

Northup Way to Crossroads Trail Open House Comments, 9 June 2018

Comment #	General Comments	Comments on Specific Segments (See Open House display boards for segment descriptions)	Maintenance and Lighting	Trees and Planting
1	Surely Needed - glad to see improvements - currently creepy and uninviting - many trip hazards	They're all good - any improvement to safety + enhanced travel is welcome!		
2		Segment 5: Just painting a stripe on the pavement doesn't seem like making this part of trail		
3	Hopefully is will begin to solve problems of destruction & graffiti	can we involve H. School gov class in plans for improvement - it could be part of community service project - for college entry. Working w/ city government - design students submit drawings	all students come up with suggestions	let them plan their path - could this put pressure on those that make messes! High school assembly discuss this idea!
4	It's very hard to maintain. To some people this area is secret and safe so that they can take drugs, painting anything on the fence. Install safety cameras may help, also put sign.	Segment 3: There is a cotton wood tree which constantly drops twigs and even big branches. It's better to remove it. Segment 4: Our sonora HOA has tried pretty hard to put a gate to the pond. Every time, gate is damaged within several days after the project is done. Really frustrating.	Lighting at night may attract some loitering there and affect surrounding, people resting at night.	putting plants in front of fence may help
5	I like everything except the removal of many beautiful trees. In the summer the trees offered shade	Segment 2: at the corners between 1 and 2 b/w 2 and 3 there are teenagers smoking pot & writing graffiti. Who would provide security in the new trail? There is also the issues of the teenagers tearing down fences along the trail.	Who will pick up the trash? Currently the trash can is constantly full. Overspilled & not picked up for a long time.	If the trees can be saved please save them.

6	I like improvements, losing trees is bad but understood	Segment 1: AOA access is good. Segment 2: no paddles! Segment 3: It will be a shame to lose trees. Segment 4: good. Segment 5: No room for a divider?	Well lit would be great	trees are good
7	Overall excited to see the improvements [xxxx] looking forward to having the new and improved trail	Segment 1: Is it possible to prune the trees vs removing them? Important to replace any taken out. Segment 2: Looks great. Segment 3: Looks great except for the tree removal. See if pruning is an option. Segments 4+5: Looks Great.	Consider installing trash cans on 160th Ave NE as well - that goes from train to ISS - lots of loitering from the kids.	Please minimize removal of trees and shrubbery
	Additional comments offered to city staff during Trail Walk element of Open House			
8		Segment 3: Please construct a strong fence/wall at the south end of the Sonora site, to dissuade access from the Crossroads trail to the Sonora detention pond area.		
9		Segment 4: Consider whether chain link fence along south side (towards Crossroads Condos) can be moved to edge of pathway (on top of rockery). In the current situation, much litter collects between the rockery and the fence.		
	Additional comments received by email			
10		Thank you very much for the open house regarding the Northup Way to Crossroads Trail this morning.		

		<p>There is one issue I hope that city can take of. Since city is going to rebuild fences in segment 3: Sonora West/Inglebrook east. All the fences in segment 3 should be at least eight feet tall to prevent someone purposely throwing anything into the backyard of surrounding residential buildings. This has been a big issue for our neighborhood going on for a long time.</p>	
11			<p>Please do what you can to refrain from removing the trees. Go around them. This city's old trees are disappearing at such an accelerated rate we should be doing whatever we can to PRESERVE the few remaining. The path improvement is not worth it if it means you take down the big healthy trees. In fact, it will just make life here in Bellevue a little worse. The tree canopy needs purposeful, careful preservation. Otherwise, it will disappear forever.</p>

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I appreciate the invitation to join you on the trail walk on June 9th. I am unsure whether I'll attend yet it's important to me to share with you my thoughts about the trail and hear yours.

I live in the south of Inglebrook. The very short portion of the trail from the Inglebrook gate to the Crossroads Apartments parking lot is along my primary path to and from home. I will find two improvements to this section helpful:

First, right before the parking lot, the ground is higher than the surrounding area. In the winter, when this area is icy, it is difficult to traverse safely because it is slippery and there are no solid objects to hold onto. I have resorted to grabbing plants and/or crouching or sitting. Second, sometimes I go through this area by bicycle. The path as it is now is too narrow to ride and too narrow to walk the bicycle without fear of rolling on thorns. While riding this section is inessential for me, a wider path without thorns will be great. I'd love to not have to carry my bicycle when walking here.

Please consider making the entire trail bike-friendly. There aren't enough places in Bellevue that are separated from cars. A leisurely path between NE 8th Street through Crossroads Park and the trail to Northrup will be a wonderful alternative to riding next to cars on 164th Ave or worse, riding on 156th Ave or its sidewalks. As the north-south portion of the trail adjoining Inglebrook is now, the east flat portion is too narrow for safe riding. The west steep portion of this section, while possibly exciting for cyclocross, is off-limits for riders of other disciplines. I am glad you are planning to remove the trees that are in the middle of the trail.

I've noticed in the last year or two the plants by the Crossroads Apartments parking lot have been trimmed back further than before, so I no longer have to carefully navigate thorny branches. If your office had to do with this better maintenance, thank you!

I am grateful for your work on improvements to this trail and welcome your thoughts.