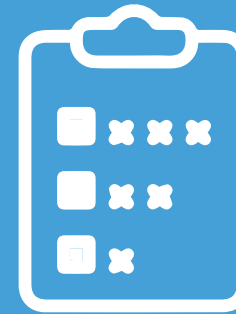


PLAY STREET



Since 2014, over 550 **Play Streets** permits have been issued.

550+



In 2017, we issued a survey about our program.

229 responses were submitted.

Here is what we heard.



Understanding & Compliance

77%

of hosts thought it was easy to set up their Play Street in accordance with SDOT's safety guidelines

52%

of hosts who required a type-3 barricade because of their location next to an arterial felt it was NOT easy to obtain



Safety

100%

of hosts believed that Play Streets create a safe environment for kids to play



Additional Public Space

87%

of attendees felt that Play Streets both optimized public space provided a viable alternative to a park

This program provides a convenient way to visit with neighbors and get youth of all ages, from toddlers to teens, regular exercise.

This is a no-cost way for neighbors and the City of Seattle to build community. We got to know neighbors on our street and adjoining streets. The connections we have made are invaluable in neighborhood safety, friendships, and city camaraderie.



The permit turnaround time needs to be improved, it makes it difficult to plan and also to time neighborhood notification appropriately.

The website should offer a tool to applicants to determine if they are on or adjacent to an arterial.

Having an adult at the barricade for the entire time was challenging.



Active Play

93%

of attendees felt that Play Streets make it easier for people to get outside and play

87%

of attendees felt that Play Streets help to increase physical activity



Social Interaction

92%

of hosts chose to host a Play Street to build local community

94%

of attendees felt that Play Streets helped them to get to know their neighbors and promoted a sense of community

Next steps:

- Post an updated application that allows applicants to sign and agree to terms of the permit. Therefore, once they're reviewed and sent back to the applicant, the permit will be "fully issued" at that time.
- The requirement for an adult to remain at each barrier for the duration of the Play Street to allow local access will be revised to only require an adult to be "visible" from both barricades for the duration of the Play Street.
- We are exploring ways to increase participation in the areas of the city that are currently underrepresented such as partnering with Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaisons and conducting more outreach.
- We will post a link to the Streets Illustrated map on our website to allow applicants to more easily determine if the proposed street is on or abuts an arterial.
- Soon, we will be posting videos on our website to provide better guidance for how hosts should set up their Play Streets in adherence to our safety requirements.