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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, I am writing to support the intersection improvements through the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund being sought by Desiree Douglass on Stone Way North and North 43rd Street.

This intersection is a key link on an existing greenway that has the potential to safely connect children walking to school, people using local businesses, families and seniors taking walks, and people using transit.

A traffic island on Stone Way North would give people walking a place to pause while crossing the street. If additional funds are available, a flashing signal would alert people driving that others are waiting to cross. Nearby residents deserve a safer crossing of Stone Way North that allows them to access jobs, schools and recreation safely and securely.

I am currently working with two UW urban planning students on safety evaluations of existing greenways with traffic control devices such as warning signs, traffic islands, and roadway painting – some of which exist at this Stone Way North crossing. As I stood on a clear Monday morning last week with my UW students, I felt fearful for their safety as they studied this intersection. People driving up and down Stone Way North simply did not see them. Young children who walk west to B.F. Day Elementary or east to Hamilton Middle School should be able to use this crossing because it is on a greenway and comes with the expectation of a safe crossing. People walking to business and bus stops from their homes should be able to cross at this location too.

Seattle is a great place to live. Safely connecting our neighborhoods and our business communities will make city an even better place for us and for our families. I encourage you also to support intersection safety improvements on Stone Way North and North 43rd Street.

Sincerely,

Cathy Tuttle, Executive Director
Seattle Neighborhood Greenways