Stay Healthy Streets

Communities rethinking streets and sidewalks

Greenwood/1st Ave NW – Online Open House
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Agenda

- Overview of Stay Healthy Streets
  - Background
  - Transition to permanent
  - What we've learned from recent survey
- Standard Design
  - Intersection treatment
  - Design poll!
- Enhancements
  - Concept designs
  - Potential locations
  - Education
Rules of Conduct

- Participants are required to conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum
- Please hold questions until after the presentation, it may be covered in a later slide
- Be curious, creative, and open to new ideas
- Please raise your hand in Teams to speak so we can take them in the order received
- Individuals who wish to NOT have their video, audio, or chat recorded, are advised to exit the meeting
What are they?
Stay Healthy Streets are “Closed” to enable those walking and rolling to legally use the street.

These streets maintain access for residents, visitors, and deliveries.

Stay Healthy Streets can include:

• Neighborhood Greenway traffic safety features like easier crossings of busy streets, speed humps, and sign and pavement markings to help people find their way

• Permit-free neighborhood activities like potlucks and badminton

• Treatments at intersections to discourage cut through-traffic like traffic circles and street murals
Where are they?

Current Locations

1. Lake City
2. Greenwood
3. Ballard
4. Green Lake
5. Wallingford
6. Bell St
7. Central District
8. Alki Point
9. West Seattle/High Point
10. Delridge-Highland Park
11. Beacon Hill
12. Rainier Valley

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Why were they created?

Stay Healthy Streets were created to:

• Make life easier for residents during the pandemic
• Create more dedicated space to recreate outdoors while social distancing
• Connect residents to essential businesses
Transition to Permanent: Process

STAY HEALTHY STREETS
Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets

1. Needs Assessment
2. Feasibility
3. Pilot
4. Evaluate
5. Design
Permanent

If a Stay Healthy Street request does not progress to the next step recommended alternative programs include: Stay Healthy Blocks, block party and play street permits, home zones, neighborhood traffic calming, street murals, and Your Voice Your Choice participatory budgeting.
Is this street a good candidate for permanent implementation?

1. Needs Assessment
2. Feasibility
3. Pilot
4. Evaluate
5. Design

3. Pilot: A Temporary Stay Healthy Street
   - Observe
   - Listen
   - Evaluate
   - Are there more people walking, rolling, and biking?

4. Evaluation of a Pilot Stay Healthy Street
   - Are there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?
   - Is there neighborhood support for the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)
   - How well did this Pilot SHS serve? Are there fewer vehicles driving on the street? Are the vehicles traveling slowly?
Transition to Permanent: Evaluation

Walk/Roll Counts

NGW = Neighborhood Greenway
SHS = Stay Healthy Street

This intersection has 2 schools that were closed due to COVID-19.
What we’ve learned from the most recent survey

Most survey respondents want the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street to be made permanent.
Transition to Permanent: Evaluation

Vehicle Counts

NGW = Neighborhood Greenway
SHS = Stay Healthy Street
What we’ve learned from the most recent survey

78% of respondents felt that the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street was valuable during the COVID-19 pandemic AND after things resume to “normal.”
### What would a permanent Stay Healthy Street look like in this location?

#### 1. Needs Assessment
#### 2. Feasibility
#### 3. Pilot
#### 4. Evaluate
#### 5. Design

## Community Based Design

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<th>What changes will support a safe street for walking, rolling and biking?</th>
<th>Which blocks should remain closed to vehicles? Are there key locations where vehicle access needs to be prioritized?</th>
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What we’ve learned from the most recent survey

There were many reasons why they wanted it to be made permanent
What we’ve learned from the most recent survey

91% of respondents indicated they feel safe, of the 9% that indicated they did not, they provided the following reasons:
What we’ve learned from the most recent survey

Respondents had many ideas for how the Stay Healthy Street could improve their community.
Phase 1 Improvements

- NW 73rd Street to NW 79th Street
- Safety enhancements:
  - New stop control (73rd)
  - Improved stop control (79th)
  - Standard intersection design
- Spot improvements:
  - Increased pedestrian phase (85th)
  - Possible mailbox consolidation (87th-100th)
- As soon as May 2021
Phase 2 Improvements

- NW 79th St to NW 100th St
  - Improved stop controls
  - Standard intersection design
- Place-keeping enhancements along the entire route
- As soon as Summer 2021
My suggestions include having “bump-outs” that take over what are now one or two [Illegal] parking spaces in each block. These would act to slow down and discourage drive throughs (yes, we do still have some).

- Greenwood SHS Resident/Architect
Bulb Aesthetic - Prefabricated

- Can be installed sooner
- Will fill the space
- Semi-custom

1. Select a Pattern

2. Select a Color

1  2  3  4  5
Bulb Aesthetic- Custom

- Will take longer to install
- Won’t fill the space

Virtually any design can be placed inside the double white lines
Design - Stop Sign Pop-Outs

Locations: 73rd and 79th

Asphalt filled

or

Area for neighbors to plant
Place-Keeping Ideas

Intersection Murals

Painted Ecology Blocks

Quirky Wayfinding
Place-Keeping Ideas

Long Jump

Hop Scotch

Racetrack
Place-Keeping Ideas

Shape Walk

Jumping Feet

Ruler

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Place-Keeping Ideas

B-Ball

Furniture

Natural Drainage
Which Enhancements & Where?

Enter in the chat!

Which were your favorite?

Where would you like to see them?

What other ideas do you have?
Education

We’ve heard that there is a need to educate users about:

- Litter (including dog waste)
- Some will need to drive on the SHS
- Respect private property
- Limit noise
- Abide by Public Health guidelines (mask up)

What is the best method?
- Yard signs
- Intersection signs
- Artistic
Breakout Rooms

You will now be placed in a breakout room to share your ideas and have questions answered.

We will spend about 20 minutes in breakout rooms then return to the main room.

Feel free to add input in the chat or send comments via email!

*Please be patient while we add participants to rooms.*
 Breakout Rooms

1. Please share comments or questions regarding the proposed improvements in Phase 1 or Phase 2.
2. Are there any high-priority items we’ve overlooked?
3. What place-keeping elements would add to the sense of community along this Stay Healthy Street?
4. Where would you like to see these?
5. How do we best educate users?
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Email us to join our list serve and stay up to date!

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