



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The push to Reconnect Fremont across Aurora



Participants walk on to Aurora Avenue North during the Reconnect Fremont community walk on Sept. 26, 2026. (Photo courtesy of Reconnect Fremont)

A coalition of neighbors wants five new crosswalks and two new bus stops along Aurora Avenue North in Fremont, and they want it done in two years, not ten.

The campaign, Reconnect Fremont, comes from the all-volunteer Aurora Reimagined Coalition. It calls for signalized crossings at N 38th, N 41st, Motor Place, N 46th, and N 50th, plus E Line stops at N 38th and N 50th.

"You just can't get across, and the cars have no reason to slow down," said organizer Ankur Dhoot.

SDOT began its own Aurora planning effort in 2022 and its schedule tentatively sets construction for 2031, depending on funding. The coalition is pitching a faster route: a specific

proposal with a rough cost estimate, plus its help lining up public support and state funding.

Fremont respondents to Seattle's Public Safety Survey ranked traffic safety their top concern in both 2024 and 2025. Students from B.F. Day, Hamilton, and Lincoln regularly cross Aurora, and the city's School Traffic Safety Committee has asked for a signalized crossing at N 41st St.

Dhoot said one crossing alone won't slow traffic. He pointed to Aurora north of Green Lake, where lights every few blocks keep speeds down.

State Sen. Jamie Pedersen and King County Councilmember Jorge Barón joined a coalition walk along Aurora on Sept. 26. Read the full story at fremontneighbor.com.

EVENTS

Treats by day, a troll's birthday by night

Halloween lands on a Saturday this year, so Fremonsters can make a full day of it. From 3 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 31, local businesses will hand out treats to costumed kids during Trick or Treat in Fremont, which is presented by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. Look for flyers in the windows of participating businesses, or find them on the map at fremont.com.

After dark, the Fremont Arts Council throws the Fremont Troll's annual birthday party. Trolloween kicks off at 7 p.m. sharp under the Aurora Bridge with live music and a theatrical pageant. Then the Haunt of Fremont, a costumed procession, winds through the neighborhood. The route depends on the weather, but the party goes on rain or shine. It's free and open to all ages. More at fremontartscouncil.org.

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