How do Greenways benefit pedestrians?

Greenways are great for people who walk!

Seattle has set a high bar for making Greenways great for people who walk by doing sidewalk improvements along Greenway routes. On Beacon Hill, Seattle Department of Transportation has installed curb ramps at key locations along the Greenway. Nearly 400 trees have been planted along the Beacon Hill route too. Trees create a healthier, more pleasant walking environment and create an important "invisible fence" between people and moving vehicles. Traffic-calmed Greenways turn our streets into more of a Woonerf (Dutch for “living street”) where people have priority over cars.

People outside need more right-of-way to play, run, walk dogs, sit and rest, and need to safely cross their streets. The focus of Seattle Neighborhood Greenways planning always includes identifying and advocating for safer routes to schools, because children walking to school are the largest block of pedestrians in the city. Perhaps the greatest benefit of greenways is arterial crossing treatments. Signals, crossing islands, and directional signs can make a linked network of Greenways the safe and healthy choice for people of all ages and abilities.

Greenways make walking in Seattle the safe and healthy choice by:

1. Providing safe arterial crossings
2. Providing safe streets for children and elders
3. Slowing traffic along the route
4. Improving sidewalks along the routes
5. Adding curb ramps at key locations
6. Planting trees along the route

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