

Spokane Matters 2018

29th Avenue Safety and Access Project

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What

The busy arterial part of 29th Avenue from Grand Boulevard to Ray Street seems to be a barrier to pedestrians, bicyclists, and those who use Spokane Transit because of its four lanes, fast traffic, and limited crossing opportunities. This group was formed to look into possible solutions to the problem, but the goal of the group changed once an official traffic study of 29th was approved by the city. This group would then support the official study by gathering data relevant to pedestrians, bicyclists, and those who use transit.

Where

District 2, 29th Avenue from Grand Boulevard to Ray Street – through the neighborhoods of Rockwood, Comstock, and Lincoln Heights

When

By the end of the November, we hope to have compiled information from an on-the-ground survey which took place in September and October.

By the end of the year, we hope to implement and compile information from a general online survey about how people think 29th Avenue performs for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users that will go out to the broader community.

By the end of the year, I'll compile some statistics on public transit use, car ownership, and methods of transportation to work in the census block groups surrounding the study area.

Why

Since the official traffic study will not include information on how non-vehicle users use 29th Avenue, our surveys will broaden the scope of the project, giving a more complete picture of how the arterial is being used by all. Since the city supports the Complete Streets Program, our information should give city staff a tool to make 29th more safe, convenient, and comfortable as a route for walking, bicycling, and public transportation, making it less of a barrier to those traversing the South Hill.

How

Our original goal was broader, but after a meeting of neighborhood council representatives (outside of this group) that recommended an official traffic study for 29th Avenue, we agreed to narrow our focus.

We decided on an on-the-ground survey would provide a method for a few people to specify the issues and opportunities with intersections on this part of 29th Avenue.

The online general survey will measure attitudes of a broader population to non-vehicle use of 29th Avenue and its intersections.

It would be helpful to have subscription access to SurveyMonkey that would allow for more options and questions; right now we are limited to 10 questions on the free version. City support in promoting the online survey would also be helpful.