Aurora Ave N (SR 99)/West Green Lake Drive N Multimodal Improvements (Green Lake Outer Loop Project)

Project Description

Green Lake is one of Seattle's most beloved regional parks. Its expanse of water and green space in the center of a dense urban neighborhood draws thousands of people daily from all over the region. The Green Lake Outer Loop is a connected outer path around Green Lake Park for people to bike outside of the more pedestrian-focused paved areas within the park.

Project Details

Our project converted one of the three northbound lanes of Aurora Ave N alongside the park into a 0.4 mile long two-way protected bike lane. The northbound lane conversion on Aurora Ave N (shown in the map below as "Segment 1") was originally an existing gap in northbound bus lanes on Aurora Ave N (between N 63rd St and W Green Lake Dr N).

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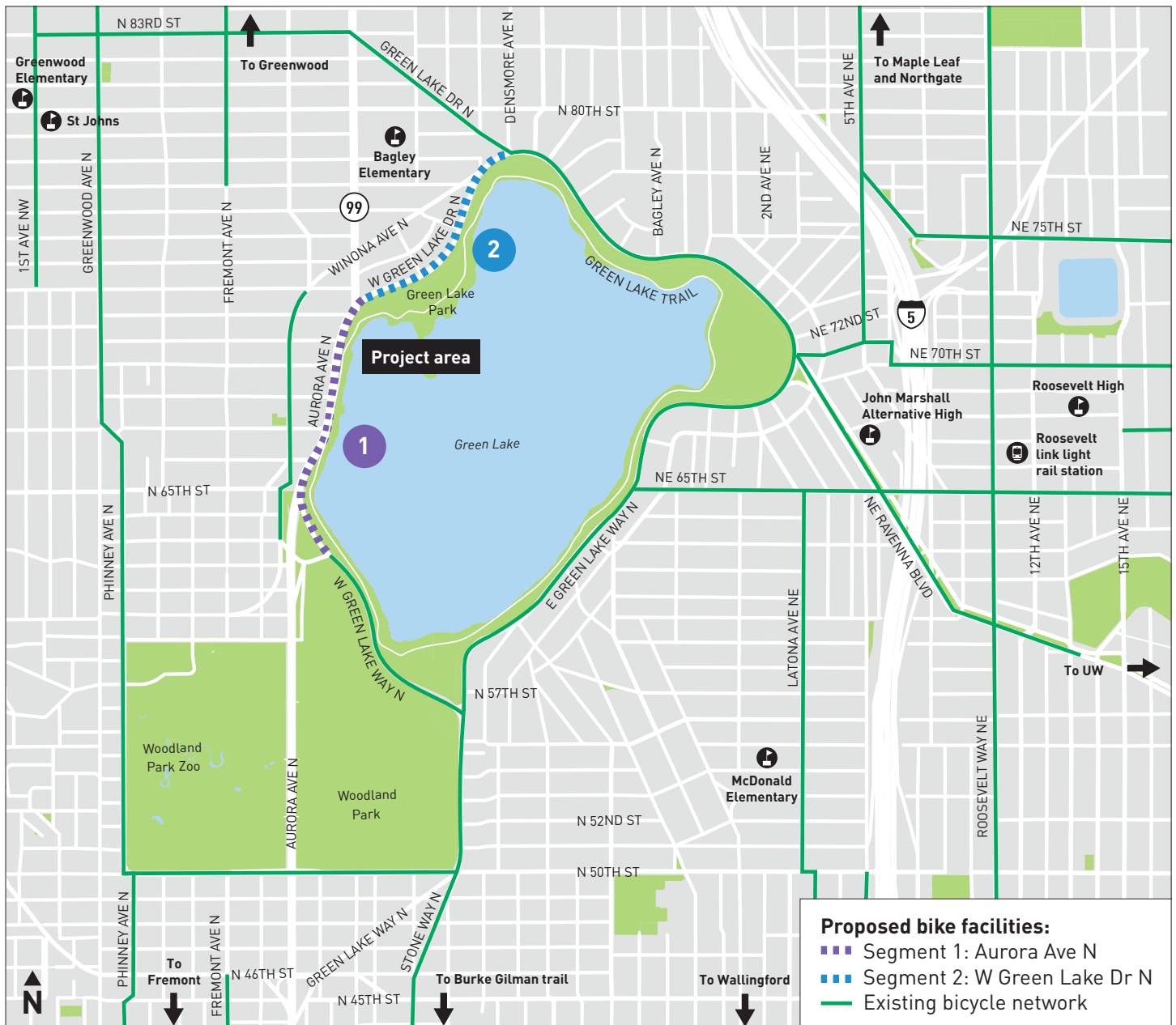
Community Benefits

The Green Lake Outer Loop project provides a better-connected loop around the outside of Green Lake Park. This means safer, more comfortable travel options for people walking, running, biking, and rolling, as well as connections to surrounding neighborhoods in the area.

These improvements were based on community feedback, our Vision Zero safety goals, and our work to provide more low-carbon travel options. The project also builds on two recently completed projects in the area: the Green Lake and Wallingford Multimodal Paving Project and the new shared use walking and biking path on W Green Lake Way N.

Project Funding

Funding for the Green Lake Outer Loop project came from the Levy to Move Seattle and our Vision Zero Program and the total project cost was around $1 Million dollars for Segments One and Two.

Map of Green Lake Park in Seattle, including the walking and bike facility improvements. Segment 1 (Aurora Ave N) is shown in dashed purple line, and Segment 2 (W Green Lake Dr N) is shown in dashed green line. Map credit: SDOT