p>3-Sep</p>	<p>Hello Stay Healthy Streets,</p> <p>I would love for the Lake Washington Boulevard to remain for bikers and people.</p> <p>1</p> <p>Thank you for all that you do!</p>

Hello SDOT

Having Lake Washington blvd closed to cars has been such a wonderful thing for the health of our communities.

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Please keep LWB closed to cars between Mt Baker Beach and Seward Park this Fall.

3-Sep

I'd like to voice enthusiastic support for keeping Lake Washington Blvd in Mt. Baker and Seward Park closed to cars and open to people and bikes. I live along Lake Washington and run and walk (with a mask!) my dog daily along the area. What a pleasure it has been to see so many people enjoying the beautiful waterfront in different ways - through walking, running, cycling and dog activities. As a woman of color, it has been such a pleasure to see the diversity that the area brings, and makes me feel more at home. I can't imagine losing this gathering place for locals and tourists alike to cars, and losing the community feel and the active playground for exercise and health this place provides, especially when other fitness outlets are unsafe and/or closed for the pandemic.

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When visitors come to visit me, it is this path that I build into our daily routine for their enjoyment, and it is the type of feature that could be a fixed natural asset of Seattle should it remain closed for human needs, and not car overflow.

I urge you to continue the LWB car closure and consider making it permanent. You've done a great job to date—please keep up the excellent work!

3-Sep

Request:

Lake Washington Blvd

Remain open to bikes and pedestrians till the end of September or longer.

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3-Sep

I understand Lake Washington Blvd is opening up back to cars next week. I'm writing to express a hope that this could be extended to October. It has been such an emotional and physical release to get a little extra exercise every day. I'm a business owner who has seen a 85% decrease in my business. It's a hard time for many people and to be able to get fresh air and see our community from a distance has been wonderful. Thank you for taking this into serious consideration.

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3-Sep

I am writing to request that Lake Washington BLVD remain open to pedestrians and bikes throughout the month of September. Please extend the road closure past the 9/8 deadline!

I would love it if the city would consider this closure as a permanent change. The impact of having this roadway open to the people is significant! My family and friends have all really enjoyed the ability to get out and see out city again without the fear of crowed areas and car accidents. As you know this area has very poor bicycle lanes which puts our citie's bikers right in the middle of what is often high speed traffic.

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Thank you for making the moves you have so far! Please consider keeping the positive impact going, and please look at ways we could make this a long last change for all of us in the area.

3-Sep

I'd like to write for my support in perpetual closure of Lake Washington Blvd. I live in Leschi, and routinely walk and run along the Lakeshore. It has been so nice to have the entire street to safely run and walk with my dogs without cars speeding by, swerving around the cyclists. It is a minor inconvenience for me to have to detour around on the surface streets if I'm traveling south. The closure has meant a new free and well used and appreciated park for people in Seattle to enjoy. This is such a treat for everyone near and far who can enjoy this.

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I fully support the ongoing closure of this stretch of Lake Washington Blvd for the public to use as a walkable street.

3-Sep

Would love to see the street stay car free until it cools off more— delay until November? Thanks!

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4-Sep

4-Sep	<p>Please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed until the end of September so we can have space to ride, walk, push baby strollers without having to dodge cars. Thanks so much!</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Thank you so much for closing Lake WA Blvd. I hope that the Blvd will remain closed and become a permanent park. It has been a joy seeing people biking, walking, skating, running and simply enjoying the beautiful surroundings.</p> <p>The only other suggestion I have is to find a way to open the parking lots near the Blvd. To allow for the most equitable access, people who don't live within walking distance need to have options to park their car nearby. In addition, because of covid, on extreme heat days people have to have a place to cool down and the lake and Lake WA Blvd provides a great option for folks to cool down and remain socially distanced.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Please extend the closure of Lake Washington Blvd for foot and bike traffic ONLY. It has been wonderful to have that as a resource given the limited things we can do because of the pandemic to get regular and safe exercise.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Don't know how I missed the August survey, but- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider keeping Lake Washington Blvd open as a Keep Healthy Street beyond the current date of September 8. It would be appreciated if it remains closed to vehicles for the fall, to the end of September or, better yet, October.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I'm writing as a resident of Columbia City who has thoroughly enjoyed the ability to utilize Lake Washington boulevard this summer as a pedestrian friendly space without the fear of cars. I am writing to voice my support to keep LWB as a Stay Healthy Street past Sept 8th.</p>	1

I just want to add my two cents about keeping lwb closed until the end of the year. I am in favor of it especially since the parking lots are also closed. It was a disaster when it was open due to cars parking everywhere and anywhere all along the lake. I've lived in Mt. baker for 32 years and have never seen anything like it. Cars parked between every tree destroying the grass/ landscaping and people everywhere with no social distancing. It's much better to keep the road closed until the pandemic is over.
Thanks for listening!

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4-Sep

This is a phenomenal resource - a calming, healthy, essential resource. I have seen more small children and families on bikes, skateboards, feet, etc. consistently, every day, since this resource has been made available. I see people using it as a mobility solution that is safe from traffic.

If Seattle truly wants to calm traffic, meet Vision Zero, and encourage citizens to do something other than get in their cars every time they want to go somewhere, it is essential to SE Seattle and the city that Lake Washington Blvd remain closed to cars permanently. ALL stay healthy streets should remain as they are now, but Lake Washington Blvd is essential.

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4-Sep

Dear stay healthy treets
I bike on the blvd. almost every day and it is a good way for my family to have fun easily and not have to be too worried about a deadly accident.
KEEP IT CLOSED!!

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4-Sep

Please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed to traffic. It is so nice to be able to bike, without worrying about cars and being able to stay 6 feet when walking. Let's keep having it be a safe space.

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4-Sep

Please keep Lake Washington Blvd closed to traffic for the duration of the pandemic. It has been a wonderful and safe option to get my whole family outside safely!!

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4-Sep

4-Sep	<p>Please do not re-open Lake Washington Boulevard. It is a wonderful place to walk. We live in the neighborhood and are quite content to have the street closed to automobile traffic. The boulevard gives all of us, families, bikers, joggers, and dog walkers a place to get outside in these difficult times</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>We have really appreciated being able to spread out to walk on Lake Washington Boulevard! Since the weather usually continues to be good in September, it would be awesome to continue the closure through the end of the month!</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I wanted to write in and voice my concern for opening LWB back up to car traffic next week. Please consider closing LWB long term to provide a safe and distanced area for the community to get outside and stay healthy.</p> <p>I live in the neighborhood am out almost everyday, and see neighbors and community members from all around Seattle coming to utilize this greenway since it has been designated as a no traffic zone.</p> <p>Please keep LWB closed to car traffic!</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Hello - I am writing you to voice my support in keeping Lake Washington Blvd closed to cars and open to walkers, bikers, and others enjoying being outside while also being able to keep safe distance from each other. Having the Blvd closed has been one of the highlights of the Summer, so thank you for closing it to begin with and I hope it can stay closed for much longer.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I want to commend you on closing Lake Washington Blvd to automobile traffic this summer. I believe it has diminished crowding at the Mt. Baker Beach and afforded many opportunities for healthy exercise with safe social distancing. I would be delighted if the policy continues through the end of September, or beyond.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I just want to say how great it has been to have Lake Washington Boulevard closed to car traffic. Although it's inconvenient to have to take alternate routes when it has always been my main thorough fare, I so appreciate the wide open safe space in having it closed. I hope it gets well extend it beyond September 8. What's the status?</p>	1

I'm not sure if it's still planned for reopening to traffic on Tuesday, but this has been *such* a boon to our neighborhood this summer.

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4-Sep

I wanted to ask if there are any discussions being had to keep cars off Lake Washington Blvd. longer than September 8th?
We have loved the change and ride or walk at least 3-4 times a week since the closure.

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With the weather finally cooperating it would be nice to still have the opportunity to ride or walk along the blvd without cars.
It also makes the Seward Park loop less congested and safer without the bike traffic.

4-Sep

I strongly support the extension of the Stay Healthy Street on Lake Washington Boulevard to at least the end of September, and would also strongly support a longer/permanent extension.

I am a Mount Baker resident and I use the street to walk, run, bike, and access swimming areas basically every day of the week. It feels much safer without cars, and it has been possible to socially distance now that people can spread out. This is a HUGE benefit to me and my family. We accessed this road maybe one or twice a week before the closure to cars.

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You have created, in essence, a new park and public space. It is providing a safe and vital social connection for south seattle residents and visitors during a very difficult time.

Thank you for all the work you do.

4-Sep

I'm writing in support of extending the Stay Healthy Street on Lake Washington Boulevard to at least the end of September, and would also strongly support a longer/permanent extension. I use the open street to walk, run, bike, and access swimming areas nearly every day of the week (prior to the street opening, I used it maybe once a week). I find that it feels safer without cars, and also that it promotes easier social distancing.

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Thank you for your work on the Stay Healthy Streets program!

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4-Sep	<p>It has been such a wonderful beacon the latest few months for thousands of people.</p> <p>Please keep the closure permanently!</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Just wanted to give my impute for the Lk WA Blvd closure. I think this is a great asset and would like to see the blvd kept closurse extended as long as possible. Maybe at least until the winter weather sets in and it does not get as much use by pedestrians and cycylists. Thank you so much.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Dear road closure department,</p> <p>I was inquiring about the re-opening of Lake Washington BLVD. I live and work near this road and have my livelihood dependent on this road.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>Please extend the closure of LWB through the end of the year. My family of 4 is thoroughly enjoying the space for walking, biking and jogging.</p> <p>I live right above LWB and while it would be convenient to drive on to</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>In case you haven't decided to extend excluding motorized vehicles from Lk Wa Blvd, please do. It's been wonderful as a place for worry-free biking during the pandemic.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I am writing in support for continuing the stay health street/no car traffic on Lake Washington Blvd South past Labor Day.</p> <p>I live on 38th Street S, just north of Genese Rd, blocks from Lake Washington Blvd and frequent that area often. My family, which includes myself, my husband, our son (3yrs) and daughter (11mo) and dog bike, jog, walk and play along the lake, the paths and roadway. The lack of cars has dramatically improved our ability to appropriately socially distance from others and continue to enhance our safety.</p> <p>Please strongly consider continuing this stretch of roadway as a healthy street for the South Seattle area/neighborhood.</p>	1
4-Sep	<p>I would urge that LWB remain CLOSED to motorized traffic until the end of Sept. The closure has been a wonderful relief during the pandemic and summer is still here, when many more folks will take advantage of the open, safe boulevard!</p>	1

Seeing the range of ages, modes, and ethnicity on the Lake Washington Blvd Park Stay Healthy Street has been a feast of joy amidst Pandemic-2020.

It would be nice if Alki Ave SW, between at least 59th and 61st, could get a similar treatment.

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3-Sep

Constituent wants to let SDOT know, that she and her neighbors love the Keep it moving street on Lake Washington Blvd and wants it extended.

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31-Aug

I wanted to send a quick note of encouragement to say how fantastic having Lake Washington Boulevard closed to cars has been during the pandemic. It's felt like a magic pressure release valve.

I've heard it's possible that it stay open past September 9 and I would love to vote in favor of that. (Frankly, I'd love it if it stayed that way forever.) I've copied my wife, Elisabeth, along with my sister, Gina and brother-in-law Ben, all of us who live nearby have been able to take advantage of it.

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28-Aug

Hello, I'm writing to express my support for extending the pedestrian-only designation for Lake Washington Boulevard past the current expiration date in early September. I live in Leschi, work in Columbia City and have friends who live near Seward Park. My experience has been that the closure has not reduced my travel time or created other difficulties. I hope you will extend the closure (and making it permanent would be great too!).

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28-Aug

I hear every day the happy conversations, and the smiling faces, of hundreds of people who enjoy walking bicycling and running with their friends and families on Lake Washington Boulevard. This happy outlet for thousands of citizens of Seattle is in my opinion worth the minor inconvenience to those who would normally use it for cars.

Please register my support for keeping Lake Washington Boulevard available primarily for human walkers joggers bicyclists and enjoyers of peacefulness and nature. It would also be wonderful to find a time slot during the day, perhaps in the early morning, to allow bicyclists to ride around Seward Park Island, which is a wonderful peaceful and humanizing ride.

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Kids, adults, and seniors of many racial and socioeconomic groups are enjoying LWB as a safe place To get some fresh air and comfort during our national health emergency. Please help us retain this benefit.

24-Aug

It's been such a wonderful way to get out of the house for covid. I live in Columbia city and I am so appreciative and would love to see this closure to cars be permanent.

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24-Aug

I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for creating extended safe space for people to recreate during the pandemic by closing Lake WA Blvd. It has been a resounding success, and it is very encouraging for adults and children to have a safe place to maintain their physical and mental health during this time.

In addition, due to the lower amount of commuting, it has not impacted traffic in the area and traffic has been no different than typical summers. The only traffic impacts I have seen have been due to road construction in other areas.

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I would like to pass on my resounding support to extend the Lake WA Blvd closure through at least the Fall. Thank you so much for your consideration and for providing safe places for our community to recreate!

24-Aug

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