

Rainier Valley Neighborhood Greenway

Public Meeting # 2

September 22, 2014

NEIGHBORHOOD 
GREENWAYS
 SEATTLE



SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: Delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle



Vision: A vibrant Seattle with connected people, places and products

SDOT's values



Presentation overview



- City's safety goals
- Neighborhood greenway description
- Recommended route and safety improvements
- Questions and input

Seattle's traffic safety goal

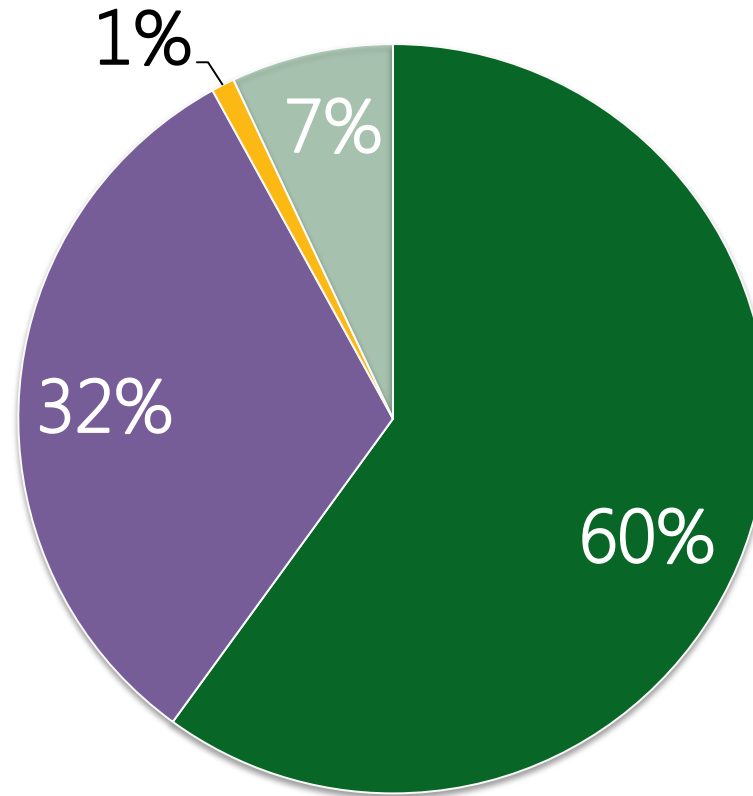


Zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030

Focus on the most vulnerable



What we can accomplish



■ Willing But Wary

■ No Way, No How

■ Strong and Fearless

■ Enthused and Confident

Source: Adapted from J.Dill, N. Mcneil. *Four types of Cyclists?* 2012

What is a Neighborhood Greenway?



A safer, calm residential street for you and your family

Best locations



Othello Light Rail Station



John C Little, Sr. Park

Residential streets with low speeds, volumes and few hills that take you to schools, parks, libraries and shops

Slow speeds = safety



- Drivers are better able to stop and prevent collisions
- More calm environment

Traffic calming



Fremont Avenue N Greenway

- Slows motorists and people biking
- Reduces cut-through traffic

Stop signs



Add stop signs at streets crossing the greenway

Signs and markings



- Directs people to and along the greenway
- Helps motorists know people are present

Smooth sidewalk and pavement



Smooth sidewalks and streets and add curb ramps

Public space



Here's what we heard

- Don't remove on-street parking
- Connect the parks (Ribbon of Parks Plan)
- Chaotic circulation on S Myrtle St, west of MLK
- Easier and safer to cross MLK at S Willow St
- Cars drive over S Willow St & 46th Ave S diverter
- Challenging crossing Rainier Ave S
- Build sidewalks on S Willow St west of MLK and S Holly St east of Seward Park Ave S
- Street pavement needs repair
- Build a network

Selecting a route

	S MYRTLE ST			S WILLOW ST		
	Chief Sealth to MLK Jr	MLK to Rainier	Rainier to Sewark Park	Chief Sealth to MLK Jr	MLK to Rainier	Rainier to Sewark Park
1. SAFETY						
Traffic volume	●	●	●	●	●	●
Traffic speed	●	●	●	●	●	●
Collision data (2010-2013)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ease of arterial crossings	●	●	●	●	●	●
2. PAVEMENT CONDITION						
Drainage	●	●	●	●	●	●
Condition of existing roadway	●	●	●	●	●	●
Condition of sidewalk	●	●	●	●	●	●
3. ACCESS						
Services (café, pharmacy, grocery store, bank)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Schools	●	●	●	●	●	●
Community activities	●	●	●	●	●	●
Public transportation	●	●	●	●	●	●
Connections to end points	●	●	●	●	●	●
Helps create greenway network	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parallels higher volume/speed routes	●	●	●	●	●	●
Not a truck, transit, emergency route	●	●	●	●	●	●
4. ROUTE CONTINUITY						
	●	●	●	●	●	●
5. TOPOGRAPHY - GRADE						
Grade of existing road	●	●	●	●	●	●
6. PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAVEL						
Existing pedestrian travel	●	●	●	●	●	●
Existing bike travel	●	●	●	●	●	●
7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT						
	●	●	●	●	●	●
SUMMARY						
●	14	15	14	15	16	18
●	3	4	5	5	3	1
●	3	1	1	0	1	1

Most Promising Route



Rainier Ave S & S Willow St



Pedestrian/bicycle signal along existing Ballard Greenway at 8th Ave NW

Pedestrian and bike signal make it easier to cross

Seward Park Ave S & S Holly St

Flashing beacons:

- Make it easier for seniors and children to cross
- Make motorists aware of people walking and biking



NW 58th Street Ballard Greenway

Chief Sealth Trail connection



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46th Ave S & S Willow St



Landscaping improvements:

- Preserve the residential character of the neighborhood
- Improve safety and predictability

Bike racks



Next steps

Date	Action
Spring 2014	Stakeholder discussions and data collection
June 2014	Public meeting #1
Summer 2014	Public input, site visits and conceptual design
September 22, 2014	Public meeting #2
Fall 2014	Final design
2015	Implementation
2016	Evaluate and Encouragement Campaign

Thanks!

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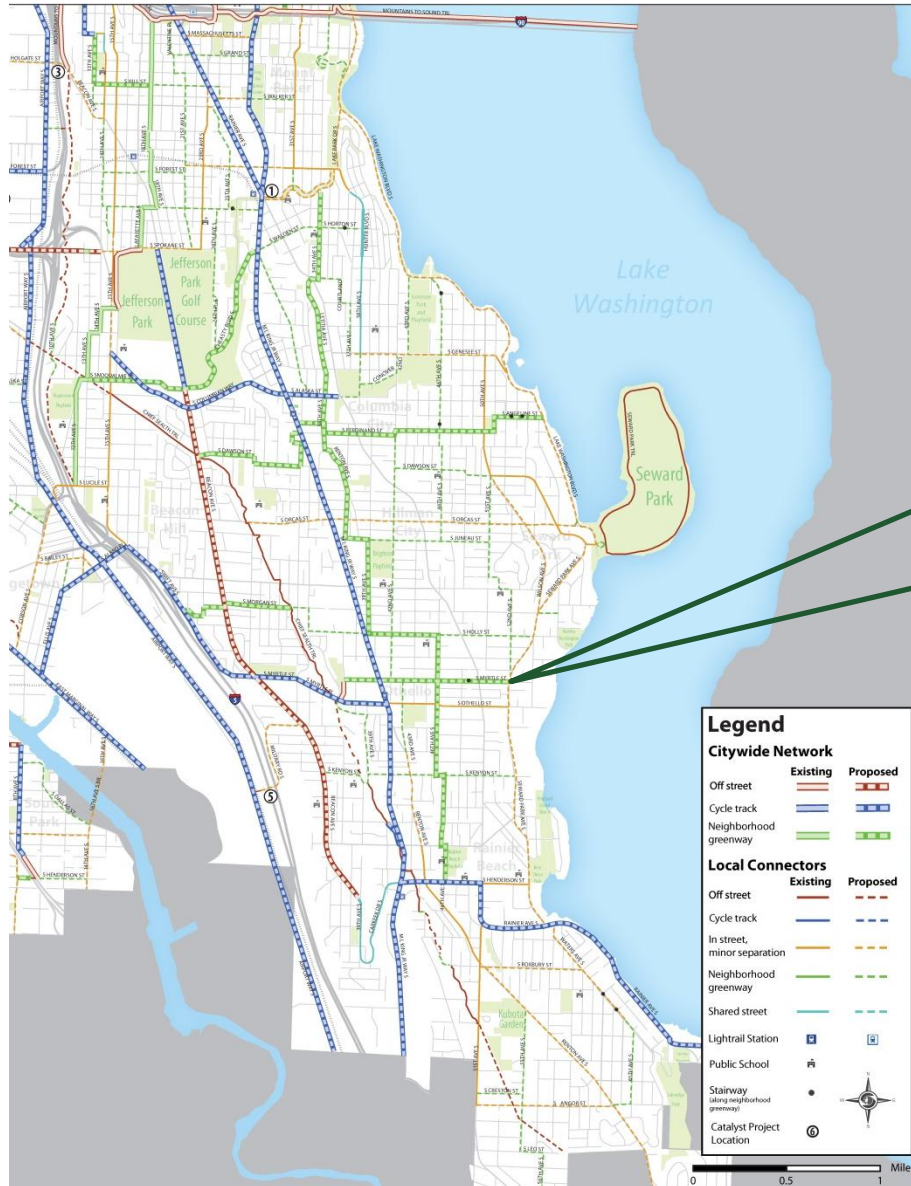
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Back pocket

Creating a network

Bicycle Master Plan



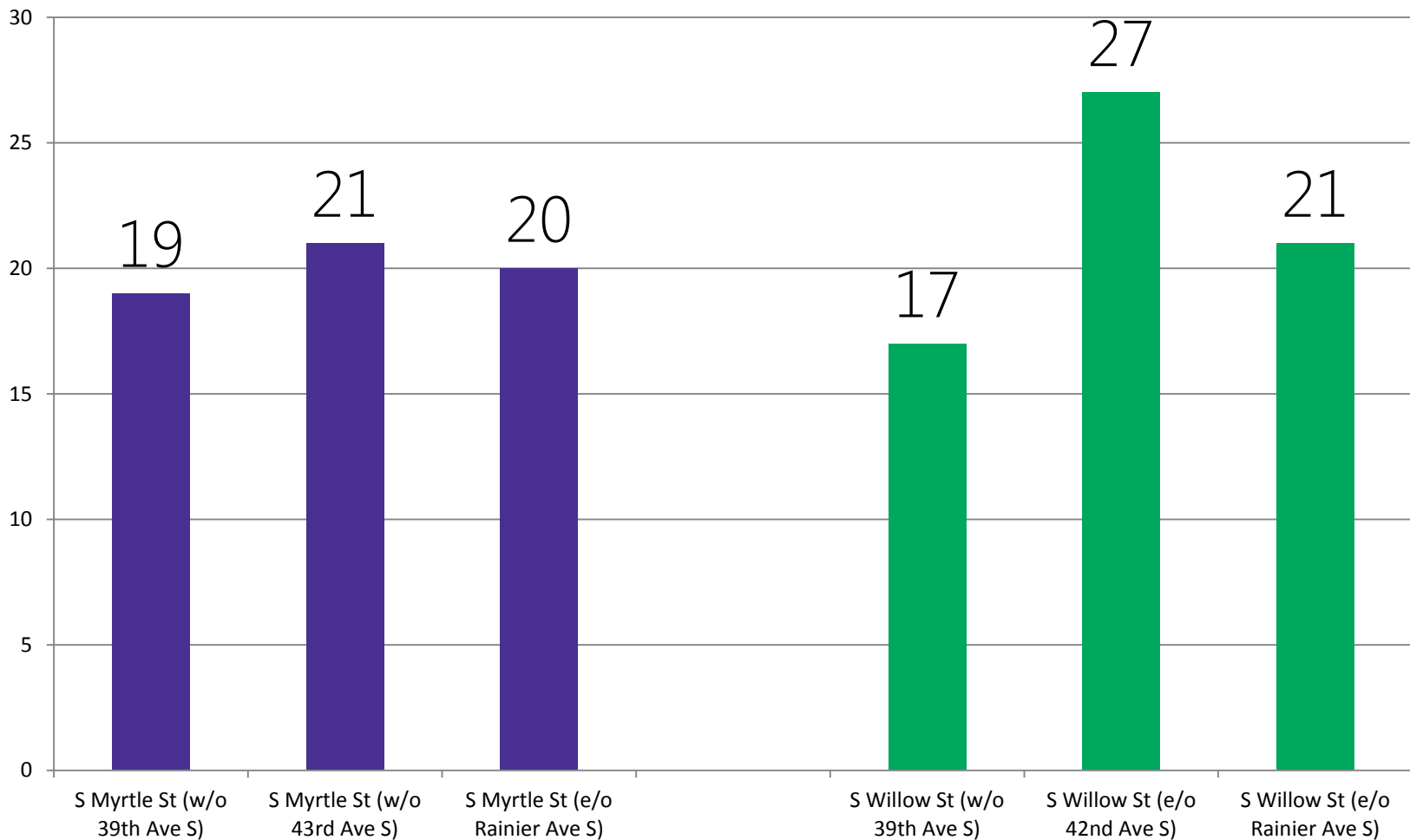
Recommends considering a neighborhood greenway on, or in the vicinity of S Myrtle St (from Seward Park Ave S to the John C Little, Sr. Park)

Selecting a route: Options



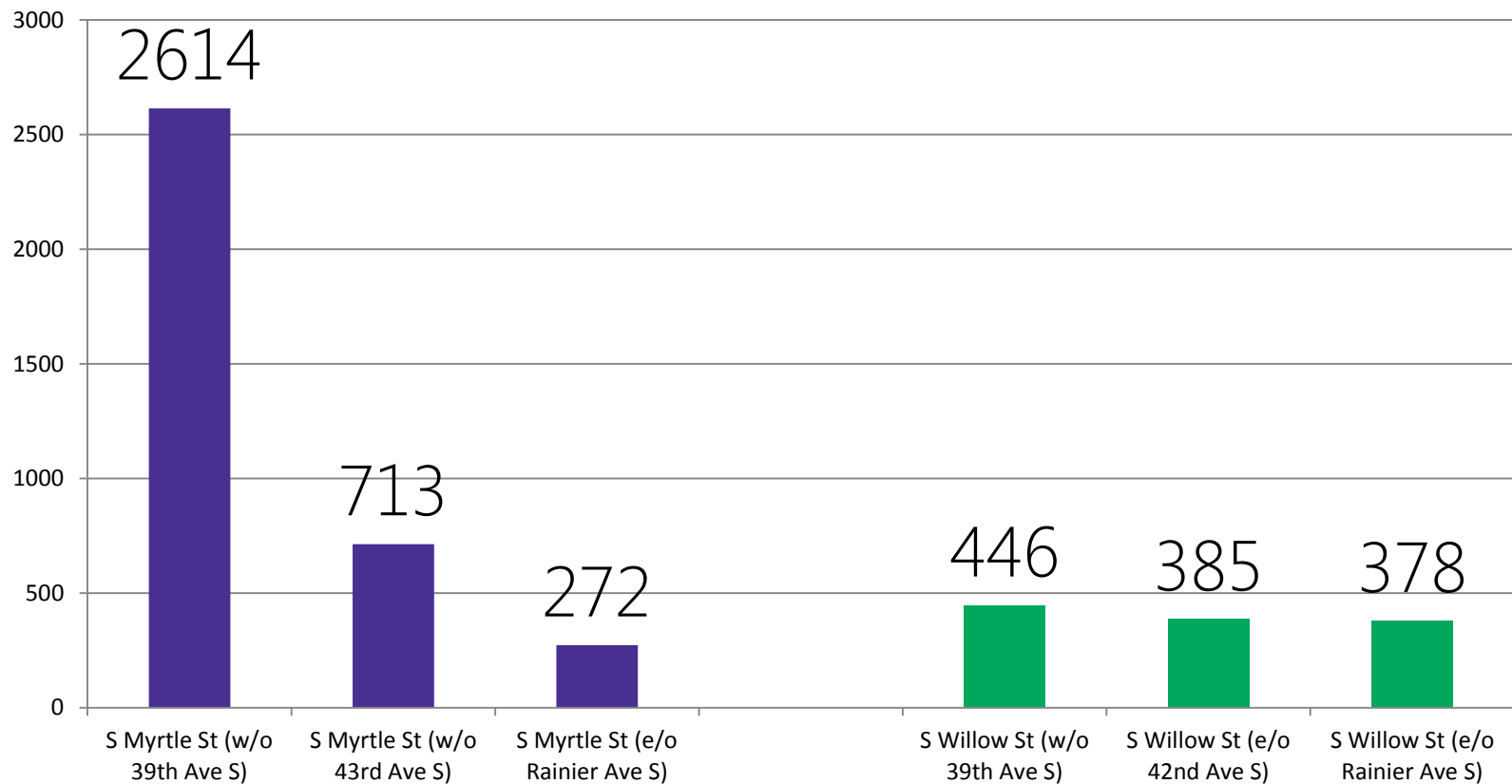
Selecting a route: Speeds

85th Percentile Speed



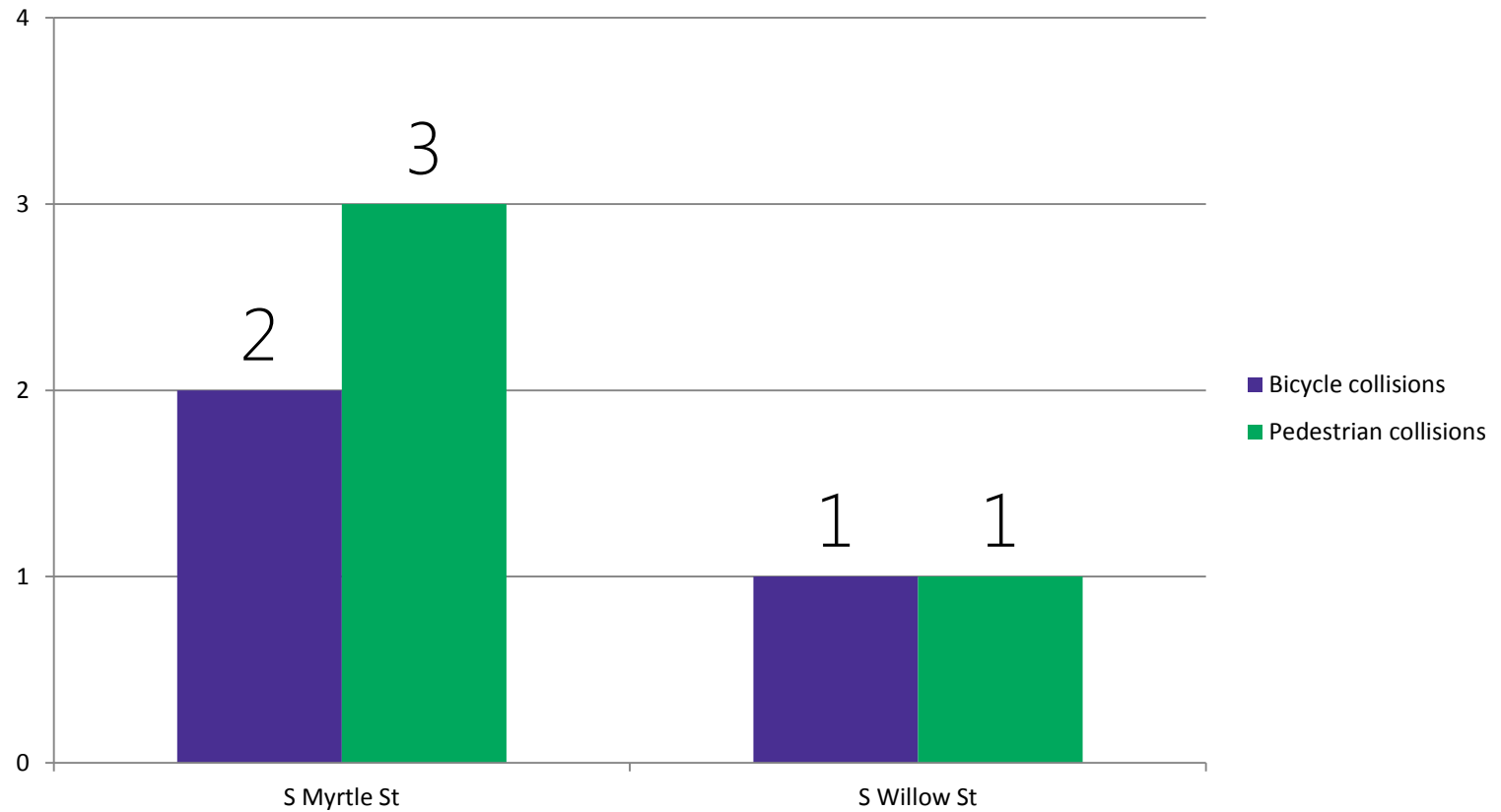
Selecting a route: Volumes

Daily Auto Volume

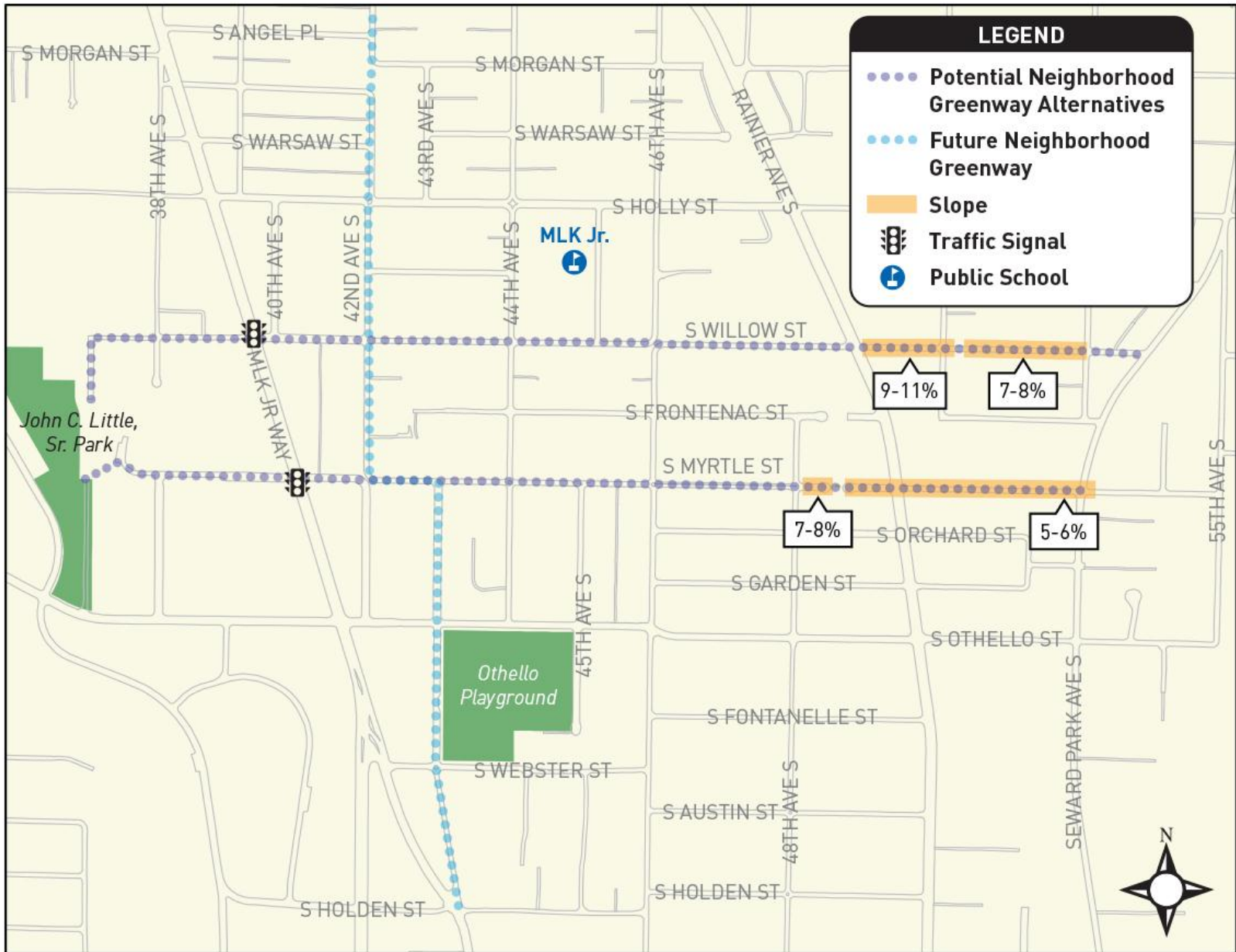


Selecting a route: Collisions

Collisions (2010 - 2013)



Selecting a route: Slope



Questions and input

- Where do you walk and bike?
- What barriers are there along the potential routes?
- What are the opportunities?