SAND POINT WAY NE CORRIDOR PROJECT









PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2016, residents from the community submitted a grant request to fund sidewalk improvements along Sand Point Way NE. The initial grant was funded through the former Neighborhood Parks and Streets Fund (NPSF). In 2017, NPSF transformed into the Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets program.

The community request was driven by the lack of continuous sidewalks, and the safety concerns along the corridor. The request led to a transportation study completed in 2017 by a consulting firm. The study suggested potential ways Sand Point Way NE could be enhanced.

Sand Point Way NE is an arterial street in northeast Seattle lined with single and multifamily homes. Sand Point Way NE connects many activity centers such as University Village, University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital, Magnuson Park, and runs parallel to the Burke-Gilman Trail. 16,000 vehicles travel on Sand Point Way NE each weekday and many bus routes serve the corridor.

There have been numerous pedestrian collisions at the intersections along Sand Point Way NE and there are gaps in the sidewalk network. Our primary goals are to improve safety and mobility along the corridor so people who live, work, and play along Sand Point Way NE can have a more comfortable, enjoyable experience.

This project is a partnership between our Sidewalk Development and Vision Zero program. Vision Zero is Seattle's plan towards zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets by 2030.



OUTREACH OVERVIEW

We're seeking input to make travel safer on Sand Point Way NE to reduce crashes at intersections and enhance pedestrian facilities between Princeton Ave NE and NE 125th St. We held a public comment period for feedback on existing conditions from March to April 2018. We're now expanding on this initial outreach. Throughout 2018, we aim to work with the community to identify common themes to inform project design and develop streets with enhanced connectivity, predictability, and safety for all travelers.

Our outreach strategy combined both online and in-person communication. Online, we created a web page which provided project information and hosted project updates, hosted an online survey to gather feedback, ran a social media campaign and sent email notifications to key stakeholders. We sent ~12,000 postcard notifications to nearby Seattle residents to raise project awareness, direct them to our online survey and notify them of in-person engagement opportunities. In-person, we hosted two drop-in events and held briefings with various committees, City departments and community groups.

The table below outlines outreach activities completed through April 2018:

When	What	Details
February 5, 2018	Briefing with Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation	Provided project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, and gathered feedback
February 26, 2018	Phone meeting with Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation	Identified Proview as the route for seeking approvals
March 7, 2018	Project web page	Project web page published live; provided project overview, preliminary design and construction timeline
March 7, 2018	Postcard notifications to ~12,000 Northeast Seattle residents	Raised project awareness; provided survey link, and noted upcoming drop-in events
March 7, 2018	Email to key stakeholders (identified during 2017 engagement)	Early notification provided notice that the project was resuming outreach efforts. Provided survey link, and noted upcoming drop-in events

When	What	Details
March 17, 2018	Drop-in event at Gretchen's Place	Raised project awareness; provided materials, project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, and an opportunity to take our survey in-person
March 22, 2018	Briefing with Cascade Bicycle Club	Raised project awareness; provided materials, project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, and gathered feedback
March 24, 2018	Drop-in event at City People's Sand Point	Raised project awareness; provided materials, project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, and an opportunity to take our survey in-person
March 14 – April 12, 2018	Facebook Ad Campaign	Raised project awareness; advertised and linked to project survey
March 14 – April 13, 2018	Online Survey	Raised project awareness; gathered early community feedback and suggestions. Received 1,184 survey responses
April 10, 2018	Briefing with Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation – Proview	Presentation; provided project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, and gathered feedback
April 10, 2018	Briefing with Sand Point Architectural Review Committee	Provided project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, opportunity for public comment, and facilitated monument relocation discussion
April 11, 2018	Briefing with Magnuson Park Advisory Committee	Provided project overview, preliminary design, construction timeline, opportunity for public comment, and gathered feedback
Ongoing	Website updates	Sharing up to date project information; opportunities for involvement

TRANSLATION NEEDS

About ~10-12% of the residents within the project area speak a language other than English at home. These languages are Spanish (~5-6%) and Chinese (~5-6%). Historically, we see that those who speak a language other than English at home may be less likely to participate in public projects. This can result in an underrepresentation by community members as part of public engagement processes, due to potential distrust of government that input will be used to influence decisions and a history of inaccessibility of information for non-native English speakers.

To help increase public engagement and participation to those who speak English "less than very well" we provided the following:

- Translated project fact sheets in both Spanish and Chinese
- Option to translate web, survey, and other project materials upon request
- Option to provide input via phone, with the use of interpreters





BY THE NUMBERS



~12,000 postcard mailers sent to nearby Seattle residents



email notifications sent to key stakeholders





5,339 Seattle residents notified via Facebook and Twitter



people attended the drop-in session at Gretchen's Place on March 17, 2018



people attended the drop-in session at City People's on March 24, 2018



briefings held from February 1 – April 18, 2018



email comments received from February 1 -April 18, 2018



1,184 surveys completed from March 14 - April 14, 2018



written comments received from February 1 -April 18, 2018

WHAT WE HEARD

The following comments represent the most vocalized and common themes gathered during all phases of outreach - comments are not ordered by frequency:

- Do not reduce the number of lanes in the project or consider a road-diet
- Do not install protected bike lanes
- Bicyclists prefer the Burke-Gilman Trail over a PBL on Sand Point
- Create more and improve connections to Burke-Gilman Trail
- Improve safety of project corridor
- Consider repaying Sand Point Way NE
- Address speeding
- Enhance flow of traffic on Sand Point Way NF
- Install sidewalks from NF 65th St to NF 77th St
- Extend sidewalks north of Magnuson and south of NE 65th
- Improve pedestrian crossings
- Install traffic calming devices
- Install crosswalks
- Consider crossing beacons
- Install pedestrian activated crossing beacons
- Improve pedestrian crossing at NE 62nd St near Sand Point Elementary and a bus stop
- Improve pedestrian crossing at NE 123rd St
- Consider curb bulbs or pedestrian refuge islands to shorten crossings and calm traffic
- Do not reduce parking



- Create bus pullouts, north of NE 74th St, where Sand Point Way NE becomes twolanes
- Install protected left turns to major intersections
- Address the intersection of NF 74th St and create safer crossings and access to Magnuson Park
- Improve access on-and-off Sand Point Way NE at NE 65th St
- Upgrade the connection on NE 65th St. across Sand Point Way NE, to the Burke Gilman Trail to better connect the 65th greenway
- Install protected left turn at NE 65th St
- Consider adding a protected northbound left turn phase at NE 65th St and NE 70th St
- Install a signal at NE 95th St
- Consider adding a signal to NOAA Dr

SURVEY RESULTS - PROJECT RELATIONSHIP

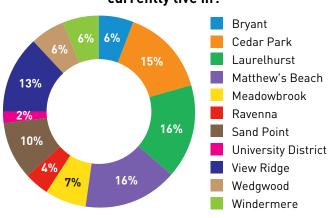
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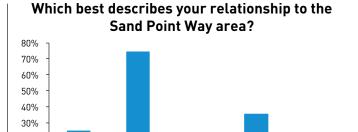
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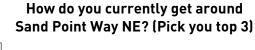
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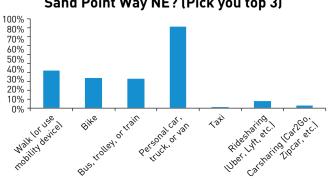
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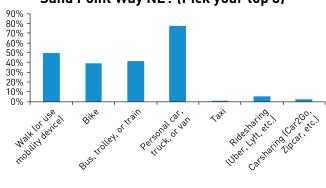




How would you prefer to get around Sand Point Way NE? (Pick your top 3)

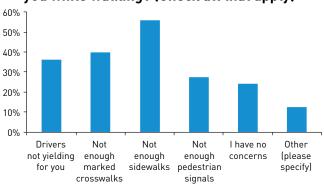
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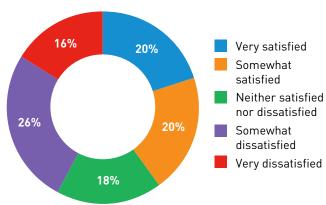


SURVEY RESULTS - CONCERNS AND PREFERRED UPGRADES

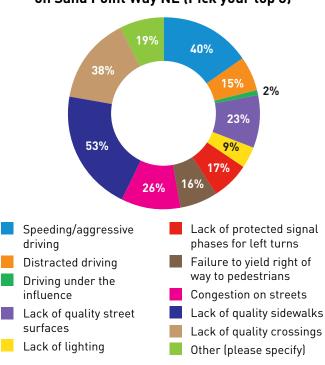
Which of the following are major concerns for you while walking? (Check all that apply)



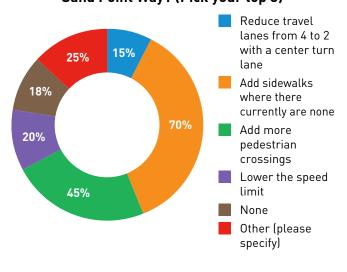
How satisfied are you with the quality and number of pedestrian crossings on Sand Point Way NE? By crossings, we mean marked intersections with a pedestrian traffic signal and crosswalks.



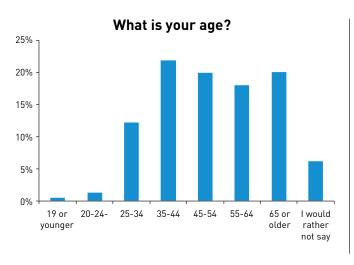
In your opinion, what are the biggest concerns on Sand Point Way NE (Pick your top 3)

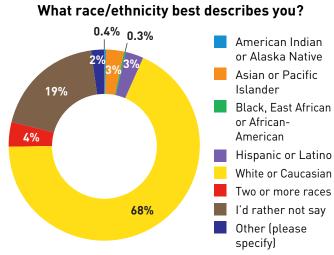


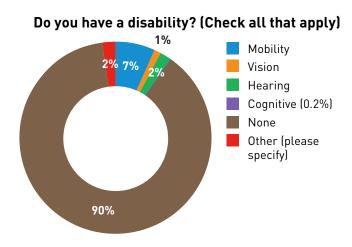
What improvements would you like to see along Sand Point Way? (Pick your top 3)

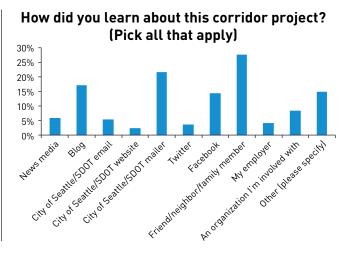


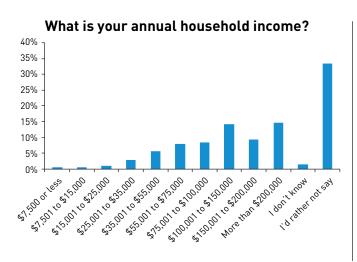
SURVEY RESULTS - DEMOGRAPHICS

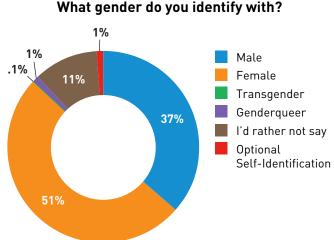












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