

Implementing Safer Speed Limits

District: Citywide

Project ID: TC367520

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Additional funding needed: \$3 million (currently funded at \$2.4 million)

Situation: Everyone wants safe streets to travel on and live next to. Unfortunately, every year 150 people suffer life altering injuries and 20 people loose their lives. It doesn't have to be this way.

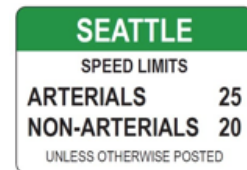
The City of Seattle took an important step towards Vision Zero (zero injuries or fatalities by 2030) by passing the safer speed limits bill this September. The council also expressed a strong desire to not just simply put up signs, but to see the change fully implemented. National (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and international experts (World Health Organization) all agree that better street designs are the most effective, and most equitable way to implement safer speed limits.

SDOT has a highly effective and efficient program to implement safer speeds and safer streets, its Vision Zero program. However, the Vision Zero program (TC367520) is currently funded at \$2.4 million per year, which is insufficient to meet the challenge of fixing our most dangerous streets and intersections.

Increasing the funding by \$3 million to at total of \$5.4 million will allow the program to implement safety improvements across the city by fixing dangerous streets like Rainier Ave S, NE 65th, Lake City Way, Greenwood Ave N, and 12th Ave. The funding would also enable SDOT to begin to work down a backlog of 300 community identified and 100 SDOT identified spot improvements.



Existing signs



New signs



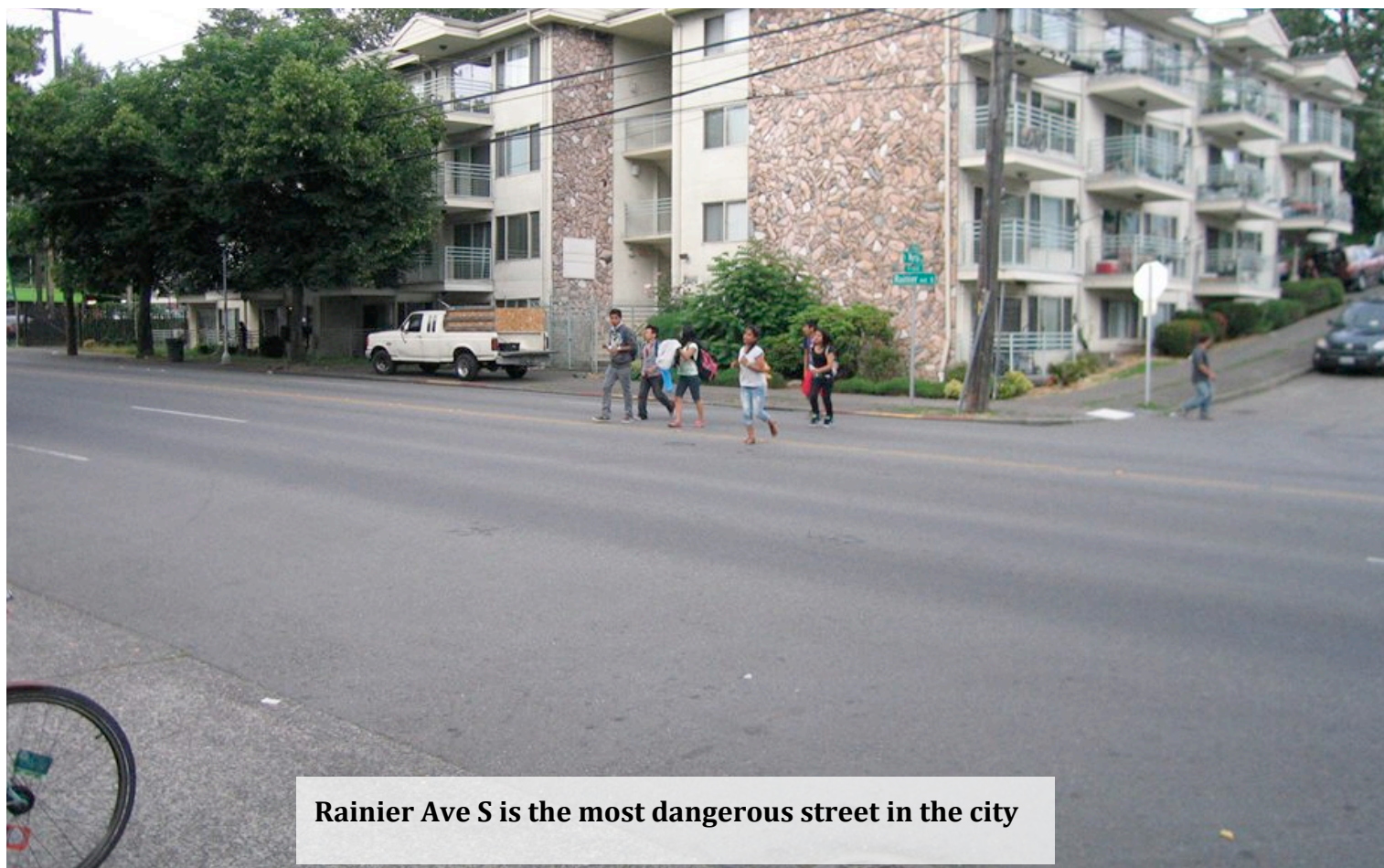
30 CRASHES A DAY
MORE THAN **10,000** A YEAR

NEARLY **35,000** TOTAL
CRASHES IN THE LAST
THREE YEARS

— **VISION ZERO WILL SAVE LIVES** —

150 PEOPLE SUSTAIN
LIFE-CHANGING INJURIES
EVERY YEAR

APPROXIMATELY **20**
PEOPLE DIE ON OUR STREETS
EACH YEAR



Rainier Ave S is the most dangerous street in the city