

2014 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Project Application

Applicant Information

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How did you hear about this fund?	HPAC		

Project Information

1. What type of project is this: TRANSPORTATION (see box on page 2)
2. Describe the problem:

The Louisa Boren School was built for a middle school population in 1962 but will soon house two elementary schools. The school is in dire need of pedestrian upgrades and traffic calming measures. 85 percent of drivers on Delridge Way currently drive over the 35 mph limit. There is no crosswalk at the main entrance which encourages mid-block crossing during student drop off and pick up. Boren is now the permanent home of K-5 STEM which will eventually grow to be a K-8. Next year, Arbor Heights Elementary will join K-5 STEM at the Boren site. The parking lot fills daily at present. Next year additional staff and parent traffic will push the majority of parents into the limited and dangerous parking on and near Delridge Way. Our data, collected by parents, suggests that we will see well over 6000 mid block crossings within the current year. Next year will bring an alarming increase in mid block crossing risking the lives of students, parents and staff. **We need to slow traffic and provide students, parents, staff, and local residents a safe place to cross Delridge Way.**

3. Describe your proposed solution:

A marked crosswalk located near the main entrance would give pedestrians a clear place to cross Delridge Way and drivers a clear place to expect pedestrians. The crossing would provide access to the school, a bus stop, and Longfellow Creek Trail depending on direction of travel. The crosswalk would serve a broad portion of Delridge Way and would drastically reduce mid-block crossings.



The crosswalk would include a central pedestrian island that would provide a physical barrier to protect pedestrians. Pedestrians can use the island to cross one lane at a time with safe refuge at mid-crossing. The Island itself will tend to slow traffic which will improve safety.

Speed Reader Boards are proven to reduce traffic speeds and provide drivers with immediate feedback. These would be installed in both directions on Delridge Way. We would ask that speed reader boards be considered along with School-Zone Traffic Cameras to determine which would have the greatest effect in reducing traffic speeds.

These proposed improvements are in place following discussions with SDOT and collaboration between SPS staff, parents and PTA members.

4. What is the physical location of the proposed project or problem; provide the EXACT address and/or cross streets.

5950 Delridge Way SW- Roughly in line with Raymond St.

5. If it is near a school, please identify.

Louisa Boren School

Address: 5950 Delridge Way SW

6. How does the project address maintenance upgrades or repairs to existing city parks and/or streets? This project addresses pedestrian safety issues and is in line with the goals of the Delridge District to slow traffic on Delridge and make future upgrades to Delridge Way.
7. Does the project improve access for people with disabilities? If so, how? Yes. The ADA crosswalk will include curb ramps at each side. The pedestrian island will provide refuge for crossers and speed reader boards will slow traffic making crossing safer for all.
8. Does the project address safety needs? If so, how? This project directly addresses safety needs of both the students attending the Louisa Boren School and residents of North Delridge and Puget Ridge. A crosswalk at the main school entrance will drastically reduce mid-block crossing and make the preferred crossing location clear and safe. The pedestrian island and speed reader boards will help slow traffic. These upgrades will improve access safety and reduce speeds on Delridge Way.
9. In which Neighborhood District is your project located? (*see attached map*) Please select one. If your project is within an overlap area, you must select ONE district only.

Delridge

Project Support

10. Have you discussed this project with your community and/or neighbors? Yes

Please identify the community group(s) you contacted, with contact information, if applicable:

K- 5 STEM PTA Robin Graham- president@k5stempta.org

Arbor Heights PTA Ken Cobley topdawgken@aol.com

West Seattle Bike Connections Don Brubeck d2brubeck@gmail.com

North Delridge Neighborhood Council- Jake Vanderplas Chair- jakevdp@gmail.com

Highland Park Action Committee Carolyn Stauffer Chair - hpacchair@gmail.com

11. Have you worked with the City of Seattle on this project in the past?

Yes

Please identify the individual or department you worked with.

Brian Dougherty - SDOT

For transportation projects:

It is always best to discuss your project with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) **before** submitting your application. Such projects are often deceptively complex or unfeasible. For many projects, SDOT may be able to help you increase the competitiveness of your application.

For traffic calming projects, you MUST participate in SDOT's traffic calming program before applying for your project to ensure that the project is beneficial, feasible and that there is sufficient community support.

Information about the program is available on line at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm.

How to Apply

E-mail application to: NeighborhoodParkandStreetFund@seattle.gov

Save document to a PDF file if applying by e-mail.

Fax to: 206-233-5142

Mail to: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods/NPSF

Attn: Wendy Watson

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Questions?

- If you have questions about the application process, or about the feasibility of your proposal, contact your Neighborhood District Coordinator. A list of coordinators is available at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/districts/>. You may also contact Wendy Watson at wendy.watson@seattle.gov or 206-684-0719
- For Parks projects, contact Pamela Kliment at Pamela.Kliment@seattle.gov
- For Transportation projects, contact John Vander Sluis at John.VanderSluis@seattle.gov

