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East Bellevue Neighborhood Demonstration Greenway



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Background

The City of Bellevue's first-ever Neighborhood Greenway is being planned for 165th and 166th avenues between SE 14th Street and Northup Way. The Greenway builds on the success of the Healthy Streets pilot created during the summer of 2020. The program limited non-local traffic to provide more room for people to safely move while socially distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pilot was positively received by the community and resulted in more people walking and biking.



Similar to Healthy Streets, the East Bellevue Neighborhood Greenway will receive quickbuild, low-cost treatments intended to make it more comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to safely bicycle, walk and roll. The nearly two-mile long greenway which connects to the Lake to

Lake trail on the south end – is being designed as a demonstration project to encourage continuous feedback from users and residents about their experiences. Treatments along the corridor will include:



Bicycle pavement markings will help guide cyclists along the designated greenway route and will indicate to motorists that bicyclists may be more present than other streets.



Neighborhood traffic circles will have posts to help slow vehicle traffic and decorative pavement markings to create placemaking in the neighborhood and enhance the riding experience on the greenway.



Bicycle wayfinding signage will be strategically placed signage to guide riders along the route and to nearby destinations and bicycling corridors.



Reduction in speed limit to 20 miles per hour (mph) from 25 mph will encourage safer bicycling conditions while deterring thru traffic.



Relocation of stop signs at key intersections to minimize the number of stops for people biking and rolling.

What decorative treatment design would you like to see at the traffic circles?









There are five small neighborhood traffic circles planned for this corridor. Neighborhood traffic circles help to reduce vehicle speeds and collisions. The traffic circles will include decorative pavement markings and we would like your feedback on design concepts. Here are two ways to share your thoughts:

- Go to EngagingBellevue.com, select East Bellevue Neighborhood Greenway and take a quick survey OR
- Contact **Chris Iverson**, project manager, at 425-452-6461 or <u>civerson@bellevuewa.gov</u>.

Feedback will be accepted from April 19 to May 7.

The decorative treatment that receives the most support will be installed at all locations. Traffic circle locations will be determined as the project's design reaches completion.

What is a neighborhood greenway?

Neighborhood greenways are a new concept to Bellevue. Also known as neighborhood bikeways and bicycle boulevards in other cities, these streets include treatments which make it easier and safer to bicycle on low-speed local streets. Neighborhood greenways, at a minimum, include signs and pavement markings – such as sharrows – to clearly identify the bike route to all road users. Many greenways include traffic calming measures that help to manage vehicle speeds and lower vehicle volumes. In that way, the treatments also provide a safety benefit for people who walk.



Source: PedBikeImages.org Credit: Russ Roca

Project Scedule

Complete design by July

Install treatments in August Evaluate through early 2022

Adjust treatments as needed

Funding

Funding for design and construction comes from various Transportation Department programs, including the voter-approved Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy. Estimated cost is \$200,000.

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^{*}Construction schedules are subject to change and often do.

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Share your thoughts on decorative treatments for planned traffic circles

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