

# Rainier Valley Neighborhood Greenway

Public Meeting # 1

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**NEIGHBORHOOD  
GREENWAYS  
SEATTLE**



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# 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



26<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Delridge Greenway

- City's safety goals
- Neighborhood greenway description
- Breakout group discussion
- Report out

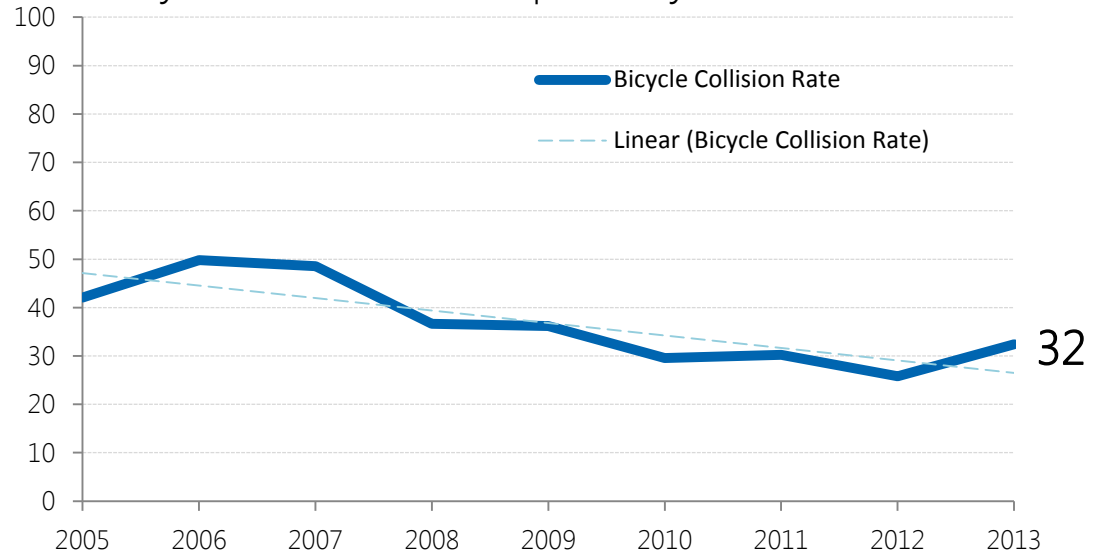
# Seattle's traffic safety goal



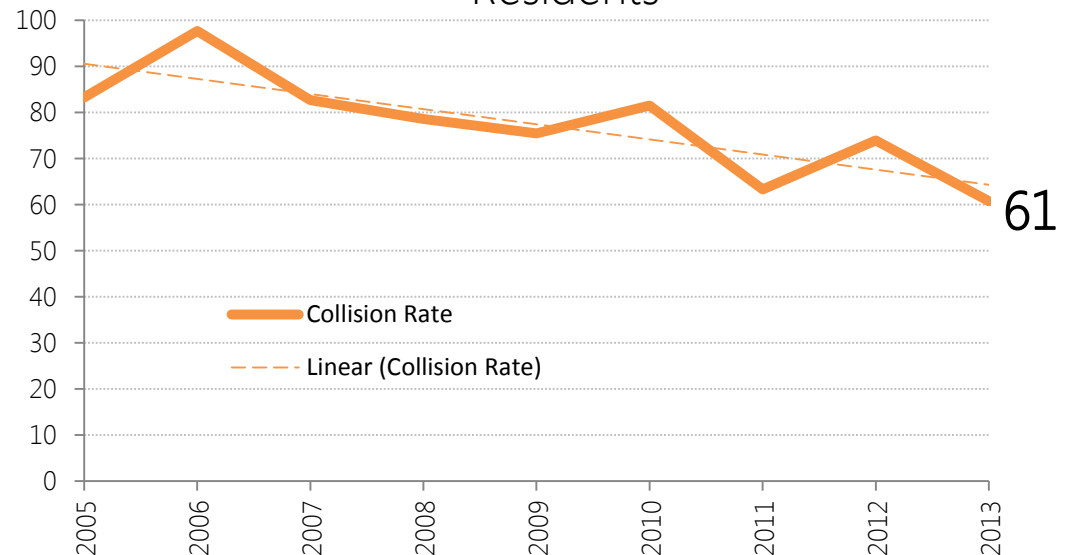
Zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030

# Safer streets

## Bicycle Collision Rate per Bicycle Commuter



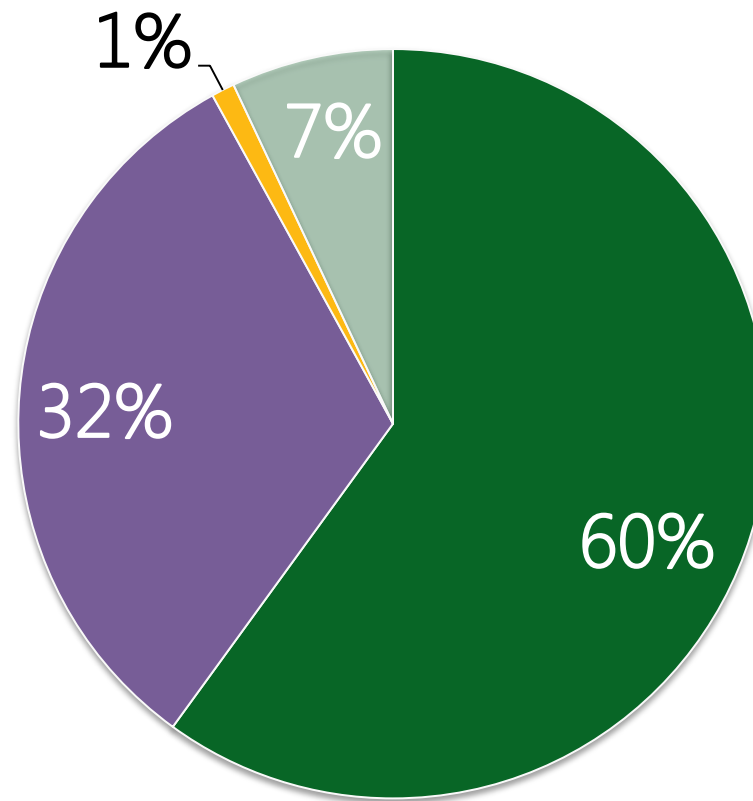
## Pedestrian-Involved Collision Rate per 100,000 Residents



# 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



Aki Kurose Middle School



Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club

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

# Speed humps



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

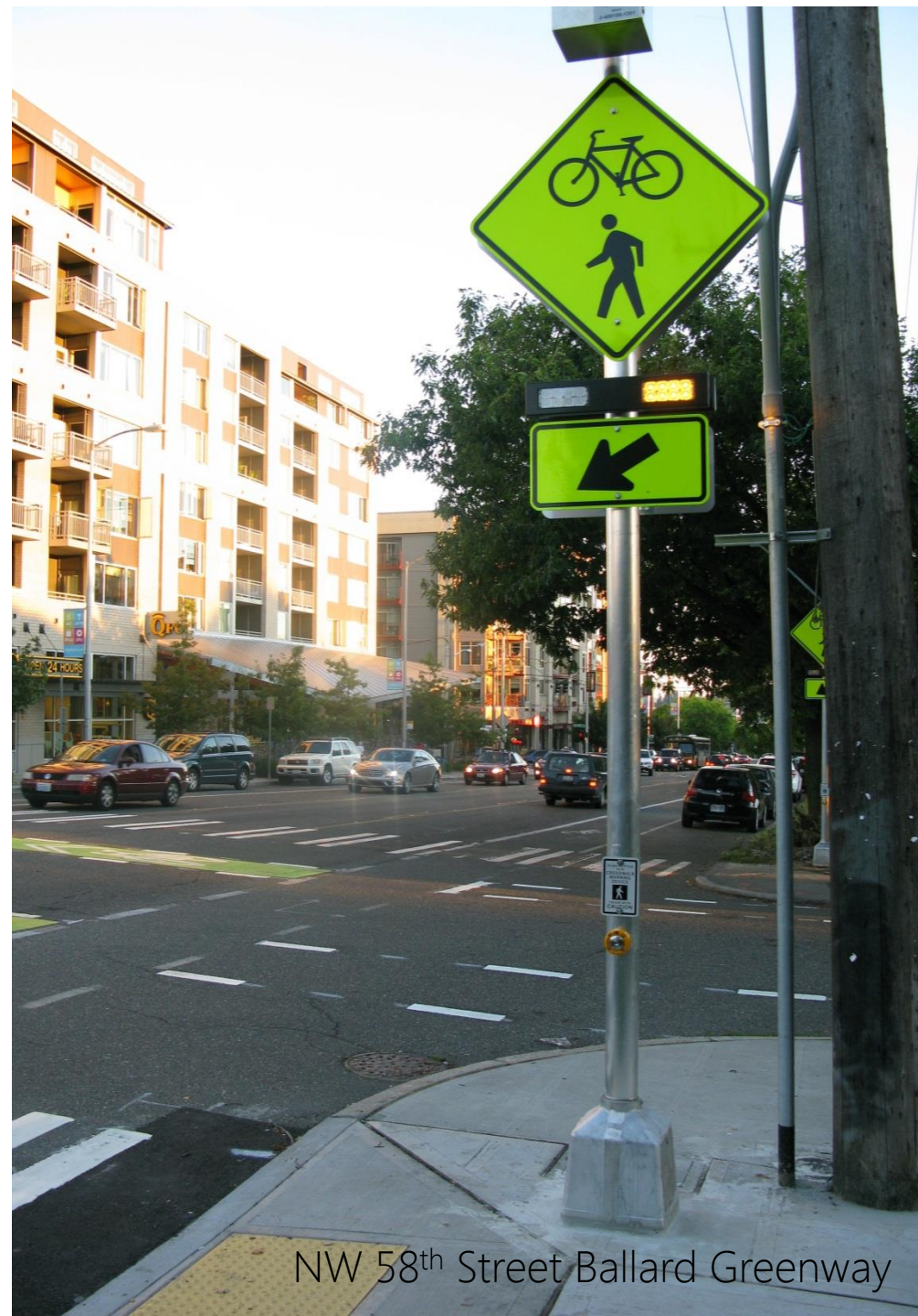
# Sidewalk and pavement



Smooth sidewalks and streets and add curb ramps

# Safer crossings at busy streets

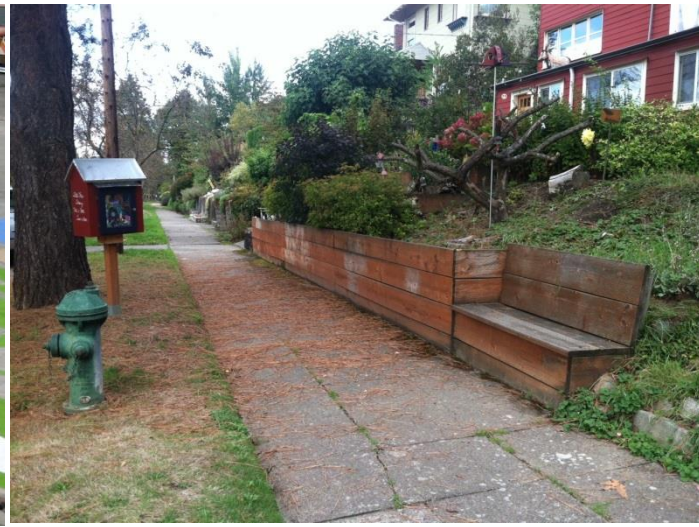
- Easier for seniors and children to cross
- Make motorists aware of people walking and biking



NW 58<sup>th</sup> Street Ballard Greenway



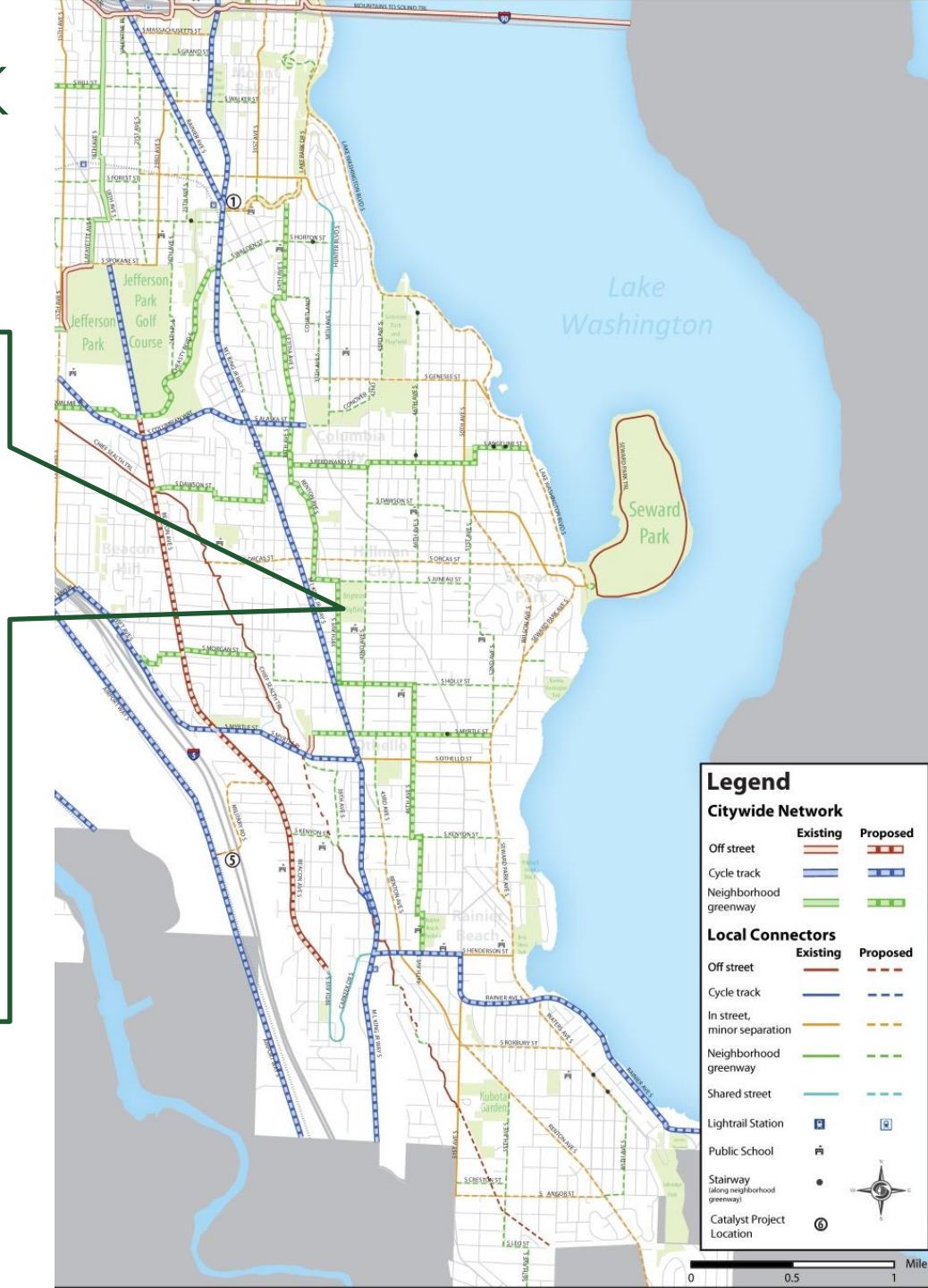
# Public space



# Creating a network




## Bicycle Master Plan

Recommends a neighborhood greenway parallel to Rainier Ave S, connecting S Mt. Baker Blvd (near Franklin High School) and S Henderson St (near Dunlap Elementary)





# Selecting a route

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>1</b> Safety			
Traffic volume	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic speed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collision data (2010-2013)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of arterial crossings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-street parking turnover / conflicts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>2</b> Pavement condition			
Drainage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of existing roadway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of sidewalk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>3</b> Access			
Shopping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connections to end points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helps create greenway network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parallels higher volume/speed routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not a truck, transit, emergency route	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>4</b> Route Continuity			
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>5</b> Topography - Grade			
Grade of existing road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>6</b> Pedestrian / bike travel			
Existing pedestrian travel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Existing bike travel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>7</b> Community Support			
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>SUMMARY</b>			
	x	x	x
	x	x	x
	x	x	x

# Sample of what we've heard already

- Destinations
  - Rainier Community Center, light rail stations, farmers market, P-patches, WA Services for the Blind, parks, schools
- Current walking and biking routes
  - Letitia Ave S/35<sup>th</sup> Ave S/Renton Ave S between Rainier and Lucile
  - 39<sup>th</sup> Ave S between Lucile and Holly
  - 446th Ave S between Juneau and Edmunds
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S between Holly and Henderson
- Barriers
  - Low pedestrian visibility at 39<sup>th</sup> Ave S and Orcas
  - Low pedestrian visibility at 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S and Othello

# Breakout group format

- Review technical data
- Work as group to answer the following questions:
  - What are key destinations in your neighborhood
  - Where do you walk and bike? Why?
  - Describe barriers to walking and biking and their locations
- Report out

# Discussion guidelines

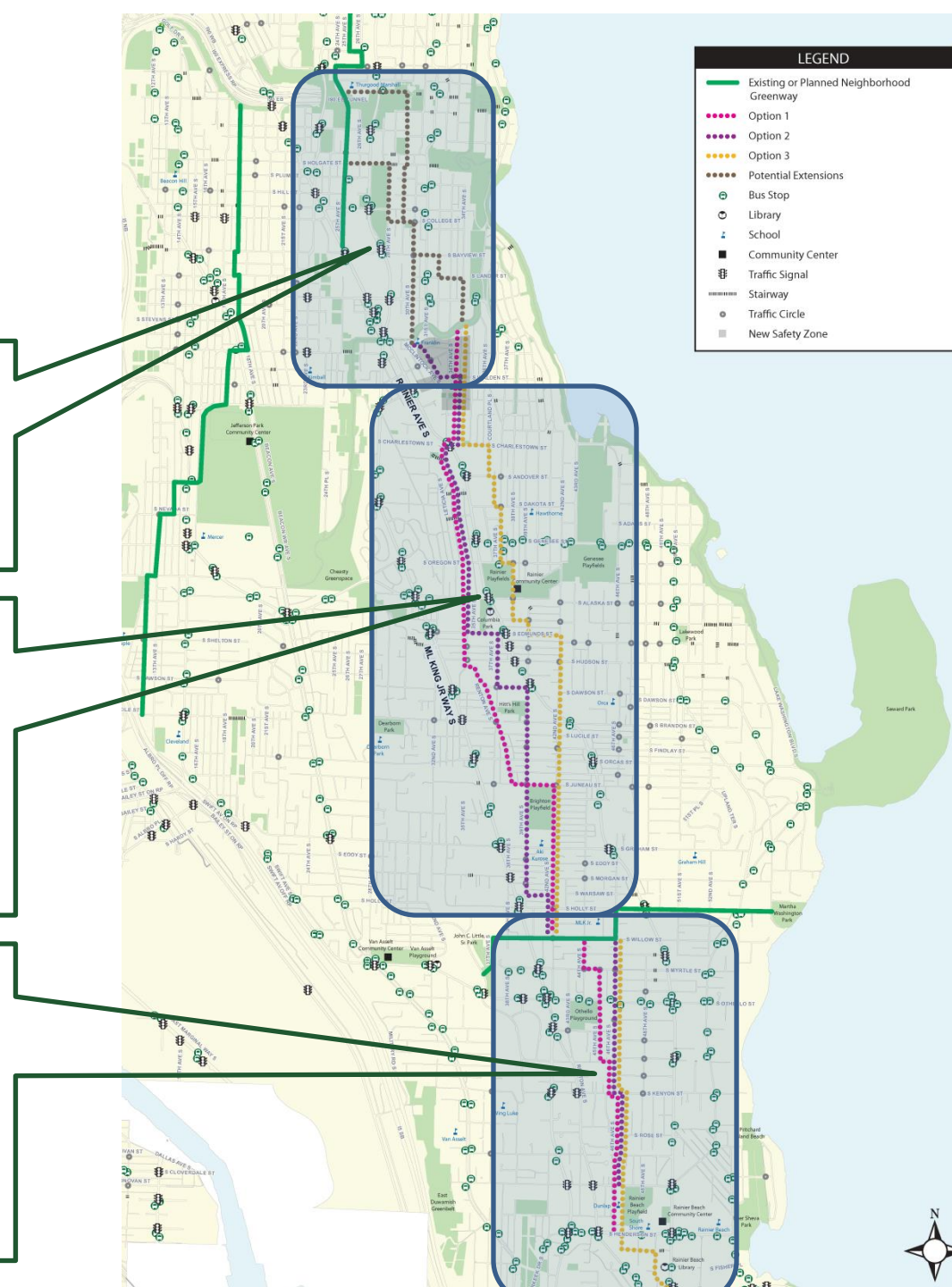
- Listen actively
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they," "we," and "you")
- Participate to the fullest of your ability

# Breakout Groups

Group 1  
I-90 to S Mt Baker Blvd

Group 2  
S Mt Baker Blvd to  
S Holly St

Group 3  
S Holly St to S  
Henderson St





# Next steps

Date	Action
Early 2014	Stakeholder discussions and data collection
<b>November 2014</b>	<b>Public meeting #1</b>
Winter 2014 - 2015	Public input, site visits and conceptual design
Spring 2015	Public meeting #2
Summer 2015	Final design
2016	Implementation
2017	Evaluate and Encouragement/ Education Campaign

# Thanks!

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