

Little Brook Healthy Street

Lake City Neighborhood, Seattle – 32nd Ave NE between NE 143rd St and NE 140th St

The Little Brook Healthy Street Plaza is a great example of how small changes to a street can make a big difference in a neighborhood. This project, located in the heart of Lake City, transforms a short stretch of 32nd Ave NE into a public space for people instead of cars. What used to be just a road for driving is now a place where neighbors can walk, bike, gather, and connect.

This transformation is part of Seattle's Healthy Streets program, which looks at how streets can serve more than just vehicles. In this case, the project creates a safe and welcoming extension of Little Brook Park, helping turn the area into a true community hub.

One of the highlights of the space is a large, colorful mural at NE 140th St and 32nd Ave NE, designed by artist Romel Belleza. The mural reflects Native cultural heritage and gives the neighborhood a strong visual identity. It also marks the area as a place where culture and community are celebrated.

At the center of the project is a new mid-block plaza that supports everything from casual hangouts to cultural events. With things like planters, street furniture, signage, and art, these simple, small-scale improvements make the space more inviting and useful for everyone.

Led by Lake City Collective with support from SDOT, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and Site Workshop, this project shows how small, thoughtful design moves can bring people together, make streets safer, and build pride in a neighborhood. It's a model that can be used in other communities looking to improve public space with limited resources.