



Friends of Woodland Park Avenue North

FACT SHEET

Traffic on Woodland Park Ave N is out of control! We have clocked cars going at speeds of 40 mph, 50 mph and even higher; we've seen side-by-side drag racing; one resident's car has been totaled not once, but TWICE by cars going so fast that they lost control and smashed into his parked vehicle - right next to a busy corner where schoolkids cross daily. Children, pets, pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers are all at risk.

In response to this situation, a group of neighbors got together in 2019 to advocate for a safer street - we are Friends of Woodland Park Ave North and we welcome you to join us! Over the years we made requests to the city (such as traffic circles and speed bumps) which were denied. After years of advocacy, the Seattle Department of Transportation has proposed a solution. **The SDOT plan will narrow the street by moving the parking lanes away from the curb. A narrower street will slow the traffic.** Funding will be provided by the Neighborhood Matching Fund from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Key Points

- The plan will affect only Woodland Park Ave between 42nd and 43rd streets
- The drivable roadway will shrink from 30" to 11" between 42nd and 43rd streets
- The street will remain 2-way, with parallel parking available on both sides of the street
- There will be a buffer space of 6" to 8" between the sidewalk and parking lane. This space can remain empty or be used by residents for planter boxes, etc.
- Some parking spots will be eliminated to bring our street to code (current code does not allow parking across from T intersections)
- This plan comes from the Seattle Department of Transportation. Our neighborhood group does not have the authority to plan or implement street design. Only SDOT engineers can do that. Our group advocated for a solution, and this is the solution SDOT proposed
- This plan will impel drivers to obey the 20 mph speed limit, and improve safety for walkers, bikers and drivers

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