

# West Seattle - Hight Point Healthy Street

2022-23 Evaluation





# Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

## Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

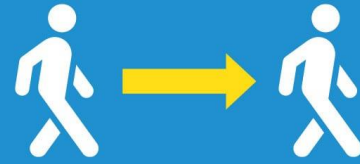


# Making life easier during COVID-19

Stay Healthy Streets were added to:

- Create space for you to walk and bike 6 feet apart close to home
- Connect you to groceries stores, pharmacies, and businesses
- Reduce car traffic to keep you safer while walking and biking
- Reduce impacts to hospitals and essential workers

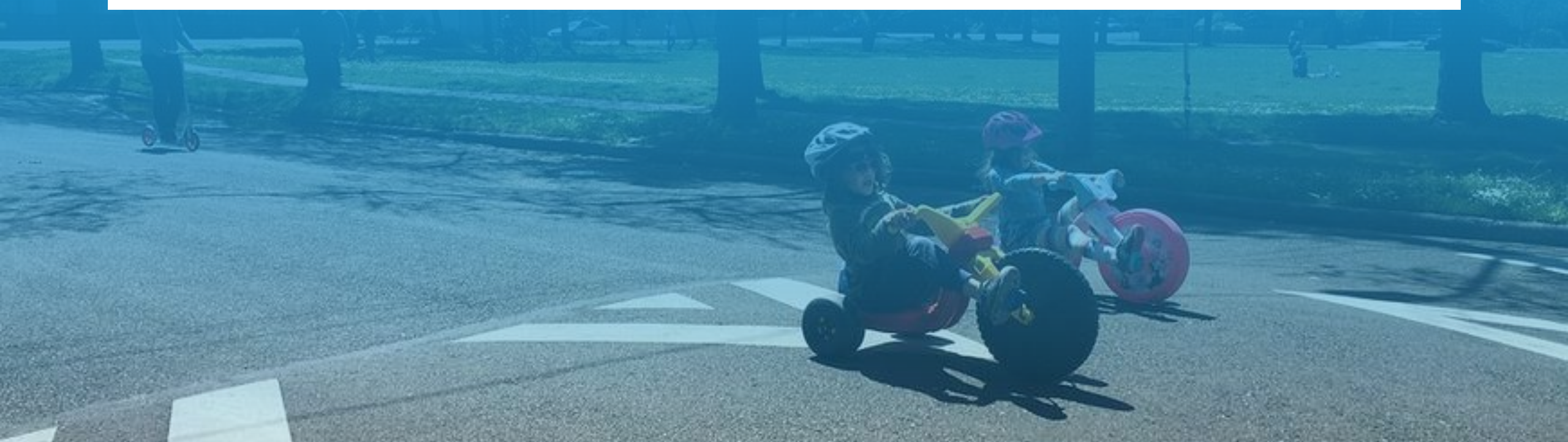
**KEEP IT MOVING**  
Stay Healthy Streets  
Keep it Distant: 6 + feet










# STAY HEALTHY STREETS

## Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets



# Is this street a good candidate for permanent implementation?



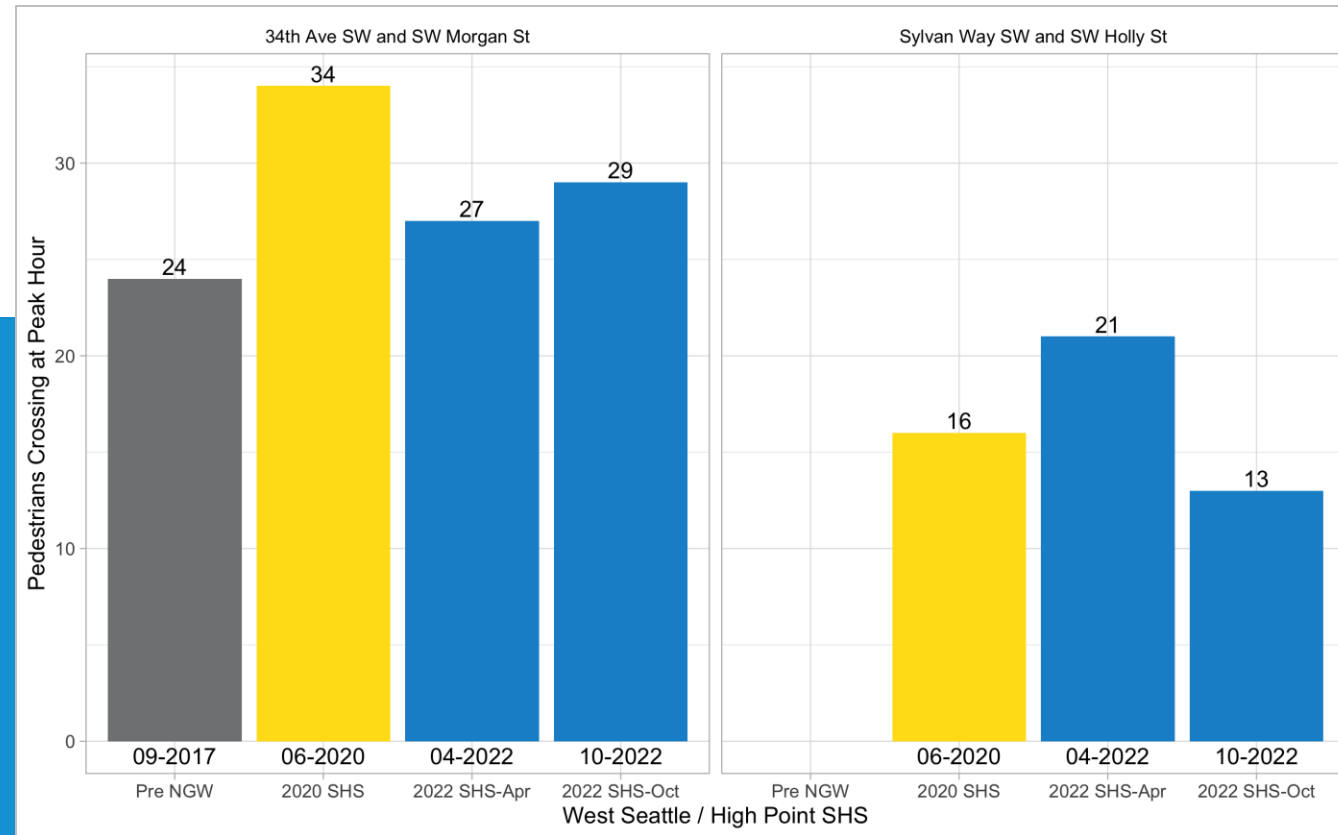
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 <p>Observe Listen Evaluate</p>	 <p>Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?</p>	 <p>Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?</p>	 <p>How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender,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

# Data Collection Location

	Location	Data Type
●	34th Ave SW & SW Morgan St	TMC
	Sylvan Way SW & SW Holly St	
—	S Graham St e/o 34th Ave SW	7-day bike 7-day vehicle volume & speed
	34th Ave SW n/o SW Morgan St	
	High Point Dr SW n/o SW Morgan St	
	34th Ave SW s/o SW Holly St	7-day vehicle volume & speed



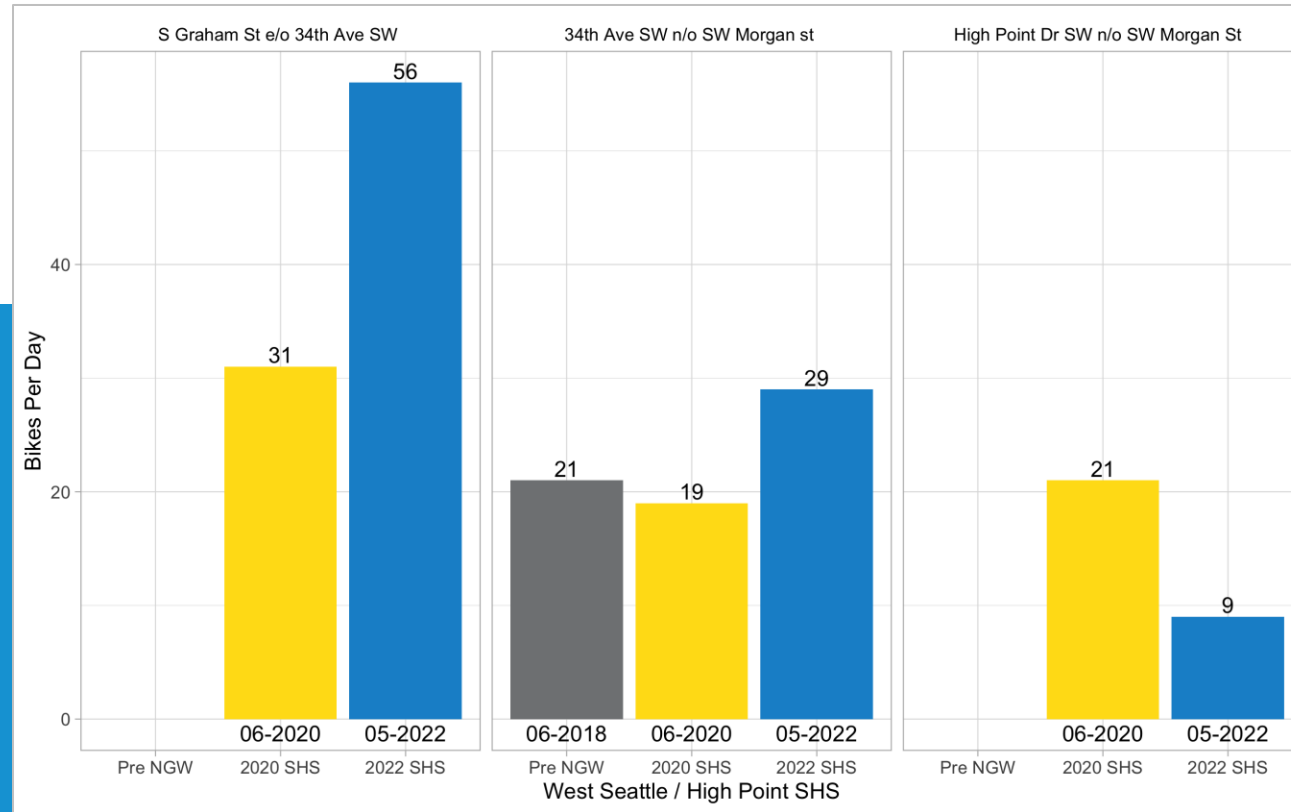
# People walking and biking per hour



Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?

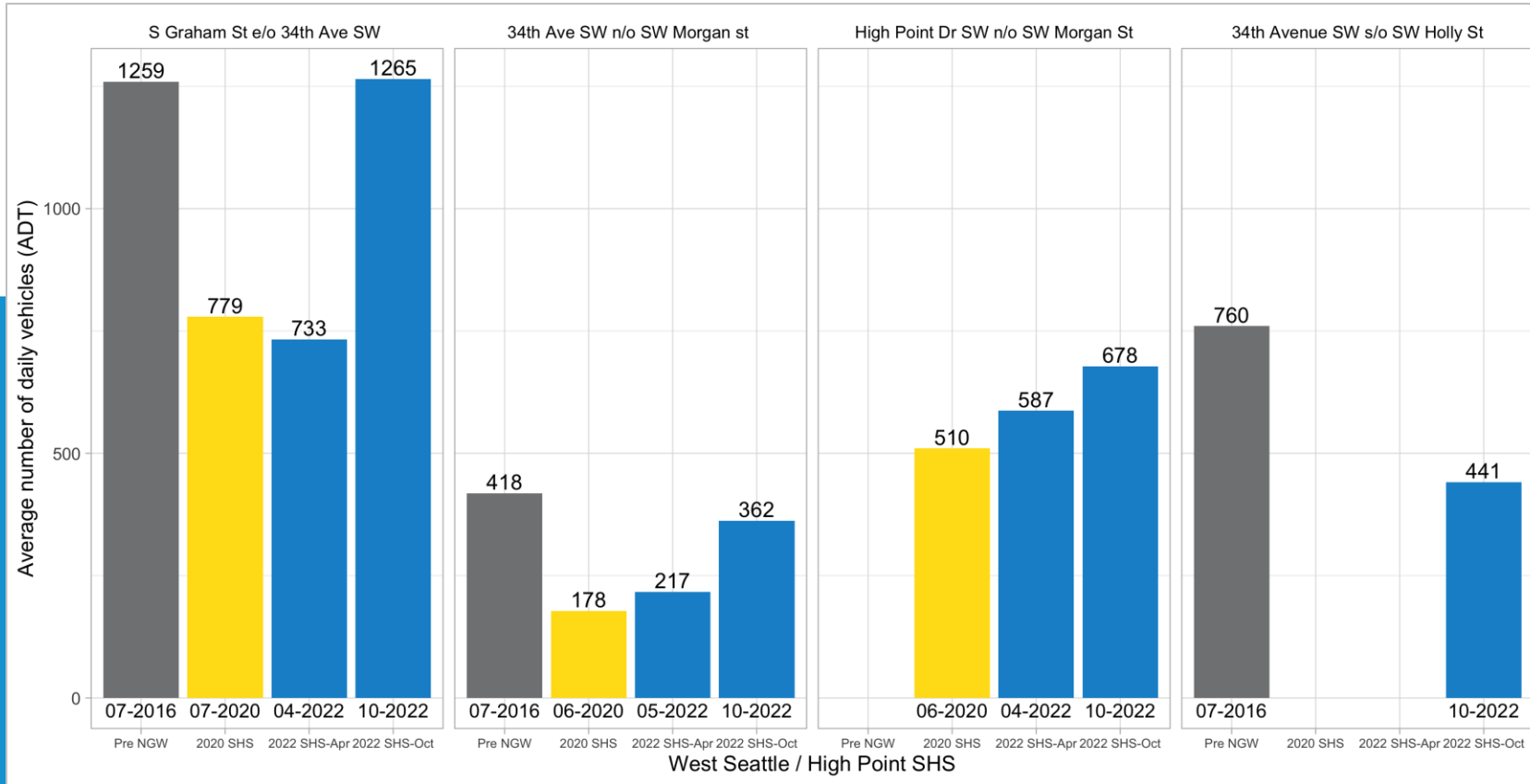


# People biking per day (7 day average)



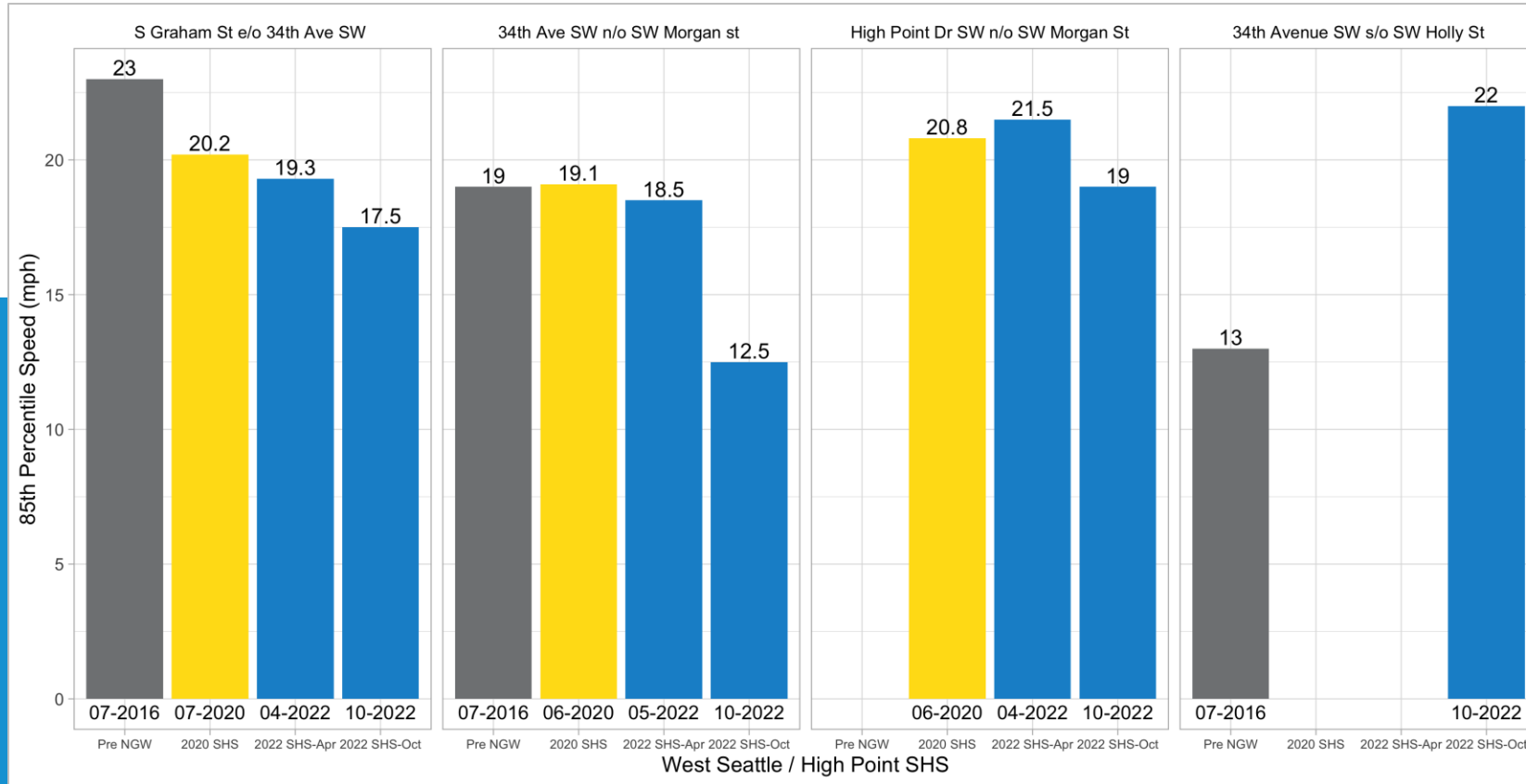
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# Vehicles per day (7 day average)



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

# Vehicles speed (85% of vehicles drive this speed or slower)

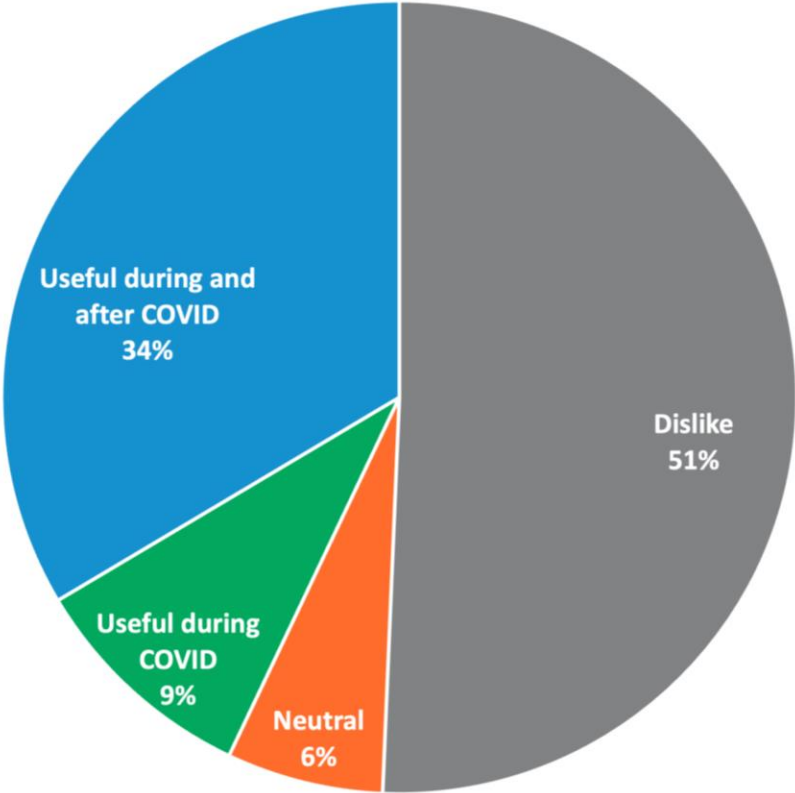


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# Online Survey ~ 298 Responses for West Seattle

How do you feel about the Stay Healthy Streets that were put in your neighborhood during the pandemic?

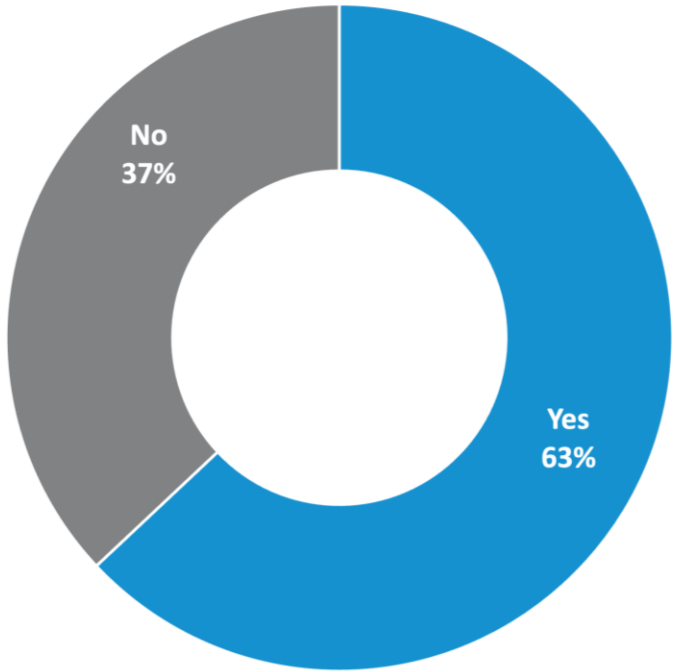


(n= 298 responses)



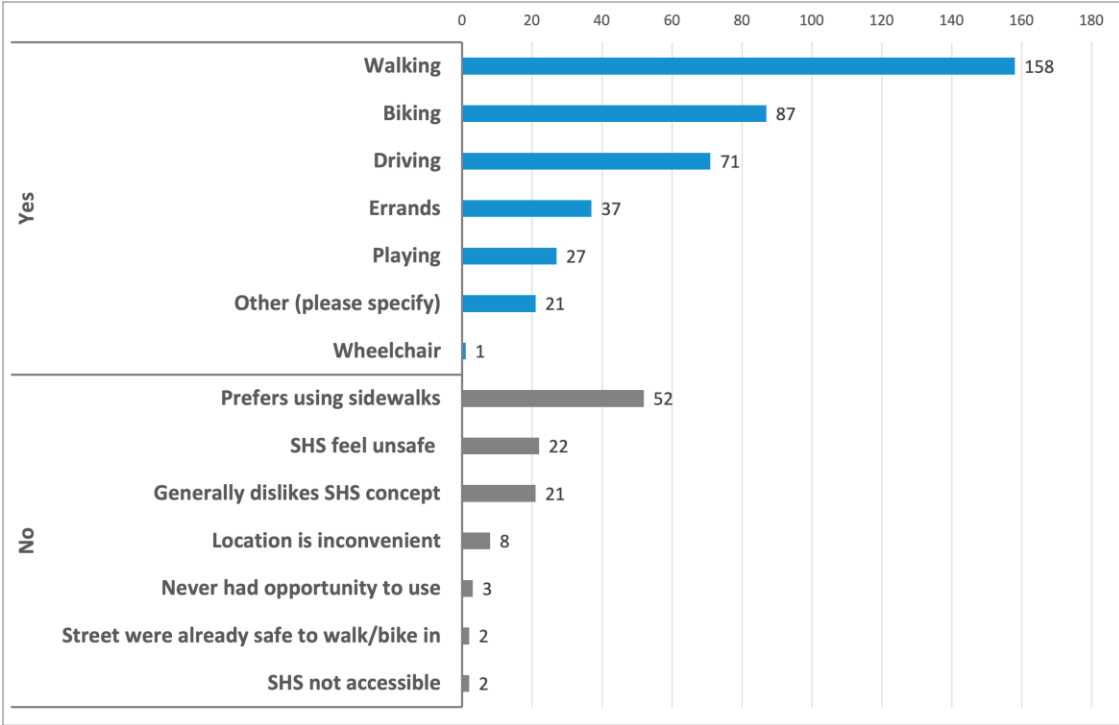
# Online Survey

Have you or your household used the Stay Healthy Streets? If yes, how? If no, why



(n= 296 responses)

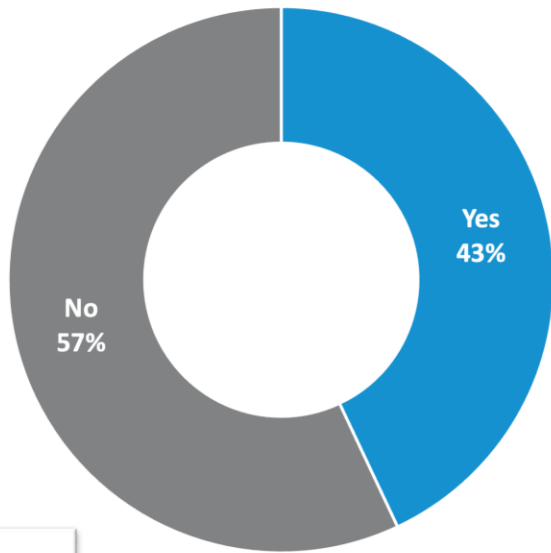
Results as of June 10, 2022



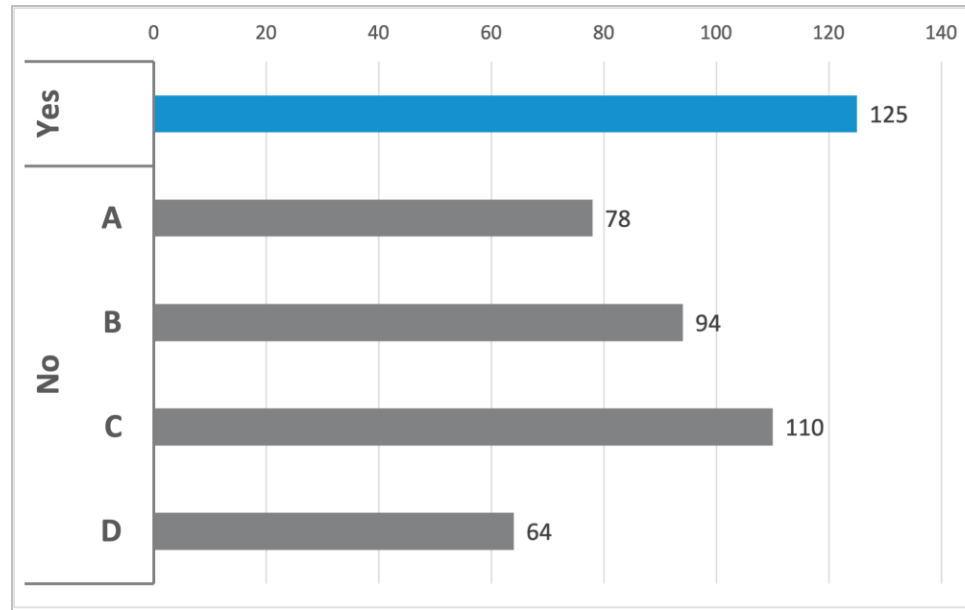
(n= 290 responses)

# Online Survey

When using Stay Healthy Streets do you feel safe? If you answered no, where on the Stay Healthy Street do you feel unsafe?



(n= 291 responses)



(n= 267 responses)

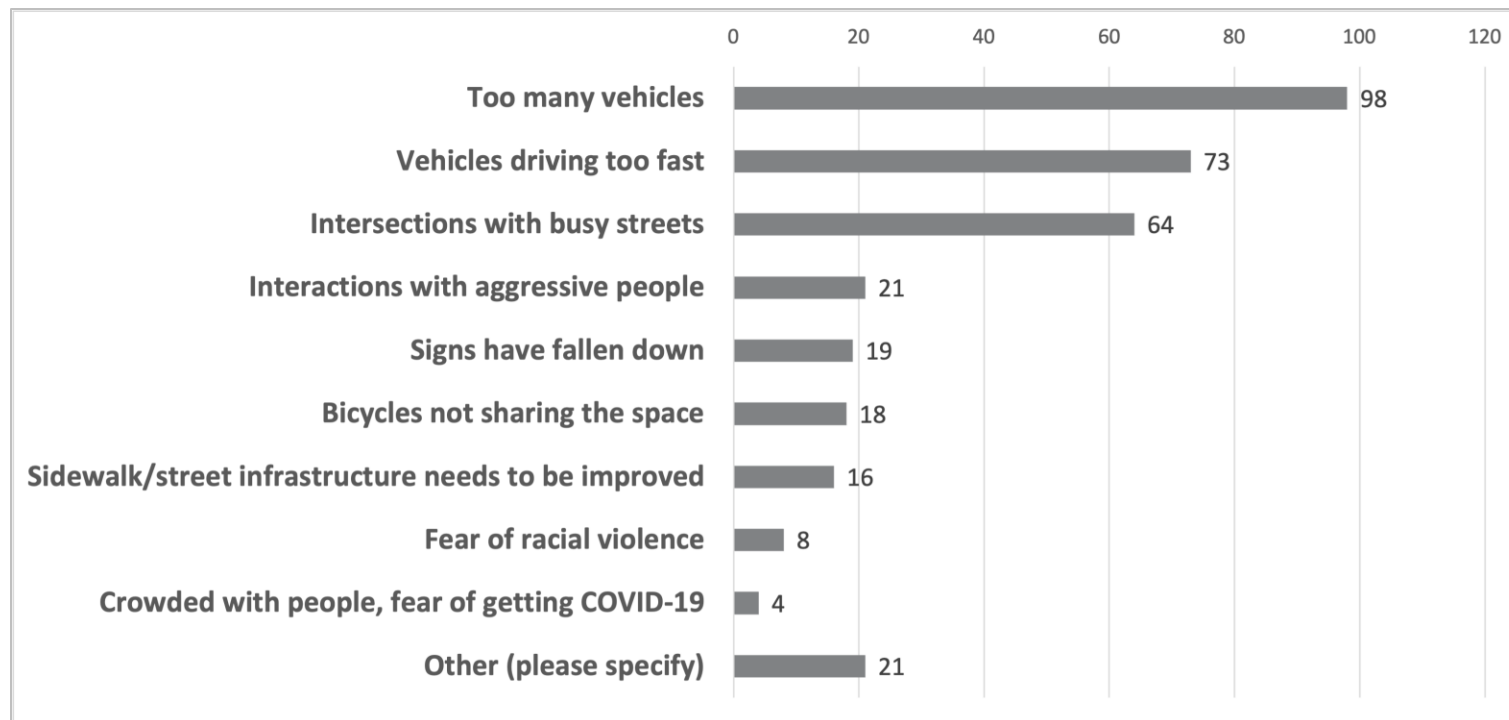


Results as of July, 2022



# Online Survey

## Why do you feel unsafe on the Stay Healthy Street?



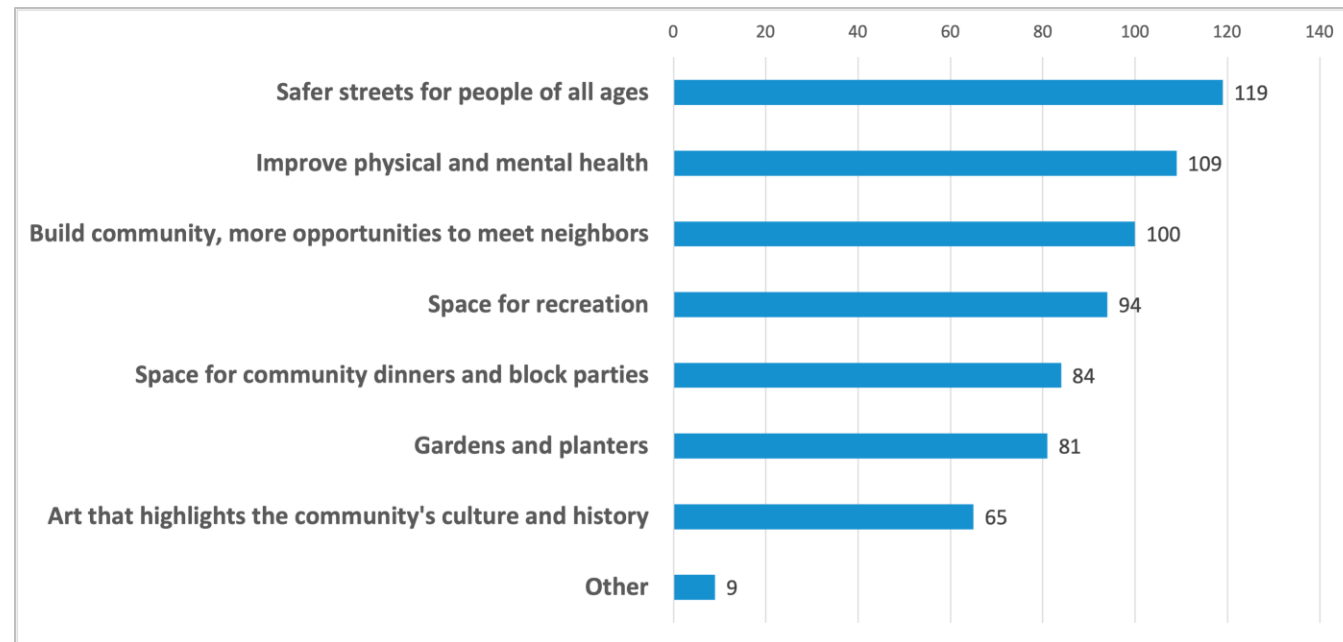
(n= 152 responses)



Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?

# Online Survey

Thinking about the future of your neighborhood after COVID-19: How could Stay Healthy Streets improve your community?



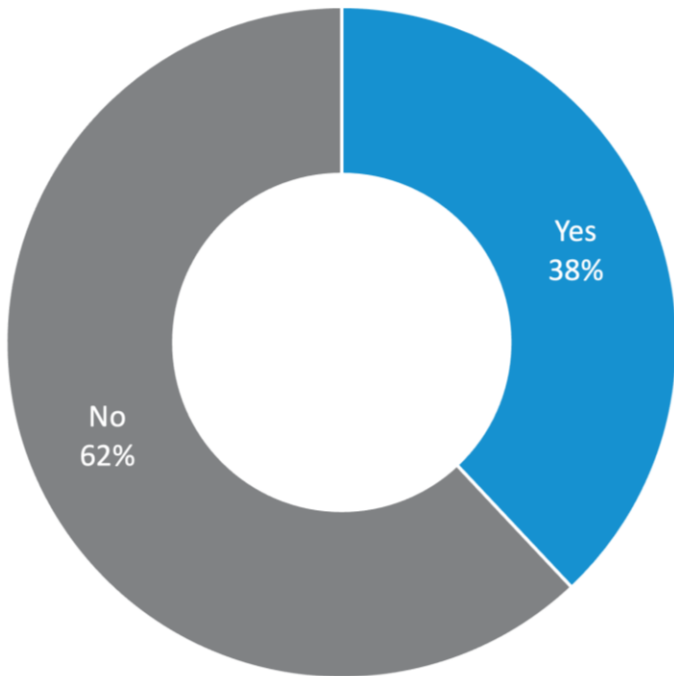
(n= 153 valid responses)



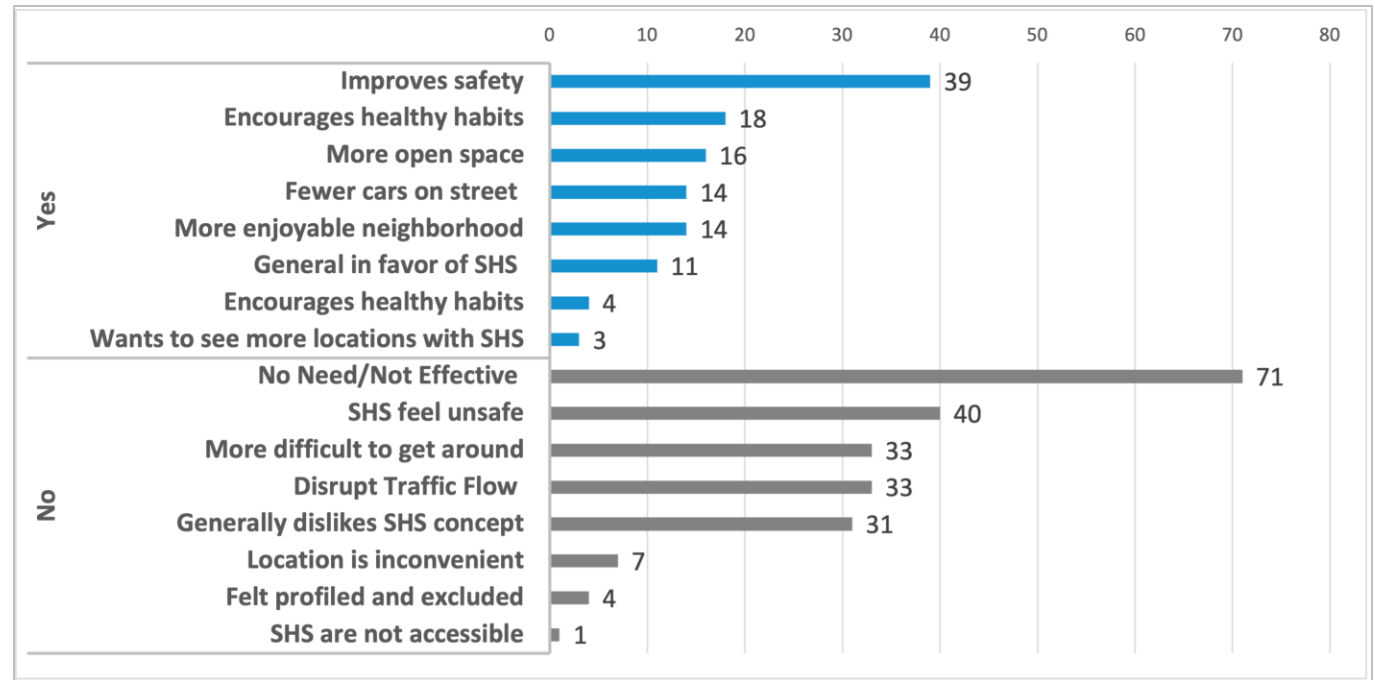
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# Online Survey

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



(n= 285 responses)



(n= 246 valid responses)



# Outreach Activities

- West Seattle Bridge-led public meeting, summer 2020
- Survey, 2020 – 2021
- High Point Community Meeting, April 2021
- Mailer to community, April 2021
- High Point Health Fair, August 2021
- Tabling at Walt Hundley Playfield, November 2021
- Khmer New Year, April 2022
- Somali EID event, May 2022
- Vietnamese Community Walking Group, August 2022
- High Point Healthy Fair, August 2022
- Salmon Public Art Celebration, April 2023
- Bee Festival, May 2023
- Meetings with High Point leaders (ongoing)



# Community Feedback

- The Healthy Street in High Point is not necessary because High Point already has a lot of parks and good sidewalks.
- There are too many people driving on the Healthy Street and people don't feel safe being in the street walking or biking.
- Signs are confusing as to who can use the street. People still drive on the street.

*“I was already using 34th to ride my bicycle before it was made a Stay Healthy Street. The other streets in High Point that have been blocked have sidewalks in good shape on both sides, and because there are so many cars parked on these streets, the sidewalks are much more enjoyable. Also, people still drive a lot through them because their reduced access is not enforced.”*



# Community Feedback

- People feel the least safe on sections B and C.
- The section east of 34th Ave SW that forms the "p" on SW Graham St and High Point Dr SW is especially busy with people driving.
- The intersection at Sylvan Way SW/SW Holly St and High Point Drive SW is busy and backs up traffic on Sylvan Way in both directions.
- People bike on 34th Ave SW for the Greenway connecting to SW Graham St for heading west.
- People don't use the loop as a walking and biking routes
- Improve connections to destinations where people walk and bike, like pond, playgrounds



# Community Feedback

Based on the HS Feedback Form (from April 2023 to June 2023) and emails (from Jan 2022 through June 15th, 2023), about **38%** of respondents (285 in total) were in favor of HS or supported the HS being permanent, and 62% of them expressed concerns or preferred re-open the streets.

## Support

"I like the 'This is a closed street' signs. They serve two useful functions. First, they make the neighborhood feel like, well, a neighborhood or community. Second, they make people think twice about using the neighborhood as a short cut. "

"People want activities in High Point like a public market to sell all vegetables during the summer, public socializing, such as a public meeting. Picnic gathering. Celebrate traditional events. Traditional Khmer activities. Play bingo together."

"Please do NOT remove the speed bumps on High Point Dr. They are very effective in slowing traffic, and since there are a lot of kids, people walking dogs, joggers, bikers, etc. on High Point Drive who cross the street with some frequency, and or who sometimes walk/jog/bike in the street itself, the speed bumps are CRITICAL to neighborhood safety. Without those speed bumps, I think a majority of cars would exceed the speed limit, probably (in some cases) by a substantial amount. This would inevitably lead to car versus person or bike accidents, and perhaps serious injury or even death."

## Concern/Opposite

"... Another point of fact I would ask you to consider is that 34th does have sidewalks south and north that least up to Highpoint Neighborhood center. Sidewalks are there to allow us all to be safe from traffic while we walk, push our children in carriers, etc. Because of all the reasons I have cited, this area between 34th and 32nd is very congested and in reality, less safe. Folks are in a hurry usually and because the free flow of cars is essentially blocked, become more impatient and frustrated causing them to often drive faster to get where they are going. I ask you to please consider these arguments in favor of reopening 34th to through traffic."

"Temporary street closure signs causing accidents and destroying streets."

"Pocket parks and green space is abundant Sidewalks on all sides of streets provide safe walking"

"People avoid the closed streets and then go through alleys at unsafe speed"

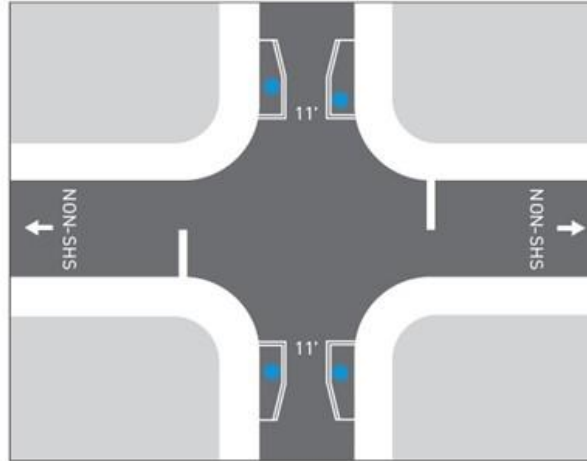
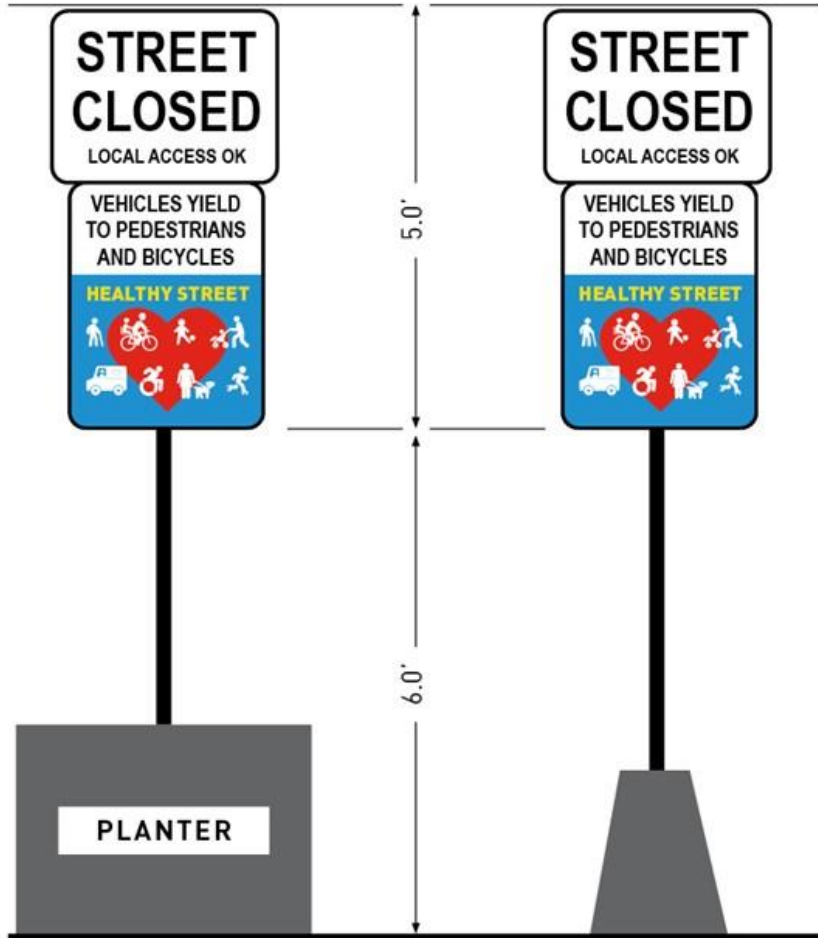
"If streets are completely closed to all traffic, you are not safe in the street"

"Traffic is diverted from one street to another"





# Permanent Healthy Street Options



Conceptual diagram of Healthy Street intersection



Permanent Healthy Street treatments in Greenwood)





# Recommendations

- Make the Healthy Street permanent on 34th Ave SW between SW Graham St and SW Holden St (A)
- Remove Healthy Street from the SW Graham St (B), High Point Dr SW (C), and SW Holly St (D)
- Add school signage and speed humps to 31st Ave SW between SW Holly St and SW Myrtle St



From the entire SDOT Team:  
**Thank you!**

