



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
 - What and where are they?
 - Why were they created?
 - What we've learned so far
- Community Based Design
 - Process
 - Evaluation
 - Design
- Breakout Group Discussion
 - General Q&A
 - Safety
 - Access/Mobility
 - Place-Keeping



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

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Why were they created?

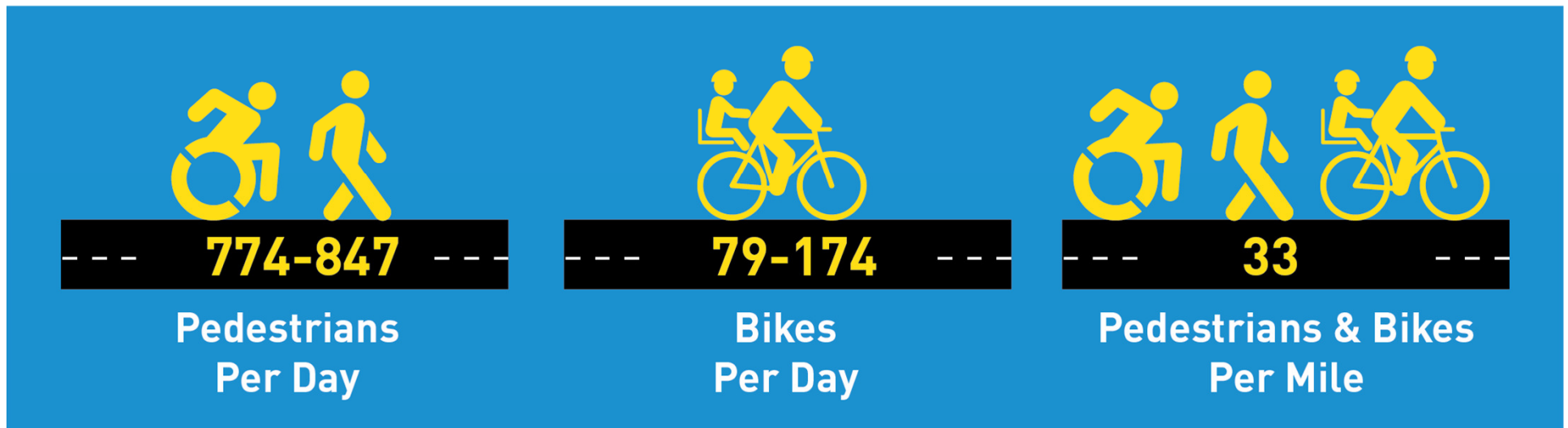
Stay Healthy Streets were created to:

- Make life easier for residents during the pandemic
- Create more dedicated space to recreate outdoors while social distancing
- Connect residents to essential businesses



What we've learned so far (+)

STAY HEALTHY STREET: GREENWOOD

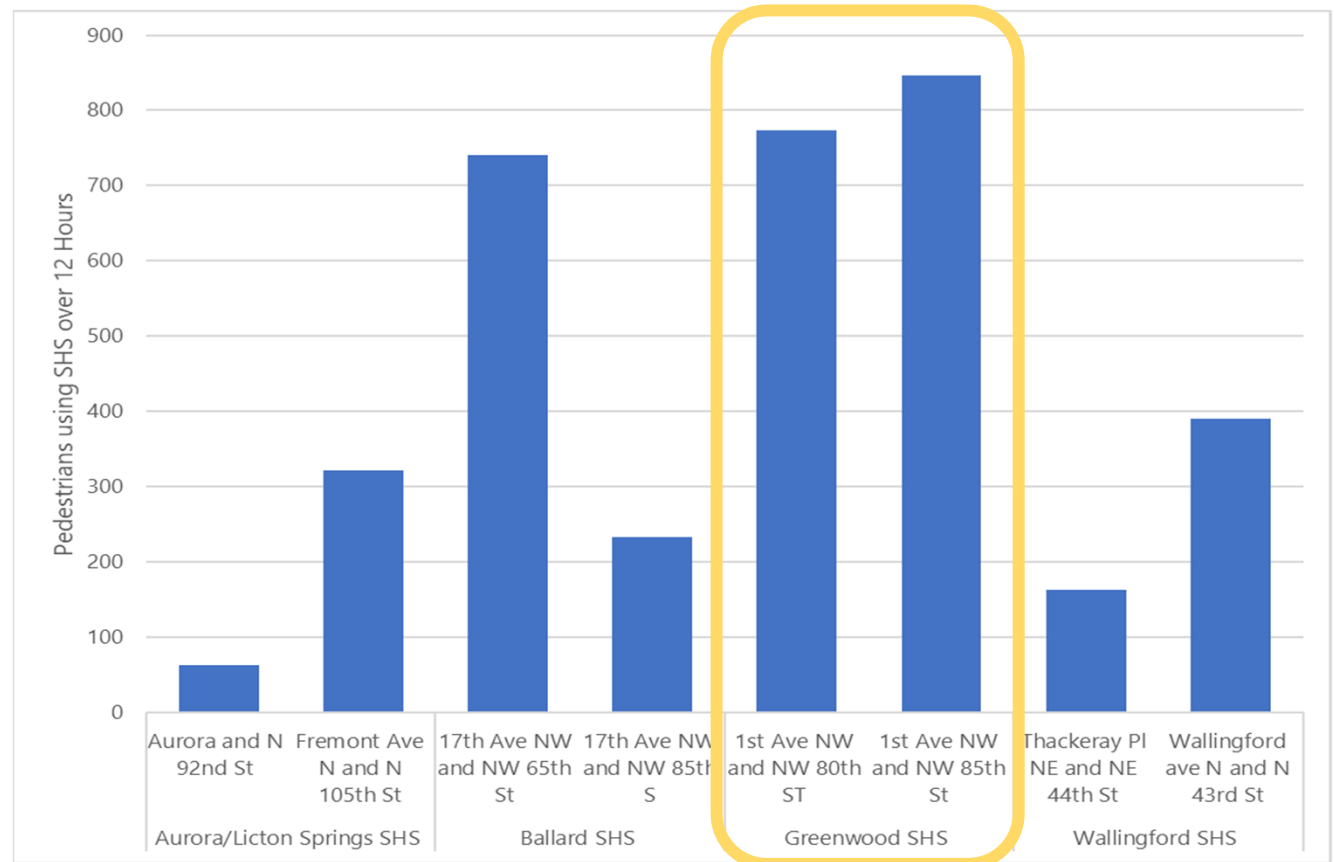


Summer 2020

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What we've learned so far (+)

- Greenwood has been very popular for walkers and bikers
- Enables vulnerable users to use the roadway, such as kids and those in wheelchairs or using canes
- Lower car speeds and volumes
- Improvements to signage



Measured over 12 hours using a video count of people at the intersection

What we've learned so far (-)

- Mail delivery was temporarily disrupted (north of 87th)
- Concerns with access to schools
- Need for spot improvements
- Not clear who is permitted drive there
- Not clear what activities are allowed
- Drivers not obeying restrictions or traffic control devices
- Users not respecting private property



What we've learned so far - other

- Construction in the neighborhood; some want to wait and see while some feel urgency
- Balancing vibrancy with privacy
- Confusion between Stay Healthy *Streets* and Stay Healthy *Blocks*
- Support for small business operating along the Stay Healthy Street
- Post COVID operation



Transition to Permanent: Process

STAY HEALTHY STREETS






Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets



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?



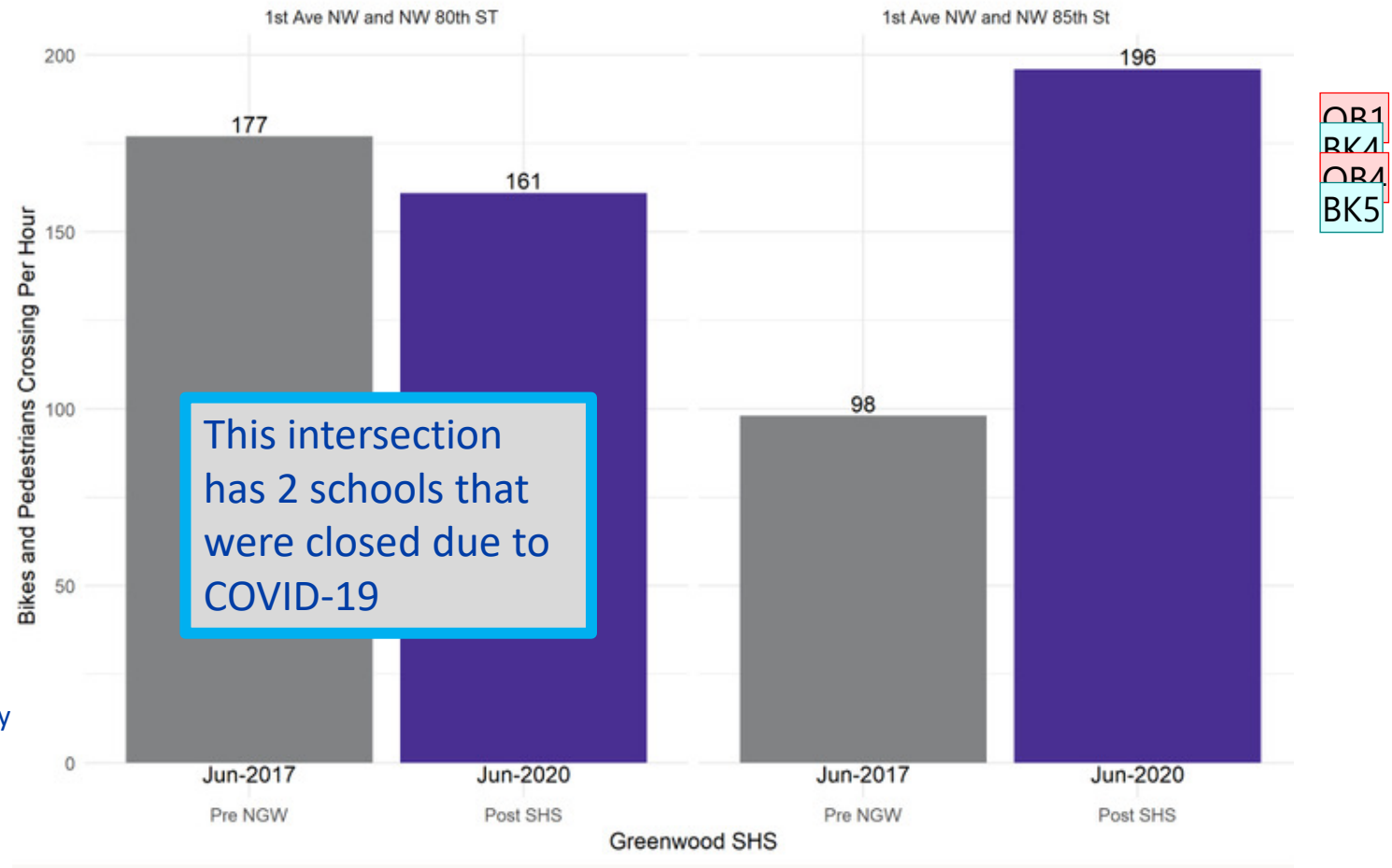
3 PILOT A TEMPORARY STAY HEALTHY STREET	4 EVALUATION OF A PILOT STAY HEALTHY STREET			
 <p>Observe Listen Evaluate</p>	 <p>Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?</p>	 <p>Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?</p>	 <p>How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)</p>	 <p>Are there fewer vehicles driving on the street? Are the vehicles traveling slowly?</p>

Transition to Permanent: Evaluation



Are there more
people walking,
rolling and biking?

Walk/Roll Counts



NGW = Neighborhood Greenway

SHS = Stay Healthy Street

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Slide 13

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Quan, Brittany, 3/4/2021
- BK4** [@Quan, Brittany] yes please!
Bell Sata, Kadie, 3/4/2021
- QB4** [@Bell Sata, Kadie] All done!
Quan, Brittany, 3/4/2021
- BK5** [@Quan, Brittany] this looks SOOO much better - you're the best
Bell Sata, Kadie, 3/4/2021

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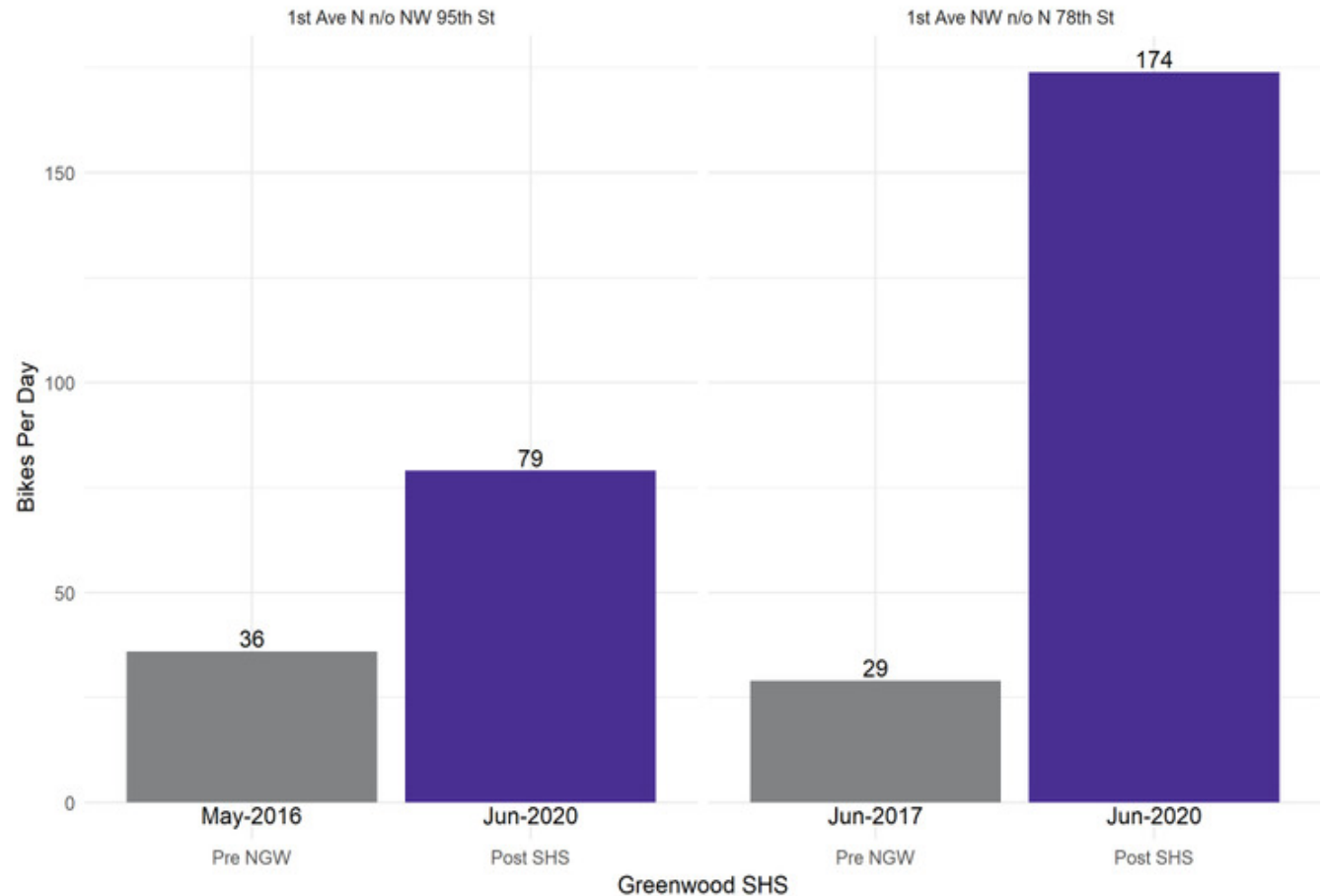


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Bike Counts



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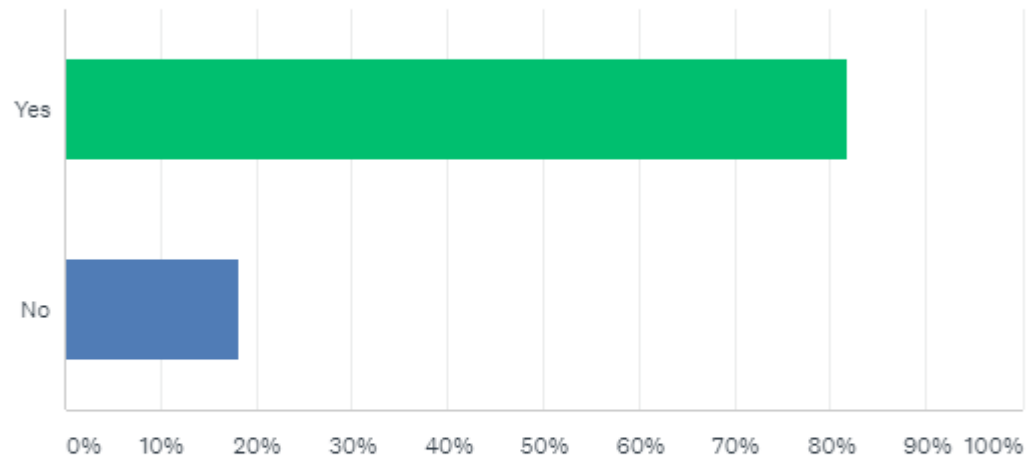
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Is there
neighborhood
support for
keeping the Stay
Healthy Street?

Do you want Stay Healthy Streets to be permanent in your community?

Answered: 524 Skipped: 12



Results as of 3/3
**Survey is still
open!**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.87%	429
No	18.13%	95
TOTAL		524

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Transition to Permanent: Evaluation



How well did this
Pilot SHS serve
the diversity of the
neighborhood?
(Race, Gender,
Age, Ability)

In the Summer 2020 survey, SDOT asked whether users of Stay Healthy Streets felt uncomfortable or threatened due to their race, gender, age, or ability. Survey respondents for the Greenwood SHS did NOT indicate this was an issue.

SDOT has expanded outreach efforts to include:

- Mailers to residents, flyers along the route
- Hosting virtual community meetings
- Translated survey
- Designing in-language videos, media, and phone line

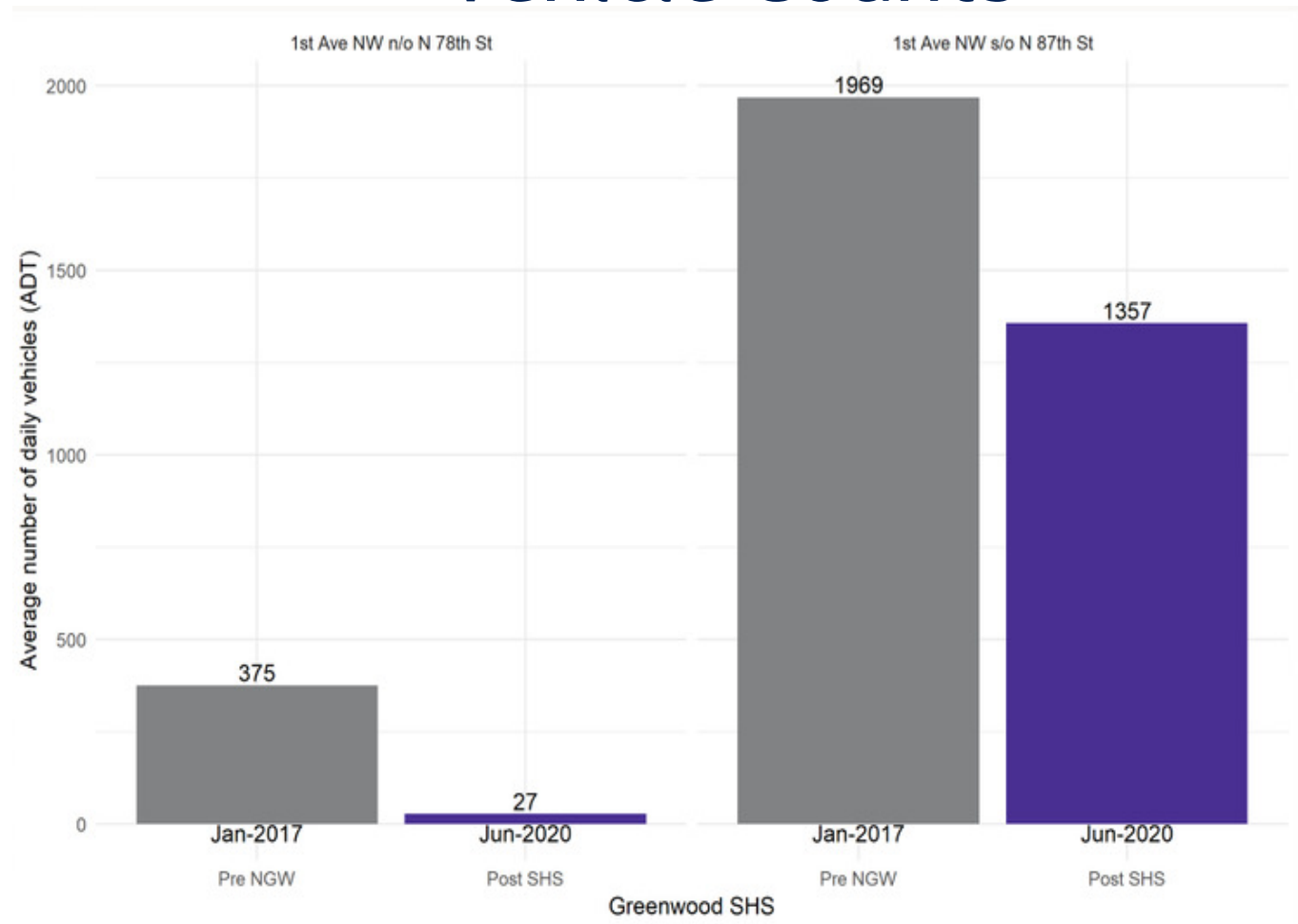


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Are there fewer
vehicles driving on
the street?
Are the vehicles
traveling slowly?

Vehicle Counts



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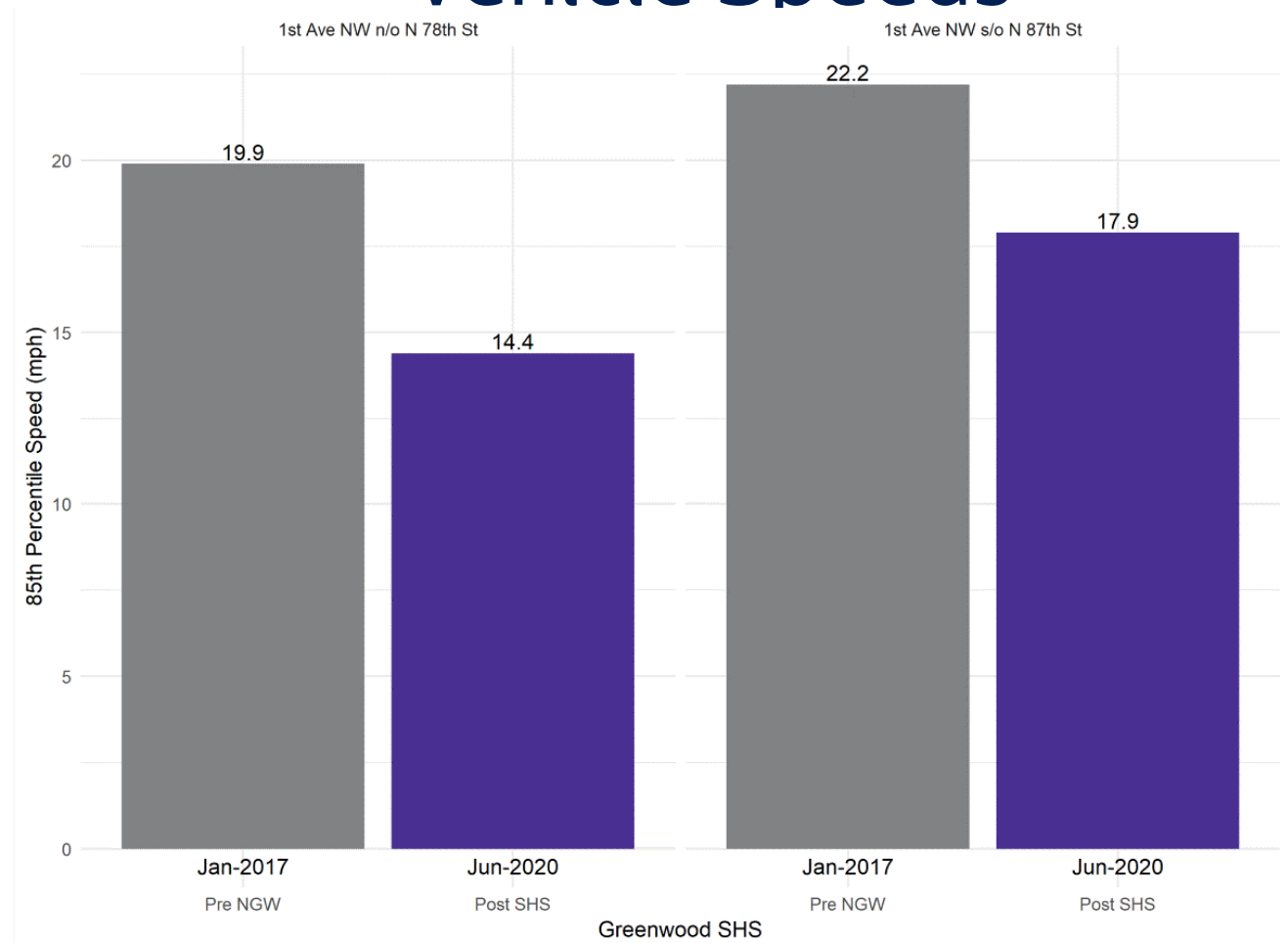


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Vehicle Speeds












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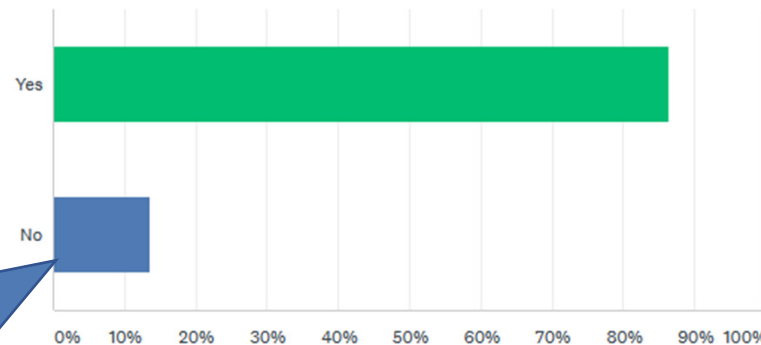
What would a permanent Stay Healthy Street look like in this location?



5 COMMUNITY BASED DESIGN		
What changes will support a safe street for walking, rolling and biking?	Which blocks should remain closed to vehicles? Are there key locations where vehicle access needs to be prioritized?	How will the street reflect and enhance the neighborhood?
 Barricade Upgrades	 Schools, Libraries & Community Centers	 Entry Features
 Traffic Calming	 Business & Industrial	 Place-keeping & Artwork
 Education	 Cultural Destinations & Multi-family housing access	 Community

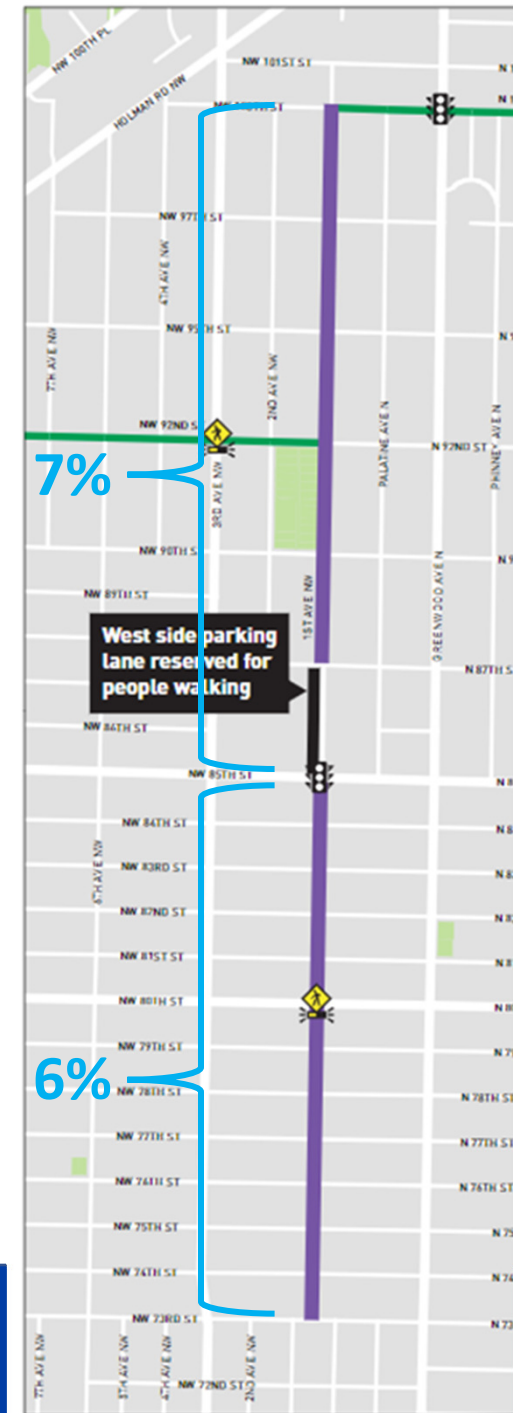
Community Based Design

- When using the Stay Healthy Street, do you feel safe?



1. COVID-19 related:
crowds, social distancing
2. Sidewalk/street
infrastructure
improvements
3. Need to better share the
space

- If no, where on the Stay Healthy Street do you feel unsafe?
 - Possible answers included Aurora-Licton Springs Stay Healthy Street



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Community Based Design

What changes will support a
safe street for walking, rolling
and biking?



Barricade Upgrades



Traffic Calming



Education

- At Intersections
- Along the Block
- Compliance, Safety, & Respect



Community Based Design

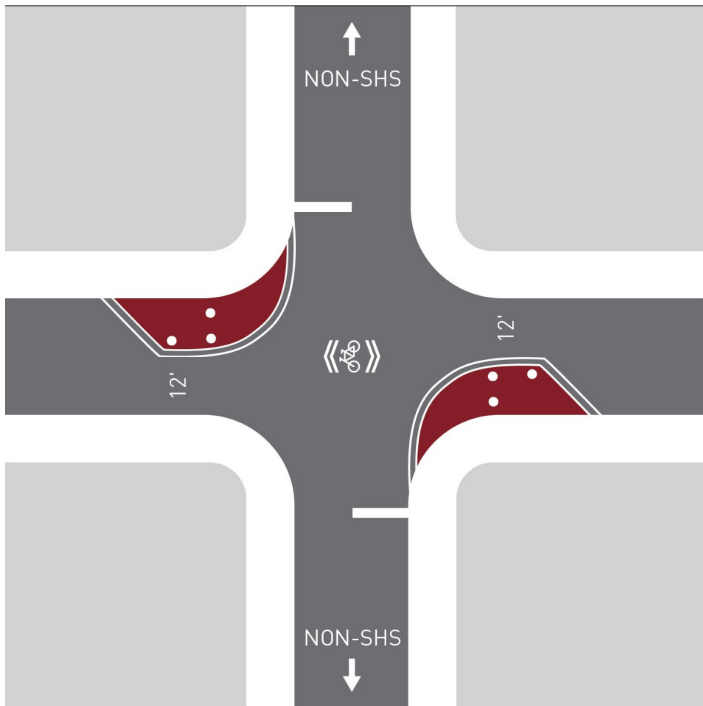


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Community Based Design

Which blocks should remain closed to vehicles? Are there key locations where vehicle access needs to be prioritized?



Schools, Libraries & Community Centers



Business & Industrial



Cultural Destinations &
Multi-family housing access

- Where are there current or anticipated challenges with access or mobility?
 - Vehicles
 - Those using mobility devices
 - Bikers or walkers
- What changes would you like to see?
 - Decreased crossing time at arterials
 - Loading/unloading zones certain hours



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Community Based Design

How will the street reflect and enhance the neighborhood?



Entry Features



Place-keeping & Artwork



Community



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Evaluation & Community Based Design

Survey is open until 3/11! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stayhealthystreets>

- How do you feel about the temporary Stay Healthy Streets?
- Have you used them?
- Did you feel safe?
- Can Stay Healthy Streets improve your community?
- Where should they be made permanent?



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Join our list serve to stay up to date!

www.seattle.gov/transportation/GreenwoodSHS



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Breakout Rooms

Where to go?	Discussion Topic	SDOT Staff
Stay in this room	General Q&A	Kadie & Mia
Room 1	Safety Enhancements	Summer
Room 2	Access & Mobility Enhancements	Jonathan
Room 3	Place-Keeping Enhancements	Shauna & Brittany

Thank you for your patience as we transition into rooms.

Joining a Breakout Room

The screenshot shows the Cisco Webex Meetings interface. At the top, the status bar indicates 'Connected' and 'Meeting Info'. The main area displays a list of participants: Kadie Bell Sata (Cohost, me), Summer Jaws... (Host), Shamia Vinson (Cohost), and Brittany Quan (Cohost). A video feed of Summer Jaws... is visible. On the right, the 'Participants (5)' panel shows 'You are assigned in breakout room' with a 'Join' button. Below this, the 'Breakout sessions' panel lists three sessions: 'Mobility (1/2)', 'Place Keeping (0/1)', and 'Safety (0/1)', each with a 'Join' button. A 'Chat' panel is also visible at the bottom right. The bottom toolbar includes buttons for 'Unmute', 'Start video', and a red 'X' button. Two callout bubbles are present: one pointing to the 'Join' button in the 'Breakout sessions' panel with the text 'Join a room or stay in this room', and another pointing to the red 'X' button in the toolbar with the text 'Get back into the main room'.

Speaking: Summer Jaws... (Host)

Kadie Bell Sata
Cohost, me

Shamia Vinson
Cohost

Brittany Quan
Cohost

Summer Jaws... (Host)

Participants (5)

You are assigned in breakout room 1 [Join](#)

Main meeting Breakout sessions

Search

> Mobility (1/2) [Join](#)

> Place Keeping (0/1) [Join](#)

> Safety (0/1) [Join](#)

Chat

To: Everyone

Enter chat message here

Unmute Start video

Join a room or stay in this room

Get back into the main room

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General Q&A

- What additional questions or concerns would you like to raise?
- How can we better involve community members in decisions?



Safety Enhancements

What changes will support a safe street for walking, rolling and biking?



Barricade Upgrades



Traffic Calming



Education

- Are there specific areas where these concerns are greatest?
 - Intersections
 - Blocks
 - Other
- What made it feel unsafe?
 1. COVID-19 related: crowds, social distancing
 2. Sidewalk/street infrastructure improvements
 3. Need to better share the space



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Safety Enhancements

What can we do to make it better?

COVID-19 related: crowds, social distancing



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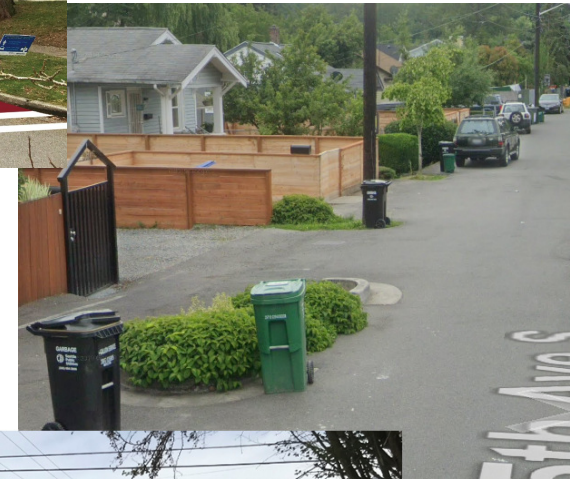
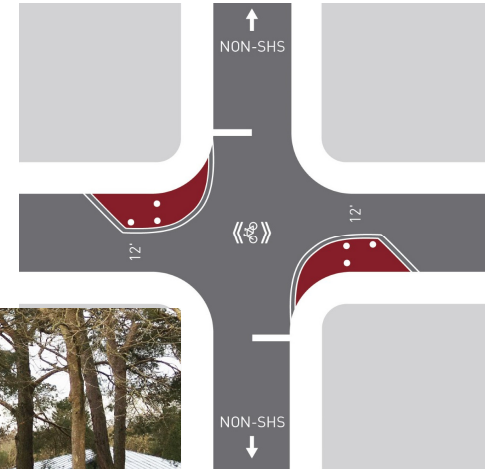
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Safety Enhancements

What can we do to make it better?

Sidewalk/street infrastructure improvements

- Narrow the roadway
- Better barricades
- Planting strips
- Signage
- Speed humps
- All way stop



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Safety Enhancements

What can we do to make it better?

Need to better share the space through education

- Users: Respect property & share space
- Drivers: Other users have priority

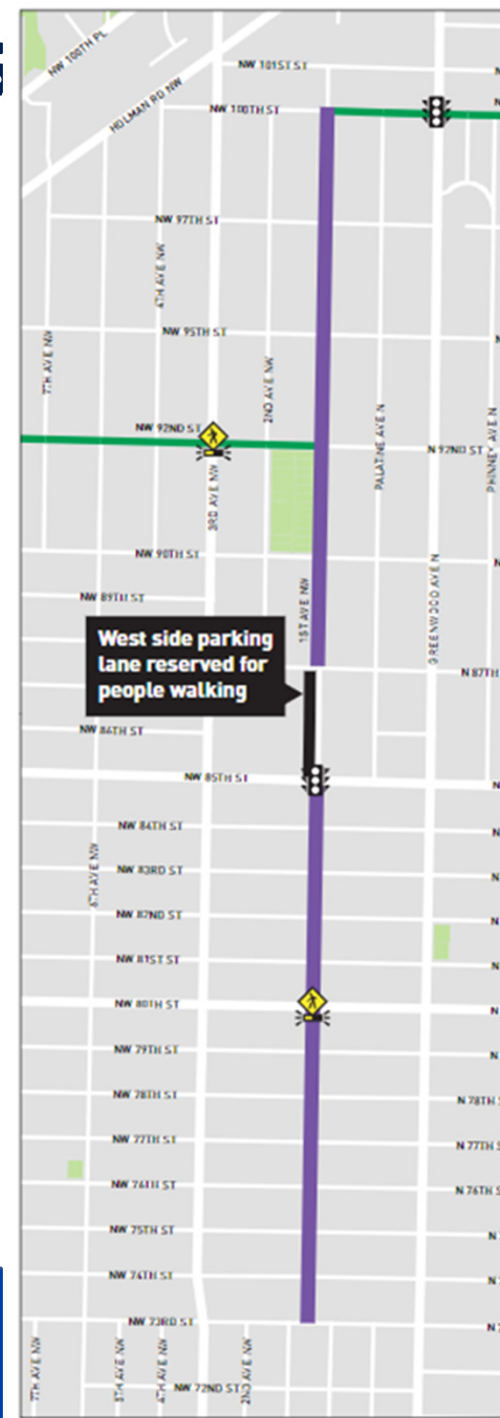


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Access & Mobility Enhancements

- Where are there current or anticipated challenges with access or mobility?
 - Vehicles
 - Those using mobility devices
 - Bikers or walkers
 - Mid-block passing space
 - Vision impaired legibility
- What changes would you like to see?
 - Decreased crossing time at arterials
 - Loading/unloading zones certain hours
 - Tactical treatments



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Place-Keeping Enhancements

- Where would you like to see them?
 - Along the SHS to create consistency
 - At specific destinations (i.e park or school)
 - Mid-block passing space (making it functional!)
- What kinds of SDOT enhancements would celebrate the local community?
 - Street murals
 - Planters
 - Other ideas



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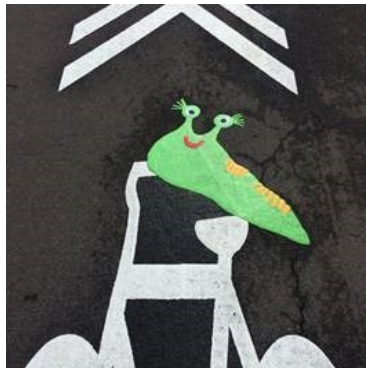


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Place-Keeping Enhancements

- How else can this space be used during and after COVID?
- How will the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street partner with other ongoing community events?
 - Greenwood Summer Streets
 - Greenwood Car Show
- How can the design support these future uses?



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Place-Keeping Enhancements

- What can I do if I live along the SHS?

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

A Little Free Library is just what it sounds like. Neighbors can take and leave books for free. The library usually consists of a small wooden box filled with books outside of a house. This little structure has a big impact on neighborhood identity.

Benefits	Costs	Timeline	How do I get one?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage reading• Shared sense of community	\$5-\$150, self build or order a kit from the Little Free Library Website	None	You can build or order one at any time! Just follow SDOT guidelines for placement.



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[Homepage - Little Free Library](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org/)



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Place-Keeping Enhancements

- What can I do if I live along the SHS?

TREES FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

Since 2009, Trees for Neighborhoods has helped Seattle residents plant over 10,300 trees in their yards and along the street. That's 10,300 more trees working to clean our air and water, make our streets more walkable, and our neighborhoods healthier.

Benefits	Costs	Timeline	How do I get one?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaner air and water• Make streets more walkable• Shade• Aesthetically pleasing	Free	3-4 Months, installed in fall	Applications open every summer, must commit to a planting and care workshop if chosen.



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<http://www.seattle.gov/trees/planting-and-care/trees-for-neighborhoods>



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Place-Keeping Enhancements

- What can I do if I live along the SHS?

YARD SIGNS

Yard signs make up one piece of SDOT's effort to encourage safer travel behavior. These colorful signs remind people to drive at the speed limit and alert them to kids in the area. They also demonstrate

Benefits	Costs	Timeline	How do I get one?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind vehicles to drive at the speed limit• Alert vehicles to kids in the area• Demonstrate neighbors care about safety in their streets	Free	None	Check our site for distribution centers near you or print your own



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