

Bike2Health Project Conducts Bicycle Counts in South Snohomish County

Cameras captured number of bicyclists using roads proposed for bike routes

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LYNNWOOD, WA -- The cities of Lynnwood, Edmonds, and Mountlake Terrace are preparing to begin construction on Bike2Health, a collaborative effort to complete 11 critical missing links of the existing regional bicycle network in south Snohomish County. Funded by a \$1.9 million grant from the Verdant Health Commission, the project will improve access to health and wellness choices, make bicycling safer, and increase the region's connectivity.

Prior to beginning construction, the three cities are conducting bicycle counts to understand how many cyclists currently ride in the streets where both existing routes and proposed routes will be located. The cities will also conduct counts after construction is complete in order to determine how the new routes affect ridership. The data will be compiled into a usage report that assesses ridership and helps pinpoint where more outreach is needed about the benefits of bicycling. The Cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace conducted its counts over three days in several locations throughout the cities. Cameras were used to document the number of cyclists in each location between April 26 and April 28. The cameras counted bicycles during morning and evening commute hours at the following locations:

- 76th Avenue W and Olympic View Drive in Edmonds
- 68th Avenue W and 200th Street SW in Lynnwood
- 200th Street SW and 48th Avenue W in Lynnwood
- 9th Avenue S and Walnut Street in Edmonds
- 76th Avenue W and 212th Street SW in Edmonds
- 52nd Avenue W and 212th Street SW in Mountlake Terrace
- 80th Avenue W and 224th Street SW in Edmonds
- 56th Avenue W and 230th Street SW in Mountlake Terrace

Background

Once complete, Bike2Health will create a regional bicycle network establishing several key north/south and east/west corridors and connecting major destinations (e.g., colleges, civic centers, employment centers, the Interurban Trail, etc.) and transit locations such as *Swift* bus rapid transit stations, transit centers and the Edmonds Ferry. In total, roughly ten miles of bicycle network will be completed or connected by installing shared lane markings, bicycle route signage and about six miles of new bicycle lanes. Project partners hope that Bike2Health is just the beginning of several additional bike improvement projects in the coming years; it is one piece of a larger effort to improve the region's bike mobility.

For the most up-to-date information on Bike2Health, visit: verdanthealth.org/bike2health or email bike2health@verdanthealth.org.

