

Street Trees



Street Mural



Street Lighting

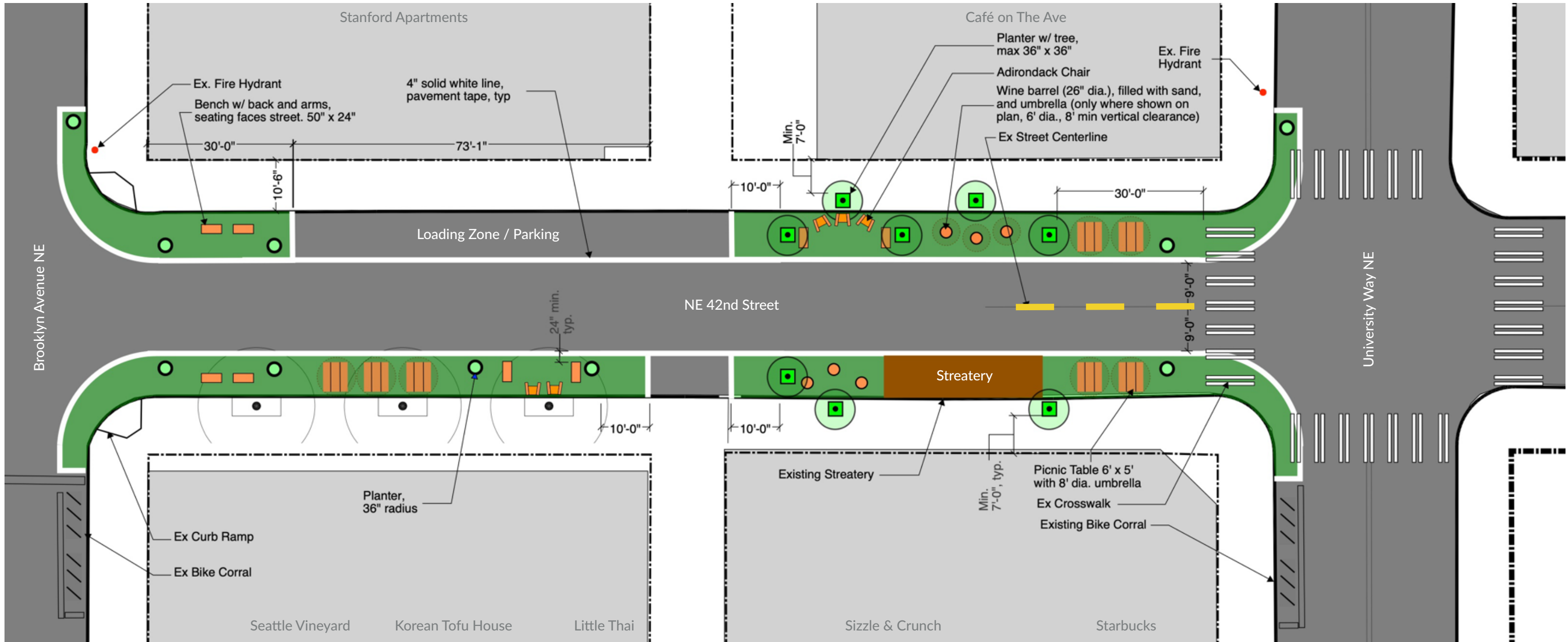


U District Green Street on NE 42nd St

Summer Activation from July-September 2024

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Street Furniture



Street benches.

Outdoor Seating



Picnic tables for dining.

Raised Planters



Raised planter with integrated seating.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Summer activation to prototype future 'Green Street'
- Create places for people, centered on pedestrian experience
- Provide for needs of local stakeholders & small businesses
- Attract people to the U District during slower, summer months



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The Project

This summer, we will build a prototype of the proposed **Green Street** to test public responses to the improvement strategies from last year's conceptual plan to make NE 42nd Street safer and more pedestrian-friendly.

This project will set the stage with outdoor seating, temporary street trees, traffic calming, lighting, and street murals, phased in over a series of weeks.

Once ready, we will host a series of **free** activities such as outdoor concerts, art installations, outdoor movies, buskers, and more, all for community gathering.

These temporary activations will test ideas for more permanent installations and capital improvements for this community space. It will also activate this public area in the heart of the U District during the slower summer months.

Why?

The goal is to create an attraction to enjoy over the warm days and nights, and bring more foot traffic to local businesses this summer.

The future improvements will address the five-acre deficit in open space and ensure the U District remains livable, sustainable, and accessible as it grows and welcomes more neighbors.

How?

Last year our community developed a plan, and this year we were awarded **\$50,000** in funding to try it out for the summer. We'll bring in potted trees, outdoor seating, furniture, and lighting. We'll paint street murals and set up a stage for outdoor concerts, art shows, and movie nights.

As a form of *'tactical urbanism'* (quick, cheap, and temporary), all of this activity will culminate with the **U District Food Walk** on September 28th, when The Ave is once again prioritized for people.

Who?

This volunteer project relies on the exceptional involvement of neighbors like you, and through our partnerships with the **U District Advocates**, **U District Community Council**, **U District Partnership**, and **Seattle Neighborhood Greenways**, among others.

With input from **key stakeholders** (small business owners, property owners, UW, residents, and students), we reached consensus on last year's conceptual Green Street plan.

At last year's streetfair booth this project garnered **1,686 votes** in support, by far the most popular program initiative, and then another **391 votes** from this year's streetfair!

Community support and involvement has been sufficiently verified and people are excited!

When?

The summer activation will last **three months**, from July through September, culminating in the **U District Food Walk** on September 28. Preparation of the activated area begins in June.

Benefits

This project will bring so many benefits to the U District's dense urban center:

- **Activation** of public right-of-way on one block
- **Improved safety** and access to everything
- **Pedestrian prioritization** with **traffic calming**
- **Increased tree canopy** and vegetation
- **Outdoor seating** and dining tables
- **Musical performances** and buskers
- **Outdoor movies** and other activities
- **Increased foot traffic** and economic activity
- **Art Walk** and art installations
- Volunteer, community-led **placemaking**

This will be a demonstration of how one street can be transformed to inspire neighbors, and even other neighborhoods. The promise of the new Seattle Transportation and Comprehensive Plans is that:

"Communities should be the ones to shape spaces in their neighborhoods."

Get Involved!

Come help realize this exciting project. There are several volunteer opportunities:

- Serve on the Steering Committee
- Be a part of our Stakeholder Group
- Help us paint the street mural - **July 13, 10a-6p**
- Plant the temporary street trees
- Submit artwork into the Art Walk competition
- Design a piece for Street Furniture competition
- Host our engagement booth on site
- Watch a summer outdoor movie
- Dance in the street at outdoor concert stage
- Help us break it down in late September

Check out the events planned on our Summer Green Street!

