

# Rainier Valley North-South Neighborhood Greenway



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# Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

# Presentation overview

- Vision Zero
- Neighborhood greenway description
- Most promising route & recommended safety improvements
- Questions





# Vision Zero



Zero traffic fatalities  
or serious injures by 2030

[www.seattle.gov/visionzero](http://www.seattle.gov/visionzero)

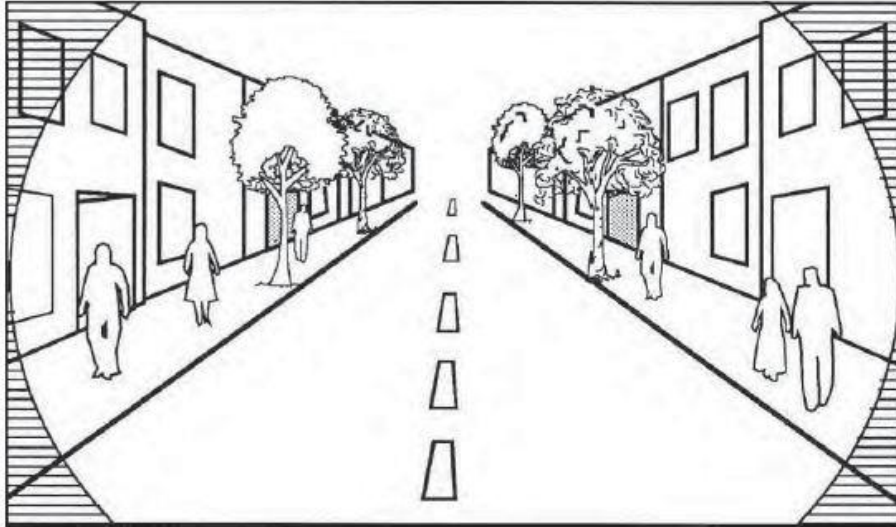
# What is a neighborhood greenway?



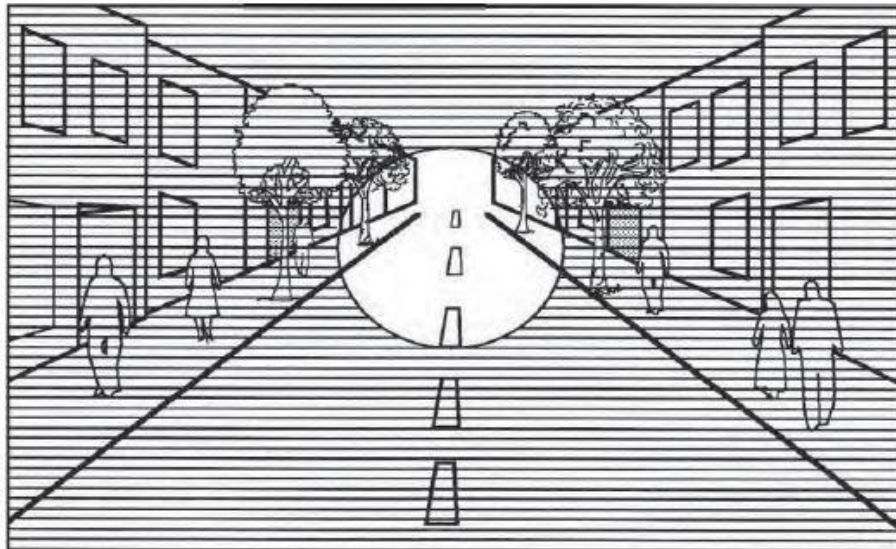
A safer, calm residential street for you and your family



# Why speed matters



Drivers' field of vision  
15 mph



Drivers' field of vision  
30 mph

# Why speed matters

HIT BY A VEHICLE  
TRAVELING AT:

**20**  
**MPH**



9 out of 10 pedestrians survive

HIT BY A VEHICLE  
TRAVELING AT:

**30**  
**MPH**



5 out of 10 pedestrians survive

HIT BY A VEHICLE  
TRAVELING AT:

**40**  
**MPH**



Only 1 out of 10 pedestrians survives

Speed is especially critical for vulnerable travelers like people walking and biking.

# Greenway design elements

## Slow Speeds and Stop Signs

- Calm traffic entering and crossing the greenway
- Drivers better able to stop and prevent collisions



## Speed Humps

- Slow motorists and people riding bikes
- Reduce cut-through traffic



## Placemaking

- Promote the activation of public space



## Safer Crossings at Busy Streets

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



## Signs and Markings

- Direct people walking and biking to and along the greenway
- Help motorists know people walking and biking are present



## Smooth Sidewalks and Pavement

- Safer for you and your family to walk and ride bikes
- Help people in wheelchairs or with strollers



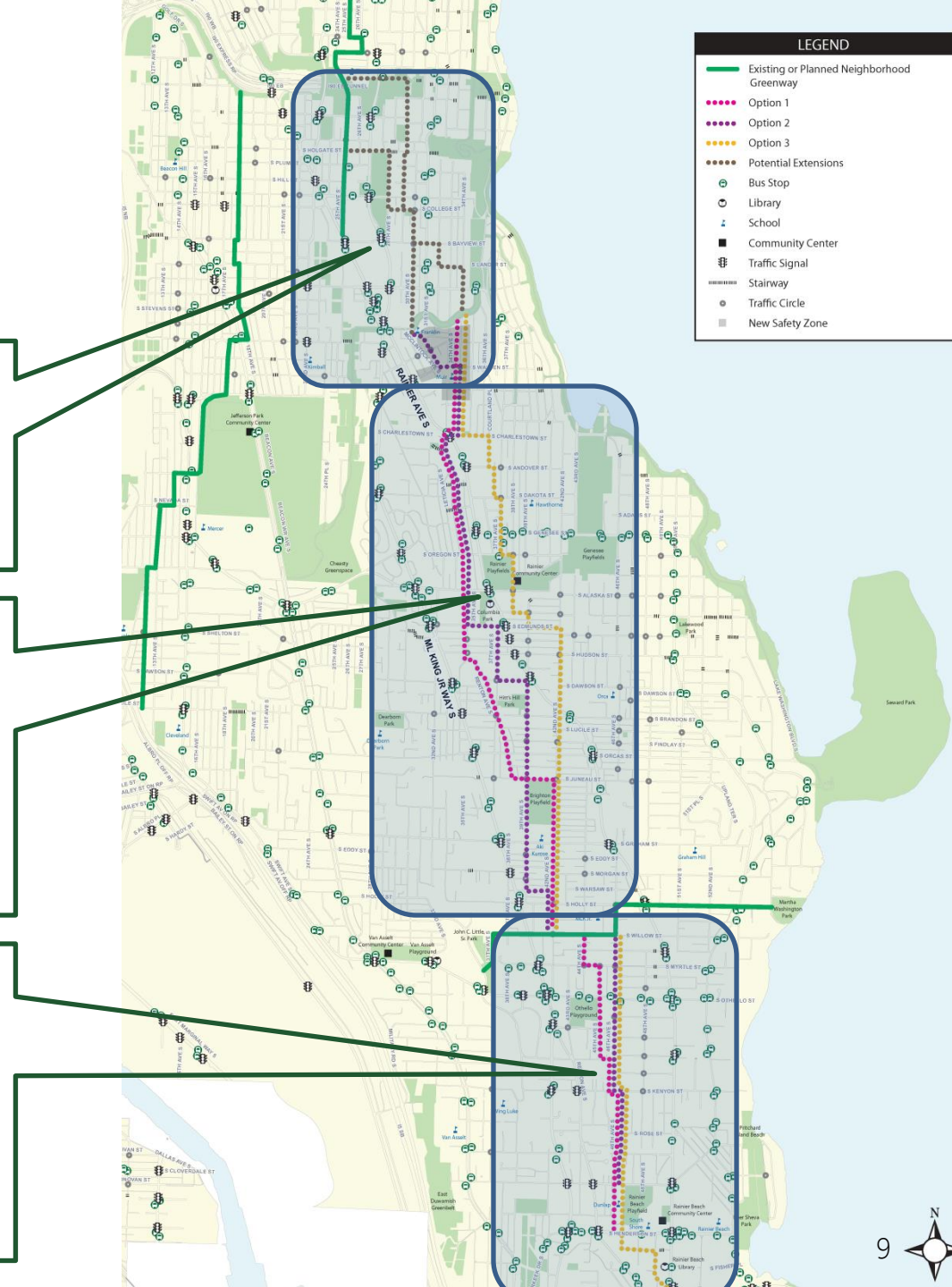


# Potential alternatives

**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



# What we heard

- Access to community destinations is important
- Consider steep grades
- Address and enforce speeding
- Improving intersections and crossings is essential
- Parking on narrow street makes it difficult and unsafe to walk and ride a bicycle
- Need better signage, lighting, drainage, and slower speeds

# Web-based comment map

SDOT  
South Department of Transportation

## Rainier Valley North-South Neighborhood Greenway

Public Input Points

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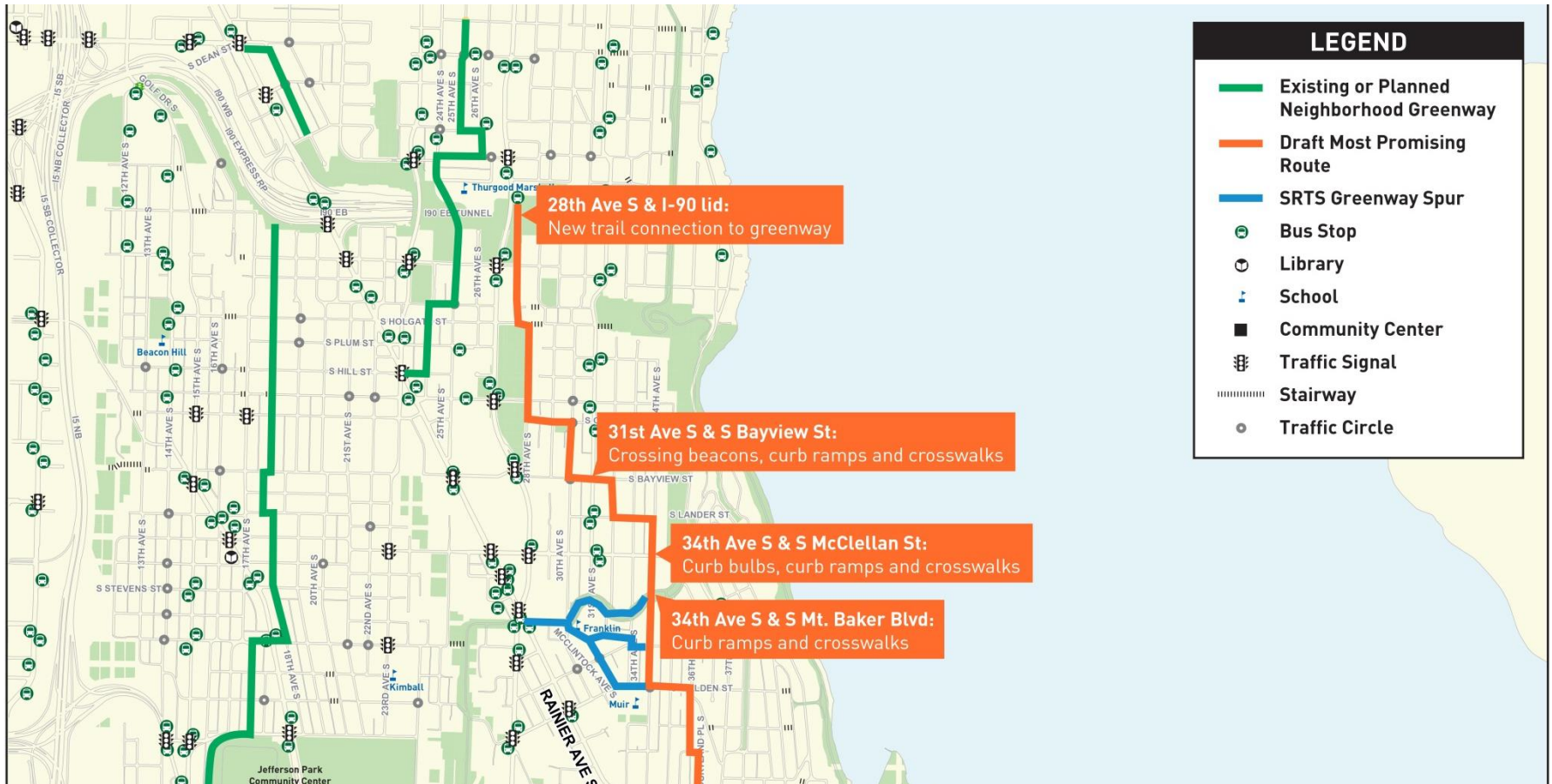
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**Description:** I choose Option 1 - Renton area, community meetings

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# Most promising route - north



# Most promising route - mid







# Schedule

Date	Activity
Early 2014	Stakeholder discussions and data collection
November 2014	Open house #1
Winter 2014- Spring 2015	Public feedback, site visits and conceptual design
July 2015	Open house #2
Fall 2015	Final design
2016	Implementation
2017	Evaluation

# Questions?

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<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rainiervalleygreenways2.htm>

