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Everett launches new Healthy Streets program to encourage active transportation

Select streets temporarily designated “local access only” for enhanced social distancing while walking, rolling, skating and biking

EVERETT, Wash. – The City of Everett is increasing opportunities for people to get out, get fresh air and get moving. Starting in mid-July, four street segments will be open to local access only, so pedestrians and bicyclists have more space to maintain social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. Local access only will be in place through phase three of Washington’s [Safe Start](#) plan, or until otherwise announced.

“I’m excited for residents to have this option to get out and safely enjoy Everett on foot or on wheels, connecting communities from Silver Lake to Legion Park,” said Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin.

The Healthy Streets program is a near-term change to how people travel on select streets in Everett and is intended to provide additional social distancing space for pedestrians and bicycles, limit through-traffic on these streets, and continue access for local traffic. This program aligns with the continuing implementation of the City’s [Bicycle Master Plan](#) and other planned transportation improvements.

The four roads designated local access only connect with bicycle and pedestrian facilities across the length of the city, creating a continuous route from north Everett to Silver Lake:

- Hoyt Avenue-Everett Avenue to 19th Street
- Hoyt Avenue-38th Street to 32nd Street
- Commercial Avenue-55th Street to Madison Street
- Silver Lake Road at 19th Avenue SE

Through traffic is not permitted on the selected streets, but people who live along them can drive to and from their homes, and emergency services and delivery workers can access the streets. Street parking is allowed and parking lots will be accessible. The City will install signs to alert community members about the local access only policy.

Similar to guidance given for enjoying other public spaces, community members are encouraged to keep it moving when using the local access roads:

- Keep walking, running, rolling or biking. That means no picnics, no BBQs, no sports, no gatherings.
- If you see others gathering or enjoying a walk/bike ride, maintain social distancing for your safety and theirs.

Street selection

In selecting streets to include in the program, the City considered routes that would enhance public safety and bicycle/pedestrian route connectivity.

Community members are invited to find out more about the program at everettwa.gov/healthystreets.

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