Green Lake Outer Loop

Online Open House Summary

November 9, 2021, 6 – 7 PM via WebEx

SUMMARY

426 Total Registrations | 221 Total Attendees

The Green Lake Outer Loop hosted an Online Open House on November 9, 2021, from 6 – 7 PM. This Virtual Open House was an opportunity for the project team to introduce themselves, provide a project overview, share project background and proposed design options for segments 1 and 2 (along Aurora Ave N and W Green Lake Dr N), and launch the survey.

The Online Open House launched the beginning of outreach for the Green Lake Outer Loop project. We will continue to connect with the community regarding proposed project designs and gathering feedback.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- **11/1**: Project webpage launch and update
- **11/1**: Listserv email with project and Online Open House announcement
- **11/2**: Postcard Mailer: Sent to 10,879 addresses, mailing map located here
- **11/3**: Door hangers on around 100 homes and businesses in the neighborhood and along Winona and West Green Lake Drive N.
- **11/5 – 11/9**: Sign up confirmation and meeting information emails
- **11/9**: Event reminder email
- **11/10**: Listserv email with survey announcement

MATERIALS

- Doorhanger
- Postcard Mailer
- Powerpoint Presentation
- Q&A submitted via chat during the Virtual Open House

WHAT WE HEARD

- **Support**
  - Appreciate efforts to support and create safe spaces for active transportation
  - This project would greatly increase safety and benefit those who are navigating around Green Lake not in a vehicle
- **Opposition**
  - There is sufficient space for biking and walking around Green Lake already
  - Removing parking and a lane on Aurora will increase traffic and impact residents
- **Aurora Segment**
  - Removing a lane would greatly increase traffic for those leaving the City
  - Concern for safety for vehicles and cyclists when merging onto Aurora
- **W Green Lake Drive N**
Making changes to this critical arterial will increase traffic and impact how people navigate around Green Lake.

- There is support for option 2

- **Outer Loop Use**
  - People walking and biking already have access to the inside loop for recreation
  - Some in support of wheels-only on the proposed Outer Loop
  - Concerns Outer Loop impacting access to other recreational activities, such as boating

- **Parking**
  - Parking removal will affect residents of Green Lake
  - Removing parking on W Green Lake Way N will also affect Park visitors who use neighborhood parking to visit the Park

- **Barriers**
  - Concrete barriers are great for safety

**NEXT STEPS**

- **Winter 2022**: Collect traffic data, conduct traffic analysis, continue engagement, including participating in existing community group meetings; consider funding sources
- **Winter/Spring 2022**: Aurora Ave N corridor planning study launches
- **Spring 2022**: Review community engagement feedback and traffic analysis results, work with WSDOT, draft a design
- **Spring 2022**: Community engagement to share proposed design and get additional feedback
  - Summer/Fall 2022 Construction (funding dependent)