

SOME NE Greenways tips for SDOT

Here are some tips for designing streets that can be safely crossed. Keep them in mind as you plan and build roads in Seattle.

As a DOT you are more likely to recognize problem spots where traffic violence takes place, so:

- Stop building streets that have lane widths designed for speeds at which pedestrians are invisible to drivers.
- Look for problem spots with high collision rates. Fix them.
- As you come across a repaving project, look aggressively for opportunities for road diets.
- Cross off the idea that Level Of Service for drivers matters in a dense city.
- Make contact with your local safe streets advocates for major projects.
- Be predictable. Plans under consideration that are anything other than updating paint should always be online. Always.
- Use extra caution when designing freight and high-speed routes. As a matter of fact, stop designing high-speed routes. It's already bad enough that our city is intersected by highways, there's no need to make local streets feel like highways as well. #20isplenty

If you're inconveniencing pedestrians in order to move more cars, recognize that you are failing to design a safe street. You will need to make cars wait for people crossing. Try and make it more convenient for people to walk, bike, or take transit, and you will save people time, trips to the emergency room for obesity-related problems, and money.

Be safe every time you design a street!

See more at:

<http://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2014/09/22/be-safe-every-time-you-cross-a-street/#sthash.N7hRrqYP.C2fk9yfE.dpuf>

SOME SDOT tips for pedestrians

Here are some tips about crossing street safely. Keep them in mind as you walk about in Seattle.

As a pedestrian you are more likely to see a vehicle approaching sooner than a driver might see you, so:

- Stop at the curb so drivers will recognize you are intending to cross and will slow or may even stop for you.
- Look both ways.
- As you cross, look *left, right, and left again* for traffic.
- Cross within the marked crossing area.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing to be sure that they see you, especially if the crossing is not marked.
- Be predictable. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so.
- Use extra caution when crossing at night and wear something that makes you visible to drivers.

If crossing outside the marked area, recognize that drivers do not expect to see you there. You will need to wait for natural, safe gaps in traffic to cross. You might have to wait up to sixty seconds or more. Save yourself some time; walk to the intersection and cross there. It will save you time and who knows, it may even save you a visit to the emergency room.

Be safe every time you cross a street!