



TOTAL

+325

Car-Free Ave

I want The Ave to prioritize pedestrians and create safe, vibrant gathering spaces.

WHO IS THE AVE FOR?

The Ave is a **place for people** - yet it isn't designed as one. Currently, it prioritizes the flow of traffic over the flow of people.

The 2017 upzone and the opening of the light rail station brought increased density in the U District, so the need and support for open space has only increased. **Now** is a critical time to reimagine our public right-of-way to fit our future needs.

The idea of pedestrianization is not new to the U District, with concepts being discussed since the 1950s. A Car-Free Ave would create much-needed space for our community to thrive, opening the possibility for a variety of people-focused activities:

- More outdoor dining areas, or “Streateries”
- Regular programming of concerts, performances, art, and more
- Access for delivery and emergency vehicles will still be possible
- More greenery and community gardens
- Vintage clothing and mid-week farmers markets
- Lively and safe nightlife destinations



Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, California



Virtual rendering of The Ave pedestrianized (by Pavel Belsky, 2022)



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