

Bridging the Gap Application Summary
14th Ave NW Visioning Project
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14th Ave NW is a one mile boulevard located in East Ballard that runs from Ballard High School to Salmon Bay ship canal, and is home to a wide variety of businesses and residents. 14th Ave NW is unsafe due to speeding vehicles, poor visibility due to poorly planned landscaped and parking medians, poor road and sidewalk maintenance, deteriorating landscape, and lack of intersection planning. With the increase in residential density and new businesses along 14th Ave NW and neighboring streets, there is more foot, bicycle and vehicle traffic on this avenue. The 14th Ave Visioning Project (14VP) was formed in late 2005 to address these concerns. The mission for the 14VP is to engage the entire community in the immediate vicinity of the boulevard in order to develop a consensus vision for safety, aesthetic, and functional improvements to the avenue. A \$15,000 Department of Neighborhoods Matching Grant allowed the 14VP to gather neighborhood input and hire Carlson Architects to facilitate the development of a Vision Plan. This vision includes providing smooth and safe traffic through the corridor, ambiance of the corridor appealing to residents, businesses & visitors, safe intersections for pedestrian, vehicle and bicycle crossing, pedestrian-scale street lighting north of Market St, safe right of way for bicycle traffic, plus indigenous plantings and pervious pavement to naturally filter storm water before entering Salmon Bay. Our vision fits into the Crown Hill – Ballard Neighborhood Plan, recommendations in Seattle Parks Foundation Bands of Green Report, and the Seattle Bicycle Master Plan. One possible use for grant funding would be to create a demonstration project along one block of 14th Ave NW per the sketch at <http://www.14avenw.org/BridgeGap.jpg>