



FACT SHEET

# LOWELL-MEANY GREENWAY & SCHOOL SAFETY PROJECT

November 2018

## OVERVIEW

Based on technical feasibility and community feedback, the Lowell-Meany Safe Routes to School (SRTS) route has been selected as part of a neighborhood greenway design.

The Lowell-Meany SRTS and neighborhood greenway route focuses on improving safety for people of all ages and abilities. The project will calm traffic, increase visibility, and reduce the crossing distance at intersections. These improvements will also create a safer and easier route for kids to walk and bike to school between Lowell Elementary and Meany Middle School:

- Curb ramps and some curb bulbs along the route at crosswalks and intersections
- 20 MPH signs and speed humps along the entire route
- New stop signs on all cross streets along the entire route
- Crossing upgrades at 5 intersections:
  - 12th Ave E/E Harrison St
  - 12th Ave E/E Roy St
  - 15th Ave E/E Republican St
  - 15th Ave E/E Harrison St
  - 19th Ave E/E Republican St

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national movement to make it easier and safer for students to walk and bike to school using a combination of strategies:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Engineering
- Enforcement
- Evaluation
- Empowerment

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) SRTS program provides technical

assistance and funding to public agencies to improve street safety and encourage children to walk and bike to school. To learn more about Seattle's SRTS program, visit [www.seattle.gov/transportation/SRTS](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/SRTS).

## NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS

Neighborhood greenways routes on residential streets that are safer for you, your family, and neighbors. Designed for lower vehicle speeds and volumes, they prioritize people walking and biking of all ages and abilities. Greenways can provide access to schools, trails, parks, transit, and neighborhood businesses. Neighborhood greenways function to:

- Improve safety
- Help people cross busy streets
- Discourage cars from using neighborhood streets to avoid main streets
- Keep speeds low
- Reduce vehicle cut-through traffic

Seattle is building a network of neighborhood greenways to better connect the residential communities to one another in safer, efficient, and equitable modes. For more information on Seattle's Neighborhood Greenway Network, visit [www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/greenways-program](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/greenways-program).

## SCHEDULE & FUNDING

We began design in late 2017. Construction is expected to begin as early as summer 2019 and will take approximately 6 months to complete.

This project is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/about-sdot/funding/levy-to-move-seattle](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/about-sdot/funding/levy-to-move-seattle). Additional funding comes from a Washington State Department of Transportation grant and our local Safe Routes to School program.

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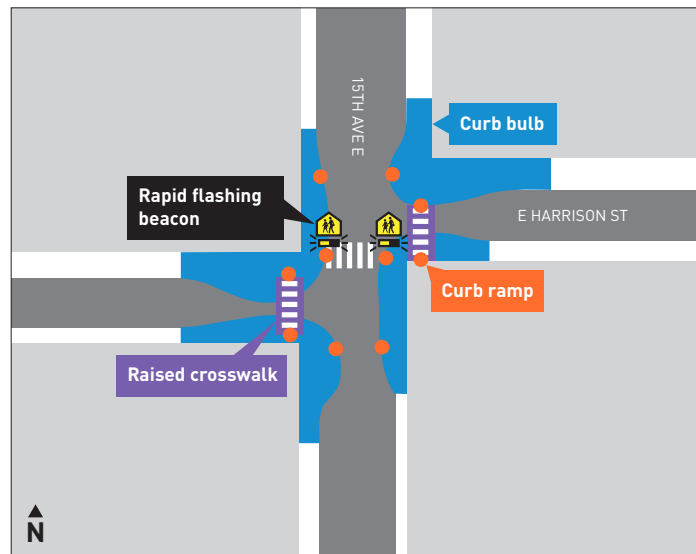
**MAP OF SELECTED ROUTE FOR LOWELL-MEANY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.**



**LEGEND**

- Safe Routes to School connection
  - Crosswalk improvement and curb ramps
  - Proposed crossing improvement with Rapid Flashing Beacon
  - ..... Future Central Ridge Neighborhood Greenway
  - Existing family-friendly\* route
- \*Family-friendly routes include paths, neighborhood greenways, and protected bike lanes

**PROPOSED CHANGES AT 15TH AVE E/ E HARRISON ST**



**PROPOSED CHANGES AT 15TH AVE E/ E REPUBLICAN**

