

# Kirkland Greenways Proposed Routes Survey

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**Please return the survey to:**

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## Information

Do you live in Kirkland? Which neighborhood do you live in?	Today's Date

Please circle the best answer below

How often do you ride a bike?

- a. On my daily commute, I take the lane.
- b. On my daily commute, I prefer protected lanes.
- c. I ride for errands and weekend rides.
- d. I occasionally ride with friends or family.
- e. I ride once every blue moon.
- f. Other:

Please read the following before proceeding through the proposed route.

### Develop Empathy

- Always view the route from the perspective of a variety of greenway users such as an 8 year old learning to ride a bike, an 80 year old going out for an errand or a mother taking her children on their own bikes to the park.
- If you are reading this, you are probably a stronger rider or walker who is not representative of the 60% “willing but wary” class of users. In order to grow your empathic capabilities, try some of the following techniques:
  - to simulate the vision and perception limitations of the very young, the inexperienced, or the aging, reduce your visual capabilities.
  - the very young and old may not ride or walk as far or as fast as you can. Hills that you don't notice may be significant to others. To simulate the range capability of your users, try removing one pedal and riding the entire route with one leg. Or, just go barefoot on your clipless pedals. Or, add an extra 50 pounds to your bike if you are riding or to a backpack if you are walking. You will quickly understand what your route is like for those less physically capable.
  - Walk the route pulling a large piece of luggage behind you. This will help simulate what the route would be like for the elderly, who often use walkers or pull grocery carriers, for wheelchair users, or for parents pushing strollers

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Prepare the mind:

- Start with a clean slate and a fresh mind.
- Routes should connect local destinations, particularly parks, schools, and businesses. Contemplate where these are. For some help, zoom into your neighborhood on the overview map. At the closest levels, all common points of interest will become visible. Consult with neighbors to find the undocumented key local destinations.

Choose your wheels:

- Choose a bike, rollerblades or walking shoes so you know what your users will feel like on them. Most volunteers will probably use a bike in order to crisscross all of their neighborhood streets quickly.

## Greenway Route Survey

Which route did you check out? Which map did you use?

Please circle the best answer and add more information when necessary.

1. What experience do you get from the route you explored?

- a. This is a lovely route, I'd bring young children on this route with me.
- b. It's really nice but it doesn't take me anywhere.
- c. It's okay, probably good for bike commuting.
- d. Too many cars and high speeds to ride my bike or walk.
- e. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are there gaps in the network?

- a. Nope, you guys are awesome.
- a. Yes, I had to walk my bike because the surface is unbikeable. (Please list where)
- b. Yes, it's not even walkable, I had to find another route. (Please list where)
- c. Yes, please add a connection (Please list where and to what destination)
- e. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are there any traffic calming devices (speed humps, roundabouts, etc.) on this route?

- a. Yes, just the right amount. (please list where)
- b. Yes, but not nearly enough. (please list where they are and where more are needed)
- c. None, but we don't really need any in this area.
- d. None, we definitely need some immediately.
- e. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Was the route clear and easy to navigate? What do you see as the most difficult challenge for riders on this route & what can we do about it?

a. Absolutely, I didn't even need the map.

b. Yes, but we should definitely consider having signs installed.

(Please list where we should put a few signs)

c. No, I had to stop at almost every intersection to make sure I was in the right place.

(Please list any areas of concern)

d. No, I was completely lost and found a new route. (Please list a suggested replacement route)

e. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you see as the most difficult challenge for users on this route & what can we do about it?

a. I'm concerned about high traffic speed and volume.

b. The crossing at \_\_\_\_\_ was difficult to travel across.

c. This was too steep, can we choose a parallel route or bypass? (List suggestions)

d. Places where the cyclist must move into traffic or take the lane? (Location)

e. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please fill out the following.

a. What is on the greenway (street trees, gardens, parks, etc.)?

b. What destinations are connected to the greenway (schools, businesses, recreation)?

c. Would this proposed route be a good connection for the greenways network? If no, please explain and/or provide an alternate route.

7. Other comments or concerns?