



# Safe Healthy Streets

## Bicycle Advisory Board

# Our vision, mission, and core values

**Vision:** Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

**Mission:** to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

# Stay Healthy Streets Overview

- Stay Healthy Streets are streets that have been closed to through motor vehicle traffic in order to give people more space while social distancing
  - Move along Stay Healthy Streets for exercise and recreation
  - Use Stay Healthy Streets to reach services and businesses
- Streets remain open to local traffic and deliveries
- In effect 24/7 at least until the emergency is lifted
- Similar efforts in at least 30+ cities

## STAY HEALTHY STREETS

Street open for people to walk, roll, bike, run, and skate.

Local access & deliveries OK.

<https://tinyurl.com/StayHealthyStreets>



## KEEP IT MOVING

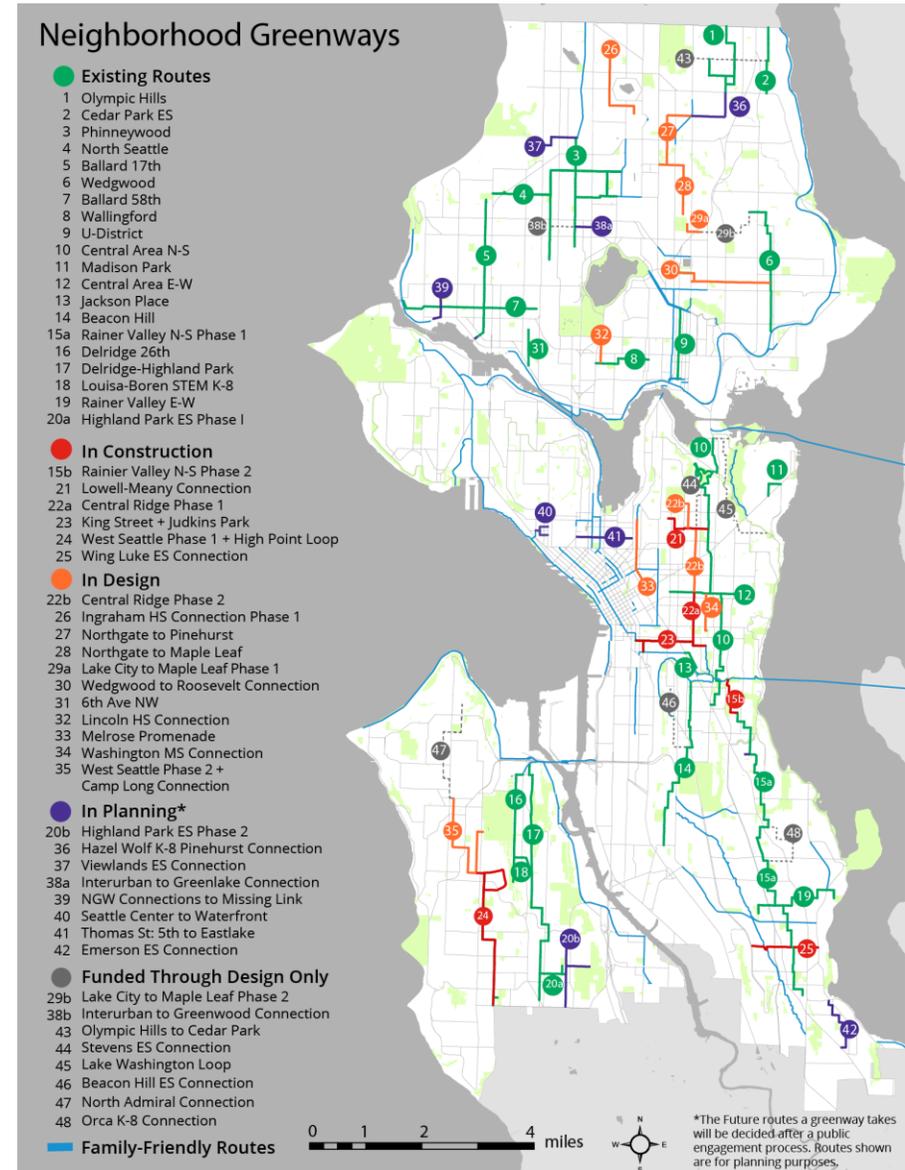
Stay Healthy Streets

Keep it Distant: 6 + feet



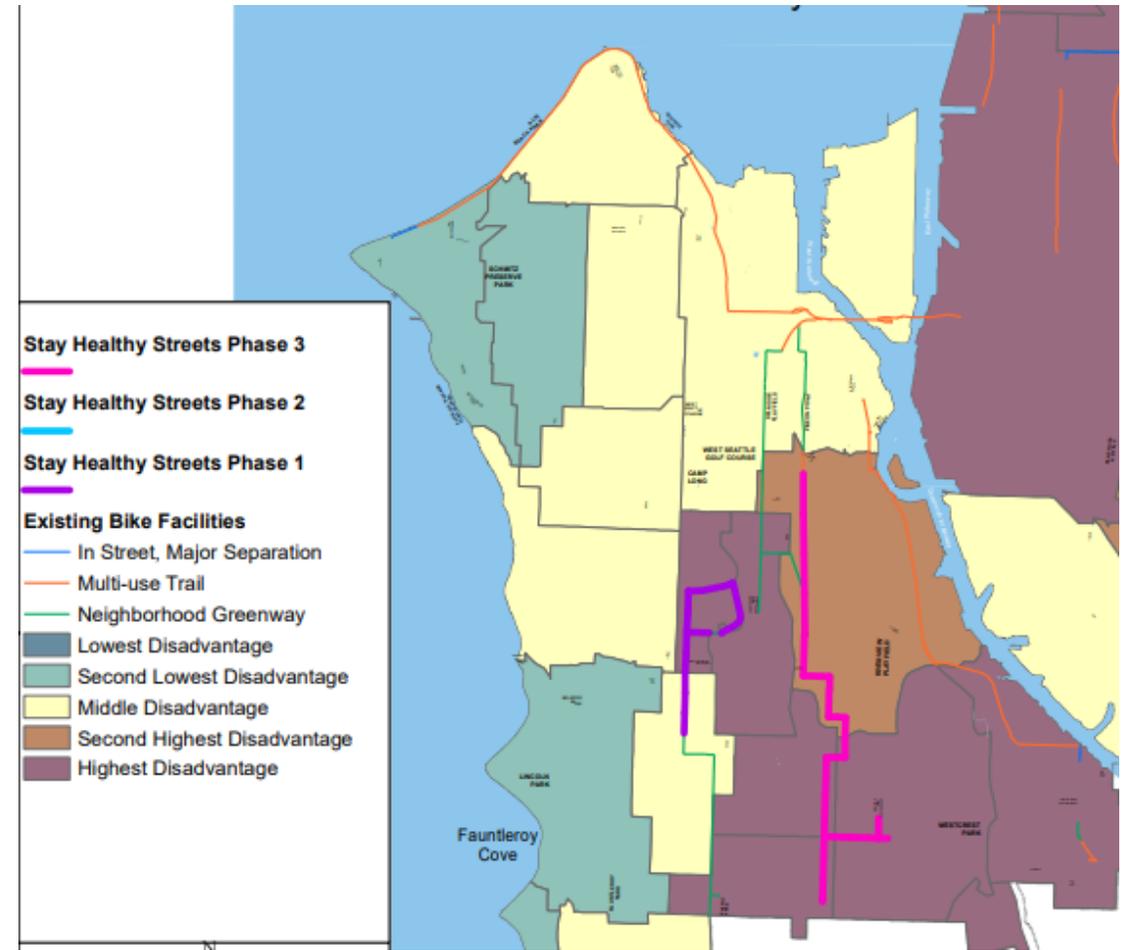
# Street Selection

- Stay Healthy Streets make use of existing neighborhood greenways
  - Traffic calming
  - Stop signs on cross streets
  - Improved arterial crossings
  - Wayfinding
- Avoid impacts to businesses, transit, COVID-19 response
- W Green Lake Way added by request from Seattle Parks and Recreation



# Neighborhood Selection

- Neighborhood greenways were selected for Stay Healthy Streets implementation based on:
  - Race and Social Equity Index
  - Housing density
  - Geographic coverage
  - Access to essential services and businesses



# Standard Materials

- 347 “Street Closed” signs on A-frames with traffic cones
- Improvements
  - Informational sign with instructions
  - Paint to mark cone and sign locations
  - Sandbags at arterial intersections



# Other Materials

- Parking restrictions and traffic barrels or temporary marking tape to expand walking space in busy areas
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW north of NW 85<sup>th</sup> St
  - S Kenyon St at 46th Ave S
  - Stone Ave N at N 92<sup>nd</sup> St



# Stay Healthy Streets Rollout

- Planning began on 4/13
- Phase 1 installed on 4/17
  - 3 miles in the Central Area, West Seattle, Green Lake
- Phase 2 installed on 4/23 and 4/24
  - 6 miles in Beacon Hill, Rainier Beach, Greenwood, Central Area
- Phase 3 installed on 5/1 and 5/4
  - 11 miles in Lake City, Ballard, Aurora-Licton Springs, Delridge, Central Area
- 20 miles and 208 city blocks

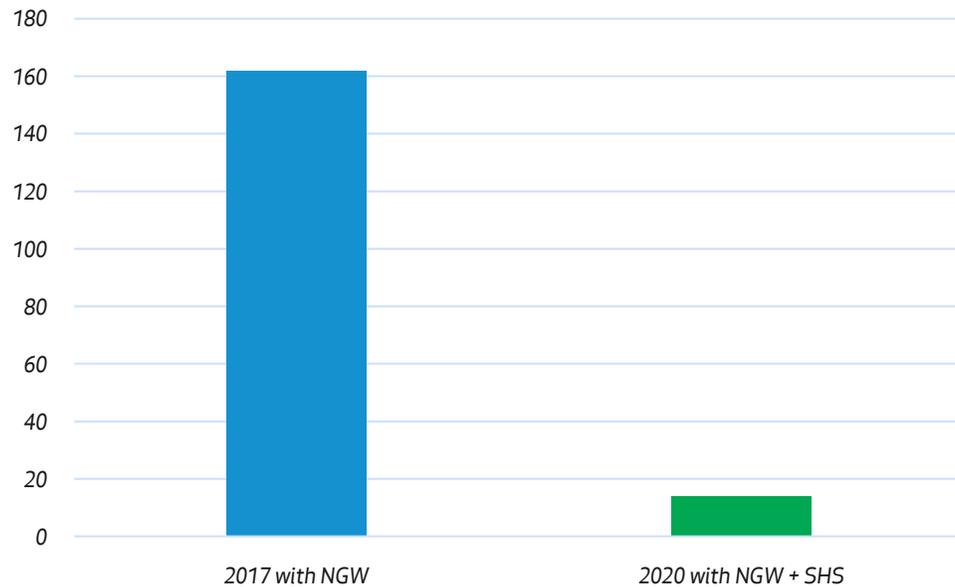


# What They Look Like

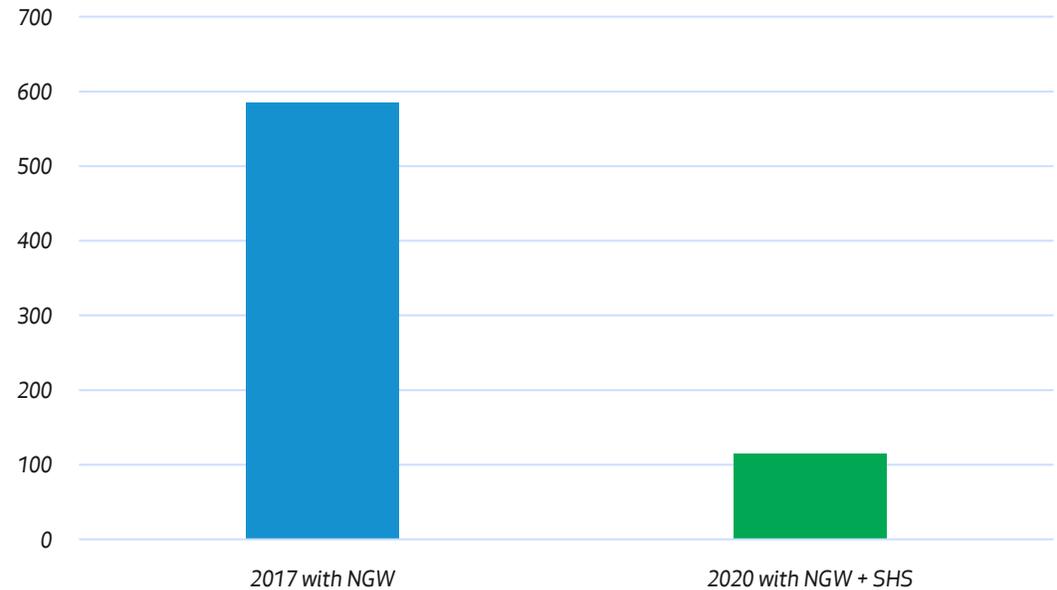


# What we're seeing

Cars traveling along SHS decreased 91%



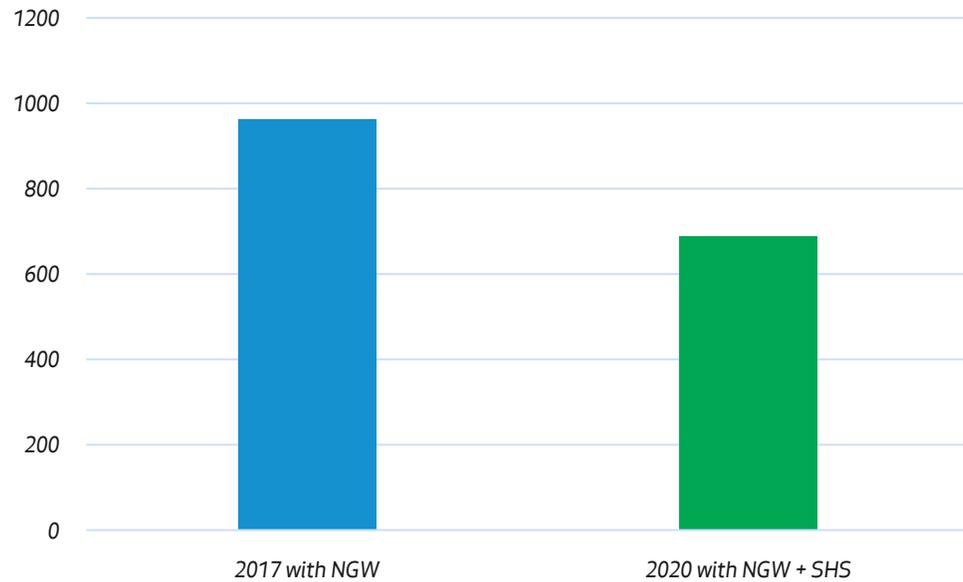
Cars turning onto Stay Healthy Street decreased 80%



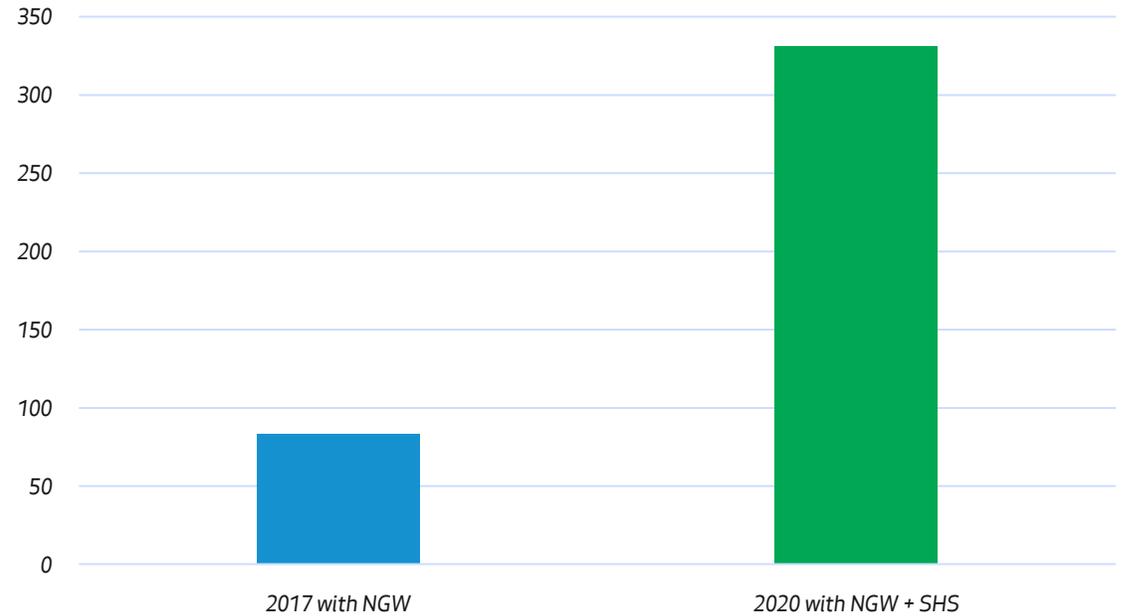
Combined 12-hour counts from S Jackson St and S Yesler St in the Central Area

# What we're seeing

People walking along SHS decreased 28%



People biking along SHS increased 299%



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# What we're seeing

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW is busier than the rest
- Busiest times are late afternoons
- Very little stationary gathering, especially < 6'
- Kids using the street in all locations
- More traffic in West Seattle and Rainier Beach
- People are moving signs and cones, but volunteers and neighbors have been moving them back at all sites

Stay Healthy Street	Average Weekend Users per Mile
1st Ave NW SHS	42
Beacon Hill SHS	10
Central SHS	15
Columbia St SHS	12
Rainier Beach SHS	12
West Seattle SHS	10
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>16</b>

# Ongoing Operations

- Stay Healthy Streets will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency, at least 5/31
- We will continue monitoring with SDOT staff and volunteers
- Maintenance/inspection visits to replace missing signs
- Costs have increased now that material stocks are depleted



# Potential Next Steps this Spring

- Continue to install new Stay Healthy Streets
  - Phase 4 on Friday 5/8 or Monday 5/11
- Purchase and install more durable materials
  - These will replace signs and cones on established Stay Healthy Streets
  - Signs and cones can then be used to pilot new Stay Healthy Streets
- Transition out of SDOT's emergency response and into a program



# Potential Next Steps during Recovery

- Accelerate construction of neighborhood greenway projects in areas where Safe Healthy Streets are most needed
- Serve areas affected by West Seattle Bridge detour traffic
  - Stay Healthy Streets and other quick projects
- Open streets are part of #SeattleTogether recovery planning
  - Open streets in commercial and mixed-use neighborhoods
  - Additional open streets along neighborhood greenways and Festival Streets
  - Daytime programming from Seattle Public Libraries, Parks and Recreation, and others

# Questions?

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