

Bicycle Route FAQs

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145TH STREET
Multimodal Corridor Study



What is the off corridor bike network concept for the 145th Street Multimodal Corridor Study?

The off corridor bike network concept is a collection of quieter, slower paced streets—commonly known as Neighborhood Greenways—that are intended to provide bicyclists and pedestrians with alternate, parallel routes to 145th Street as well as key connections to the future NE 145th Street Link Light Rail Station, the Interurban Trail, and the Burke-Gilman Trail.

What is a Neighborhood Greenway?

Neighborhood Greenways are residential streets generally off of main arterials where low volumes of cars go slow enough to make the people who walk or ride bicycles feel safe and comfortable.



Greenways provide slow-paced connections for people walking and riding bicycles.

What are the key elements of a Neighborhood Greenway?

- Car travel is allowed along the Greenway, but at reduced speeds.
- Trees or greenery may be added in planting strips, hence the name “Greenway”.
- Speed bumps, special pavement markings called sharrows, and signage can help to slow automobile traffic on Greenways.
- Where Greenways intersect busy streets, many tools can be used to alert the faster-moving drivers to the presence of bicyclists and pedestrians crossing the road such as a combination of signals, crosswalks, and signage.
- Greenways can be customized for each neighborhood with trees, plantings, art, and wayfinding signage to local parks, schools, and business districts.

Will a Greenway take away the parking on my street?

In most cases, existing parking along Greenways remain. In some instances where stormwater runoff or pedestrian crossings are accommodated—such as curb bulbs for safe crossings and bioswales to take care of street runoff—a few parking places may be eliminated.

Can emergency vehicles use Greenways?

Yes. Neighborhood Greenways are designed so that fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars can get to the houses along the Greenway.

How do I learn more?

Updated information is available at www.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor
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