NW FLANDERS | EXISTING CONDITIONS

NW Flanders is Downtown Portland’s First Neighborhood Greenway.

Neighborhood Greenways are family-friendly streets that are calm, safe, great places to walk, ride, live & be.

A low-stress route for walking and biking bikeway can be achieved when there are low speeds and low vehicle volumes.

Designing for these conditions in an urban environment require traffic pattern changes to maintain low volumes, while still allowing vehicle access where required.

**Lower Volume**
0-1000 daily vehicles

Streets with volumes less than 1,000 are calm and comfortable for people of all ages. Vehicles are treated as guests. At volumes less than 500, the street is transformed as people feel comfortable walking and rolling in the middle of the street.

**Moderate Volume**
1000 - 2000 daily vehicles

Vehicle volumes between 1,000 and 2,000 are within the acceptable range for a neighborhood greenway. Conditions are comfortable for most bicyclists to ride in the street, through people walking will often opt to use the sidewalk.

**Higher Volume**
2000+ daily vehicles

At volumes greater than 2,000 only confident and experienced cyclists feel comfortable using the street. This higher stress environment means that many people who would prefer biking will opt for a different transportation choice due to concerns around safety and comfort.