

# 26th Ave SW - Family Safety Sidewalk Project

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**Location:** 26th Ave SW between SW Brandon Street to SW Juneau Street

**Problem:** The neighborhood street will be adjacent to a current Greenway project and currently has no barrier between the street and the homes along this street. Due to this lack of barrier, families with small children walk along the side of the road in order to reach the park on SW Brandon Street and to take advantage of the public transportation options that are available on Delridge way. Traffic is uncontrolled and cars speed down the street at all hours of the day to by-pass traffic on Delridge. Without sidewalks or proper lights, many pedestrians are at risk for collisions with the fast moving traffic. The children of this neighborhood are often in danger as parents try to hustle them into their cars which are haphazardly parked in various areas/angles to the adjacent homes because a proper barrier does not exist. A sidewalk would provide an important safe place for families to walk while helping their children to understand the benefits of pedestrian mobility. Furthermore, we are a part of the Longfellow Creek water shed and the creek actually cuts underneath the road at the middle of this block. Without proper sidewalks, the neighborhood does not have proper rain gardens or other vegetation in place to help with flooding and run-off of chemicals and garbage from the cars which cut through this area, so the chemicals and trash fall right into the creek which limits the ability for the natural environment to self correct from the intrusion of modern day life.

**Proposed Solution:** Extending a sidewalk and curb system from the SW Brandon Street intersection through to the SW Juneau Street intersections will enable a safe passage way for pedestrians as well as provide a much needed traffic calming effect.

**City Staff said to be contacted:**

**Asserted benefits:** Environmental Benefits, Economic Benefits, Neighborhood character, Quality of Life, Sense of Place

**Included elements:** New sidewalk or sidewalk repair, new curb or curb repair, traffic calming