

Dear St. John Community,

This letter is regarding the [Greenwood Stay Healthy Street](#), running along the west side of the School. We want to make sure that families are aware that drivers are able to turn right and use the block of 1st Ave NW between 79th St and 80th St, but bicyclists and pedestrians have the right-of-way in the street. **Meaning drivers must use extra caution, drive very slowly and yield to all other users.**

What are Stay Healthy Streets?

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Seattle Department of Transportation upgraded over 25 miles of Neighborhood Greenways to Stay Healthy Streets by closing them to pass through traffic and opening them to people walking, rolling, and biking. Neighborhood Greenways are residential streets identified through past public engagement with enhanced safety features like speed humps, stop signs, and crossing improvements at major streets. Like any residential street, cut-thru traffic is discouraged, but local access, deliveries, waste pickup, and emergency vehicles are allowed.

What's Next for the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street?

Based on the finding of the evaluation of the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street, including the increases in walkers, bikers, and rollers, reduction in vehicles, and overwhelming community support (over 80% in support!) via the [Stay Healthy Streets Survey](#), the Greenwood Stay Healthy Street on 1st Ave Northwest is in the process of receiving upgrades to become permanent. The upgrades include intersection gateways with planter boxes, painted curb bulbs, and speed humps to slow cross traffic.

These will be installed in phases.

- Phase 1: Between NW 73RD and NW 79th; anticipated implementation Fall 2021
- Phase 2: Between NW 79th and NW 100th; anticipated design to occur after Phase 1 is complete.

The Seattle Department of Transportation will be conducting community outreach as the project unfolds to inform neighbors of the upcoming changes. To receive regular updates, please join our [project email list](#) (check the box for Greenwood / 1st Ave NW).

Thank you,

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