

Meeting Notes

Activating and Connecting to Greenways: Maple Leaf Reservoir Park - Public Open House

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

North Park Entrance (south of 12th Ave NE and NE 88th St)

Attendees: Approximate 45-50 participants

Project Team: Mike Schwindeller, Project Manager
Johnson and Southerland, Landscape Architect

SDOT

Representative: Ashley Rhead

Budget: Seattle Park District provides \$215,000 in 2019 and \$219,000 in 2020 for planning, design, and construction of routes to connect Maple Leaf Reservoir Park, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo/ Judkins Park and Roxhill Park to neighborhood greenways.

Schedule: Planning: Summer 2019
Design: Winter 2019/2020
Construction: Summer/Fall 2020

Project Description

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Neighborhood Greenways program creates corridors through residential streets with traffic calming measures designed to give bicycle and pedestrian travel priority. Neighborhood Greenways provide people of all ages and abilities with comfortable and attractive places to walk and ride.

With funding from the Seattle Park District, SPR is collaborating with SDOT to connect and enhance links from SDOT Neighborhood Greenways to parks by improving access and amenities for pedestrians and bicycles.

Project Background

During SDOT's public process for the new Neighborhood Greenway connecting the Maple Leaf neighborhood to the Northgate neighborhood, scheduled for construction in 2020, the community identified a critical connection between Maple Leaf Reservoir Park and the future SDOT Neighborhood Greenway at NE 88th St. and 12th Ave. NE. (See the selected route map below). SDOT and SPR are collaborating across the city to improve connections to parks and look forward to working with the community to enhance Maple Leaf Reservoir Park to the Northgate Neighborhood Greenway connections.

Meeting Summary:

The community was invited to discuss what they value in terms of the north park entrance and what enhancements could be made to improve the connection between the Neighborhood Greenway and the park. Both a representative from SDOT and a Parks were present to receive participant feedback.

The following comments were provided to Seattle Parks and Recreation:

- **NORTH PARK ENTRANCE**

- The north entrance path has drainage issues and puddles in the winter, please address
- We are supportive of paving the path
- Concern about the paving creating heat
- It is not clear that this is a park entrance
- Concern about more traffic: bicycle, pedestrian and vehicular conflicts
- Add curb ramps at park entrance
- We are ok with paving
- No lights on the path
- Prefer boulders to bollards
- Bollards can be dangerous for bicycles
- Park users do not look as they approach the intersection of NE 88th ST & 12th AVE NE
- Consider safety yellow on pavement near intersection
- Are there other means of highlighting the entry? Colored pavement?
- Consider that you are bringing more people to the park
- I support the paving and entrance improvements
- Add pedestrian improvements to the north entrance of the park

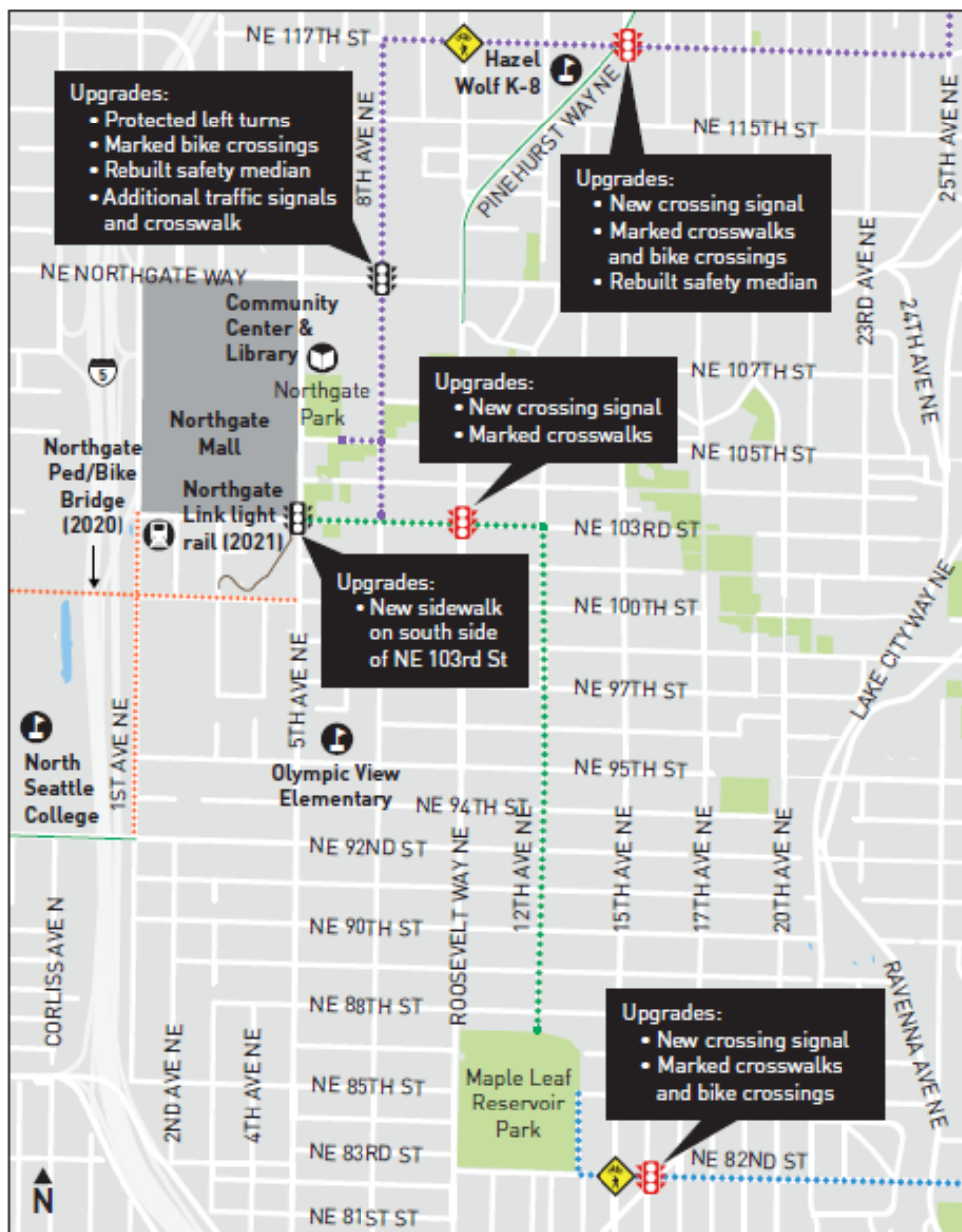
- **NE 88th ST & 12th AVE NE FEEDBACK (SDOT RELATED COMMENTS)**

- Concern about increase of noise and traffic (especially on 12th Ave NE)
- Concern about safety people walk in the street instead of on the sidewalk
- Add curb ramps at intersection of NE 88th ST & 12th AVE NE
- Keep a 30' setback of no parking from the intersection of NE 88th ST & 12th AVE NE
- Please restrict parking near the intersections for improved safety
- SDOT should consider a new Rapid Response Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at one of the four Roosevelt crosswalks that connect to the park (perhaps at 84th St)

- **OTHER PARK COMMENTS**

- No lights (dark sky theme)
- Consider adding signage for "no drones" (perhaps in kiosk?)
- Frustration with people experiencing homelessness defecating in the park
- Please make the pickle ball orientation face north / south instead of east / west
- Consider adding table tennis to the park

NORTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY Selected Route



LEGEND

- Maple Leaf connection
 - Pinehurst connection
 - Wedgwood connection
 - Existing family-friendly route*
 - Future family-friendly route*
 - Seattle Public Utilities open space
 - New crossing improvements at existing signal
 - New crossing improvements
 - New crossing signal
- *Family-friendly routes include trails, protected bike lanes, and neighborhood greenways

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