



North Beacon Hill Stay Healthy Street

Evaluation Report 2021

What are they?

Stay Healthy Streets are “Closed” to enable those walking and rolling to *legally* use the street



These streets maintain access for residents, visitors, and deliveries.

Stay Healthy Streets can include:

- Neighborhood Greenway traffic safety features like easier crossings of busy streets, speed humps, and sign and pavement markings to help people find their way
- Permit-free neighborhood activities like potlucks and badminton
- Treatments at intersections to discourage cut through-traffic like traffic circles and street murals



Where are they?

Current Locations

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Lake City | 8. Alki Point |
| 2. Greenwood | 9. West Seattle/High Point |
| 3. Ballard | 10. Delridge-Highland Park |
| 4. Green Lake | 11. Beacon Hill |
| 5. Wallingford | 12. Rainier Valley |
| 6. Bell St | |
| 7. Central District | |



Why were they created?

Stay Healthy Streets were created to:

- Make life easier for residents during the pandemic
- Create more dedicated space to recreate outdoors while social distancing
- Connect residents to essential businesses

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



City of Seattle

What we've learned so far (+)

STAY HEALTHY STREET: BEACON HILL NORTH



35

Pedestrians
Per Day



101-115

Bikes
Per Day



10

Pedestrians & Bikes
Per Mile

Summer 2020



City of Seattle

What we've learned so far (+)

- Increases in bike use
- Decreases in vehicle speeds and volumes
- The Stay Healthy Street is being used by the community as an event space
 - T'Challaween Halloween parades in 2020 and 2021
 - Mutual aid station, movie nights, and public art at Feed the People Plaza
 - Unofficial parklets, yarn art, and other activation



What we've learned so far (-)

- The Beacon Hill Neighborhood Greenway is one of the city's oldest and could use upgrades
 - RRFBs at arterial crossings
 - Bike detection and pavement repair at Beacon Ave S and S Hanford St
 - Wayfinding improvements
- No observed increase in pedestrian use



What we've learned so far - other

- Construction in the neighborhood; some want to wait and see while some feel urgency
- Balancing vibrancy with privacy
- Support for small business operating near the Stay Healthy Street
- Post COVID operation



Transition to Permanent: Process

STAY HEALTHY STREETS






Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets



If a Stay Healthy Street request does not progress to the next step recommended alternative programs include: Stay Healthy Blocks, block party and play street permits, home zones, neighborhood traffic calming, street murals, and Your Voice Your Choice participatory budgeting

Is this street a good candidate for permanent implementation?



3 PILOT A TEMPORARY STAY HEALTHY STREET	4 EVALUATION OF A PILOT STAY HEALTHY STREET			
 <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>

Transition to Permanent: Evaluation



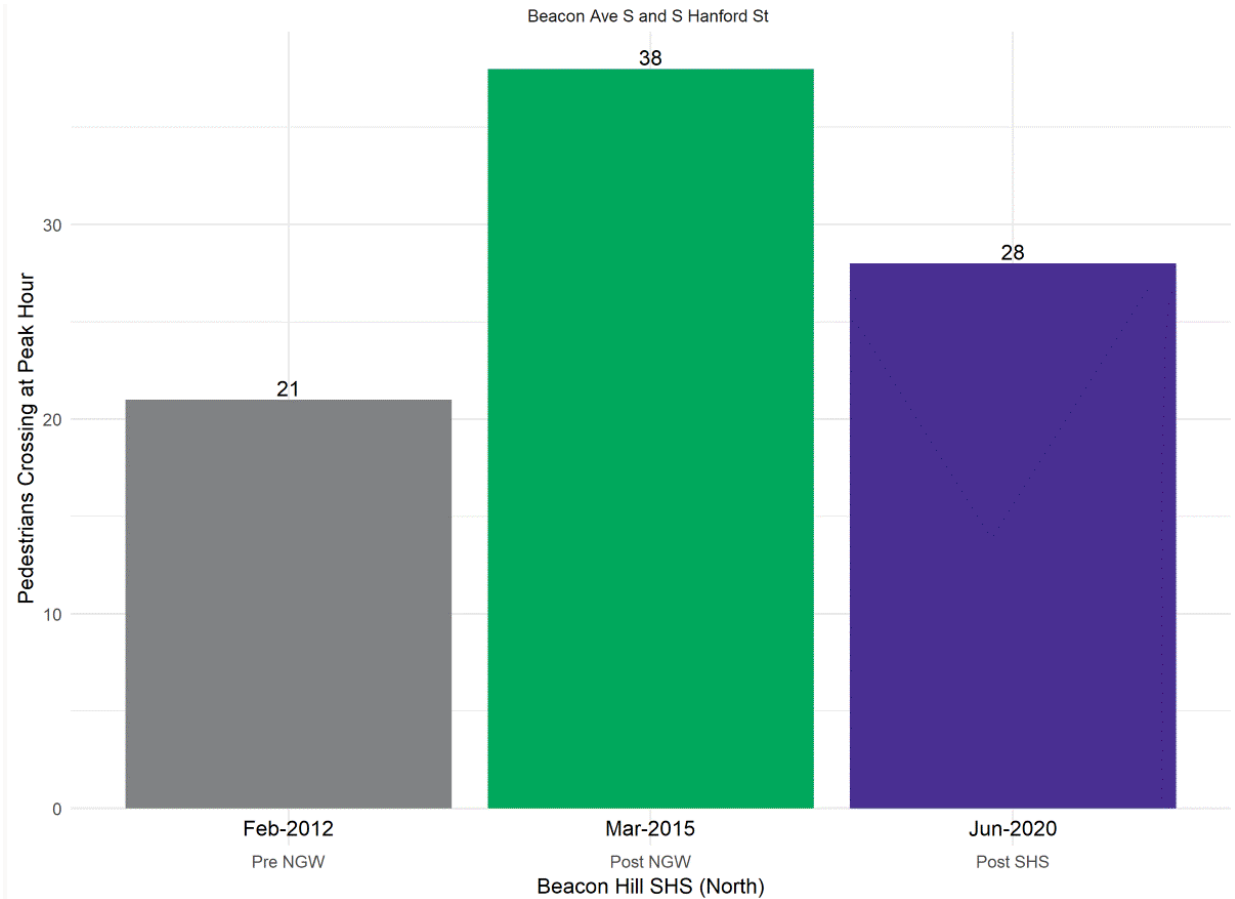
Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?

Decrease in peak pedestrian volume compared to similar automated counts

NGW = Neighborhood Greenway

SHS = Stay Healthy Street

Walk/Roll Counts



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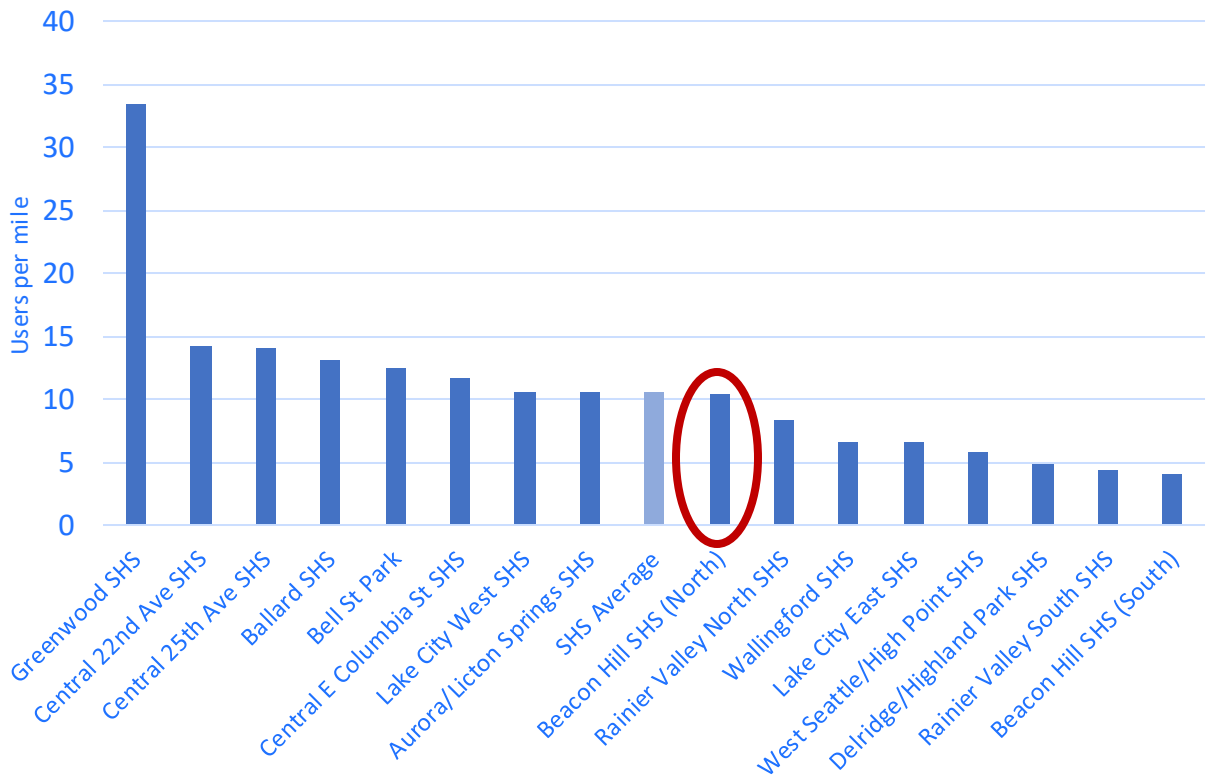
Use as measured by manual counts is very close to citywide average

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Walk/Roll Counts

Average number of users per mile by location - SDOT Staff Observations



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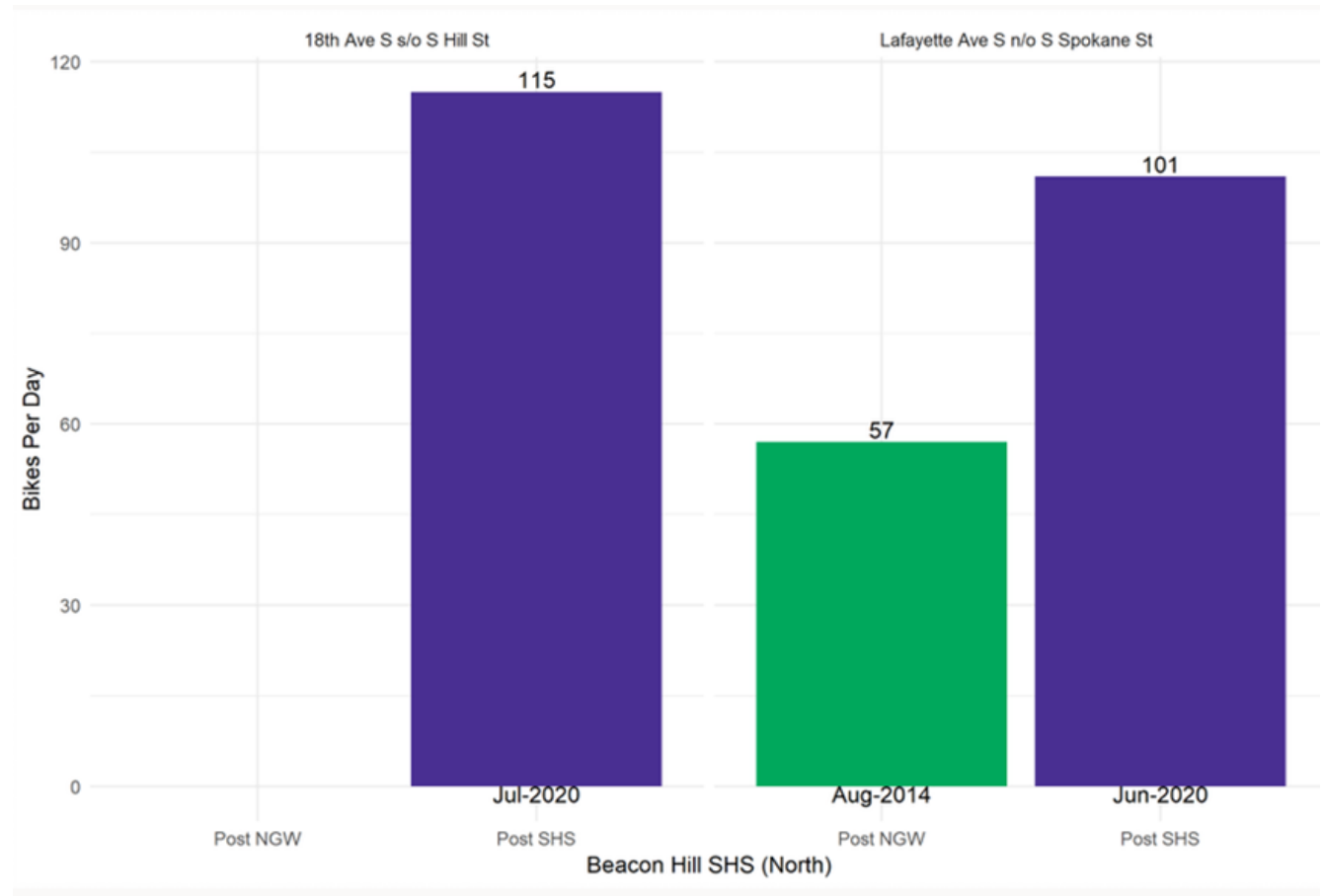
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Increase in bike use compared to pre-pandemic counts

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Bike Counts



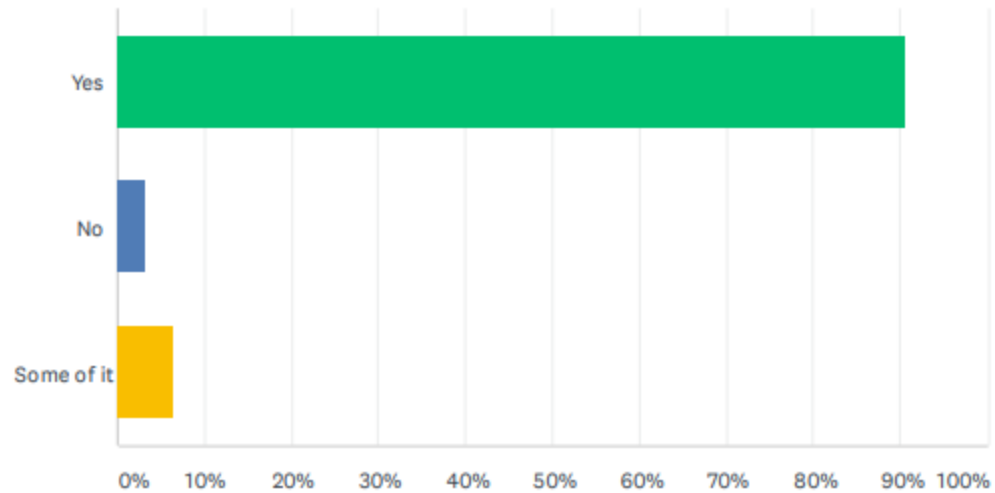
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Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?

Q10 Do you want to make the Beacon Hill Stay Healthy Street permanent?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



Transition to Permanent: Evaluation



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neighborhood
support for
keeping the Stay
Healthy Street?

Vast majority of comments received during outreach are positive, focusing on benefit to neighborhood children, making the Greenway function better, and improving access to Jefferson Park and the business district.

Some negative comments received have focused on city budget priorities, traffic increasing on other streets, and continued vehicle use of SHS.

“It’s a safe route from the i90 trail to home and a good way to travel beacon hill”

“It's a really nice place to walk with my kids so they have space to play around me”

“We've used the greenway for years. Many of the upgrades that come promised with the SHS program are ones that honestly feel like they should always have been there.”

“Because our street is not one of those streets, the cars that get to our street, are going very fast.”



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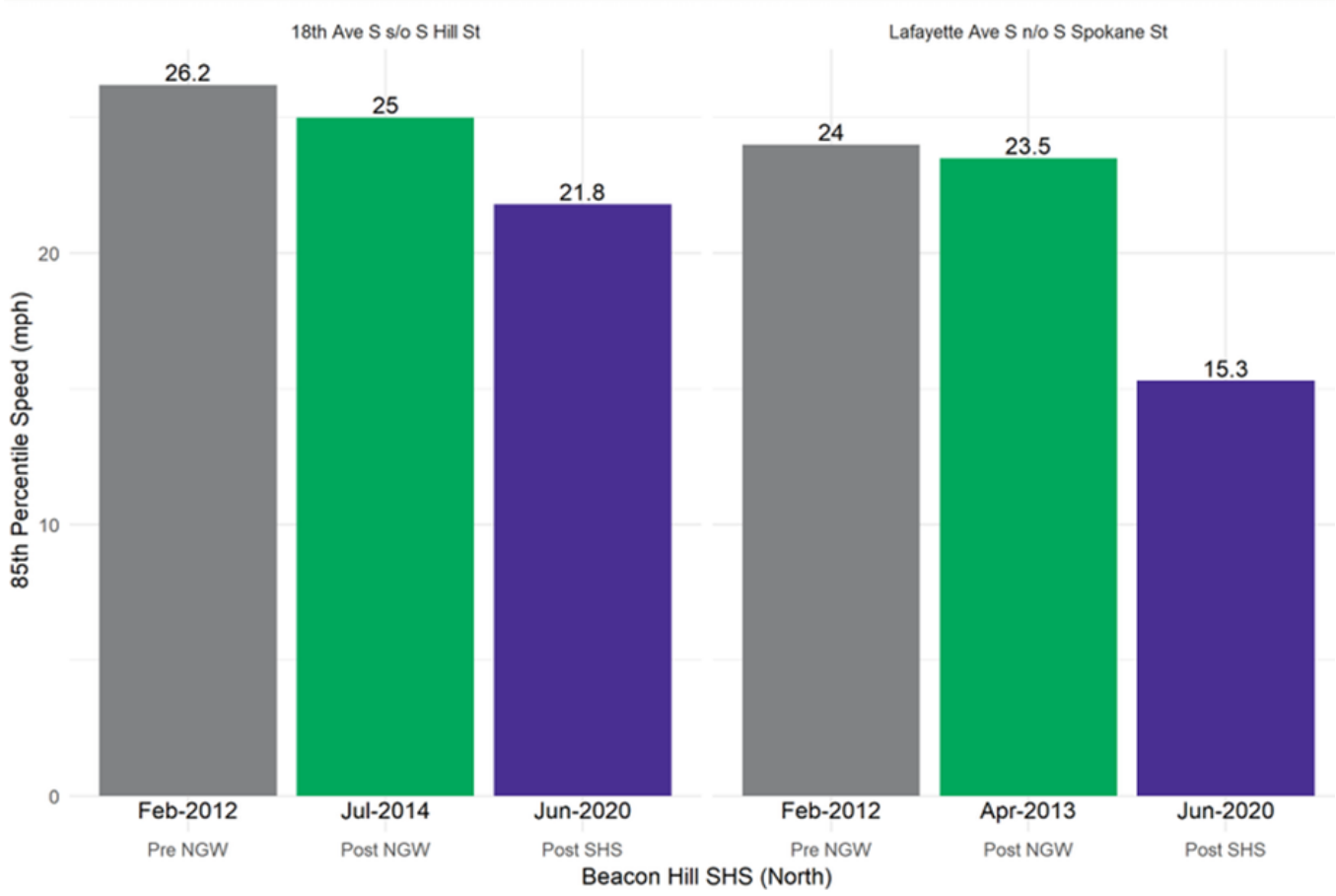


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Decrease in measured vehicle volumes

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Vehicle Counts



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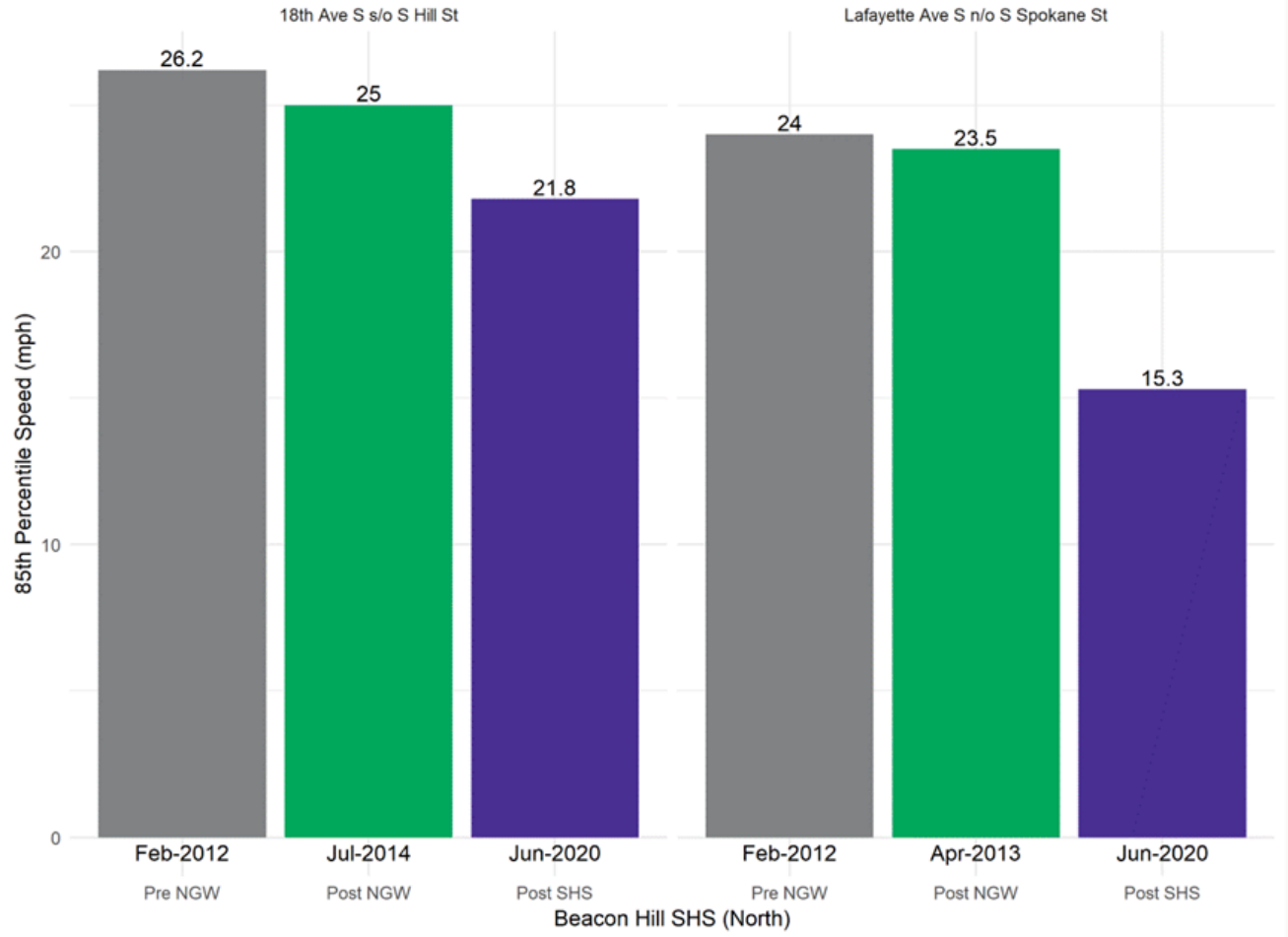
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Decrease in measured vehicle speeds

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Vehicle Speeds



What would a permanent Stay Healthy Street look like in this location?



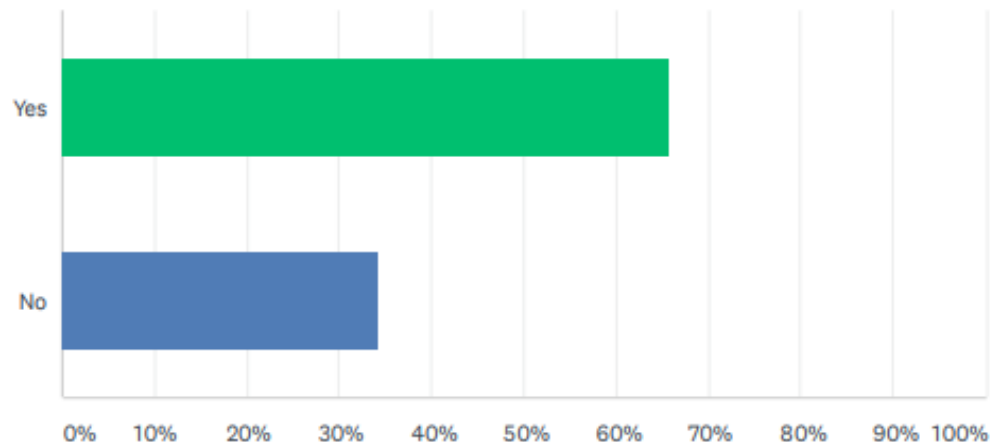
5 COMMUNITY BASED DESIGN		
<p>What changes will support a safe street for walking, rolling and biking?</p>	<p>Which blocks should remain closed to vehicles? Are there key locations where vehicle access needs to be prioritized?</p>	<p>How will the street reflect and enhance the neighborhood?</p>
 <p>Barricade Upgrades</p>	 <p>Schools, Libraries & Community Centers</p>	 <p>Entry Features</p>
 <p>Traffic Calming</p>	 <p>Business & Industrial</p>	 <p>Place-keeping & Artwork</p>
 <p>Education</p>	 <p>Cultural Destinations & Multi-family housing access</p>	 <p>Community</p>

Community Based Design

- When using the Stay Healthy Street, do you feel safe?

Q6 When using the Beacon Hill Stay Healthy Street, do you feel safe?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



1. Busy intersections
2. Vehicle speeds
3. Temporary materials

- 18th and College, 18th and McClellan can be uncomfortable to cross

Community Based Design

What changes will support a safe street for walking, rolling and biking?



Barricade Upgrades

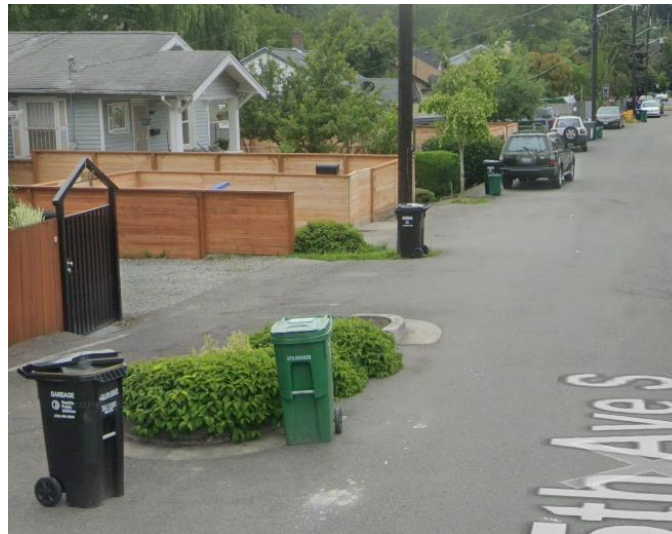


Traffic Calming



Education

- At Intersections
- Along the Block
- Compliance, Safety, & Respect



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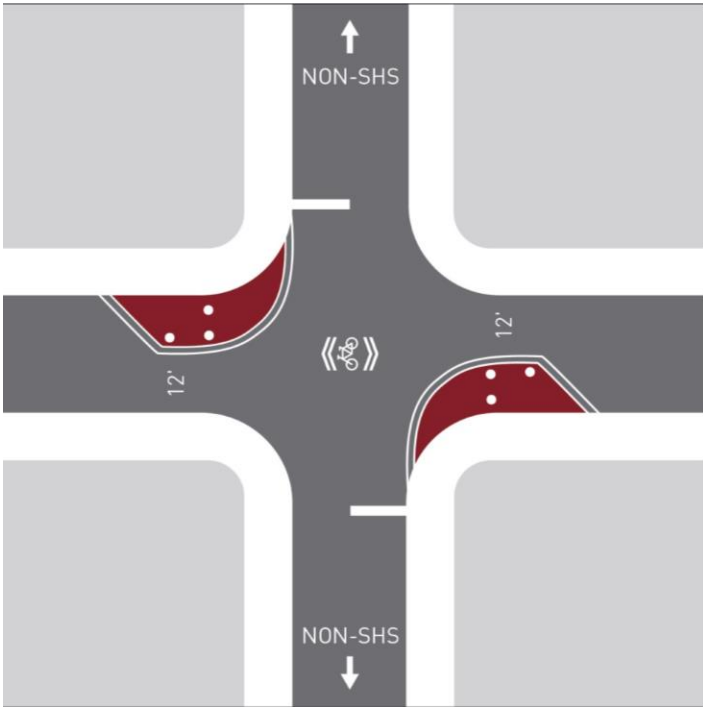


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