Ballard Ave Short Term Safety Improvements 20th Ave NW-22nd Ave NW

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Our vision, mission, and core values

Vision: Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

Mission: to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to 6 core values:

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence



Presentation overview

- 1. Background
- 2. Landmark District Values and Priorities
- 3. Observations
- 4. Short Term Safety Recommendations
- 5. Engagement
- 6. Discussions/Questions



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2021 Workshop - What we heard



What's Working

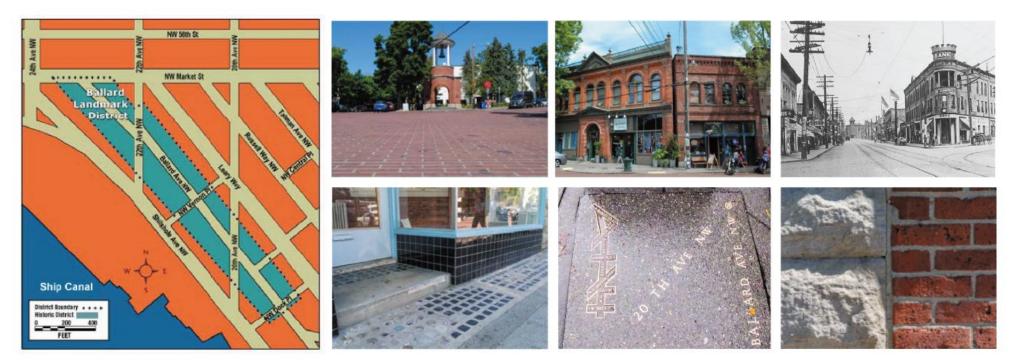
- One-way streets prioritizing loading zone and deliveries
- Less traffic
- Street life experience

What's Not

- Sidewalks feel narrow, limited right of way
- Signage & Safety cars drive recklessly very close to pergolas



Ballard Ave Landmark District



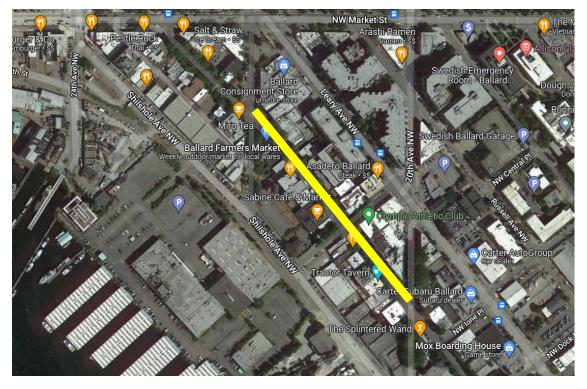
Landmark District Values and Principles

- Maintain a pedestrian-oriented experience with emphasis at street level
- Enhance cultural, social, and economic activation
- Preserve the distinctive physical characteristics of the District's buildings and public spaces



Short Term Safety Improvements Project Extents

20^{th} Ave NW – 22^{nd} Ave NW

























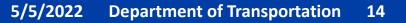






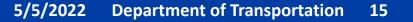


































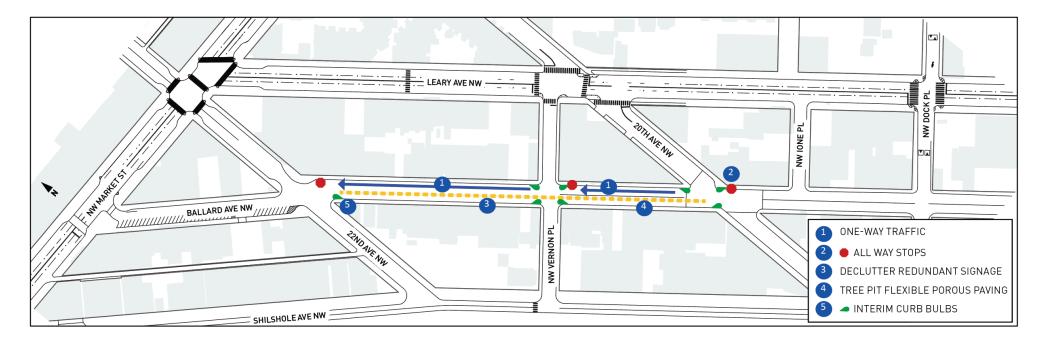




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- Introduce stop signs at 20th Ave NW, Vernon Pl, and 22nd Ave NW; refresh old stop signs; formalize one-way signs; remove barricades and a-frames
- 2. Remove center yellow-line. Restripe to reflect the one-way operations, a loading lane, and loading and parking areas
- 3. Add interim curb bulbs (paint, posts, and planters) per locations on slide 22
- 4. Organize parking and loading activities to improve legibility
- 5. Install Flexible Porous Paving at tree pits to improve sidewalk environment; no impacts to native landscaped areas maintained by business
- 6. Declutter redundant signs in sidewalk and along roadway





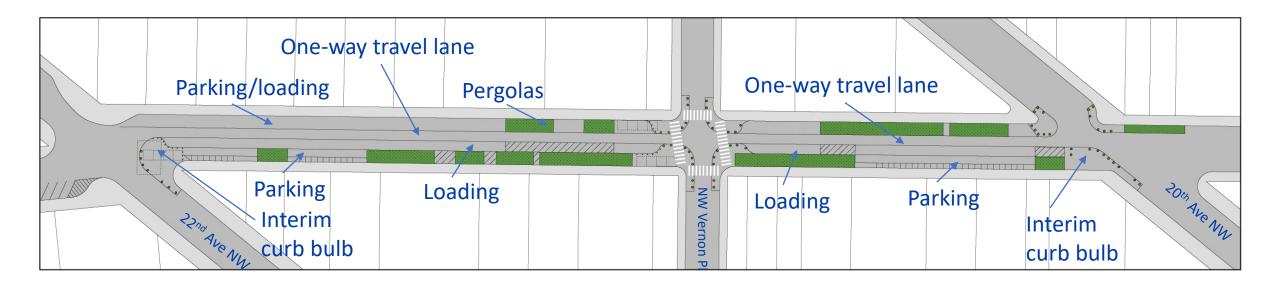




Example of paint and planter interim curb bulb



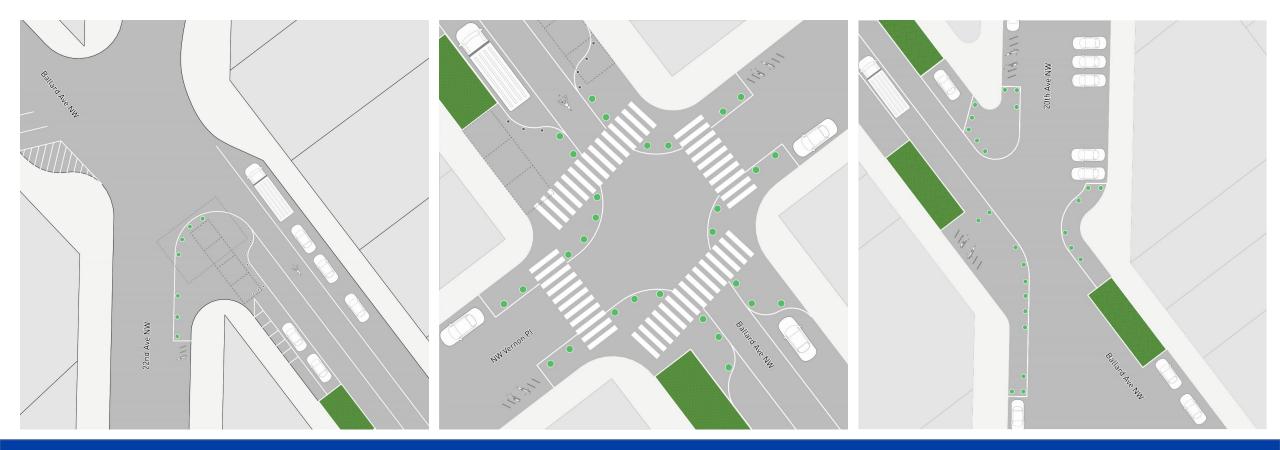
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22nd Ave NW

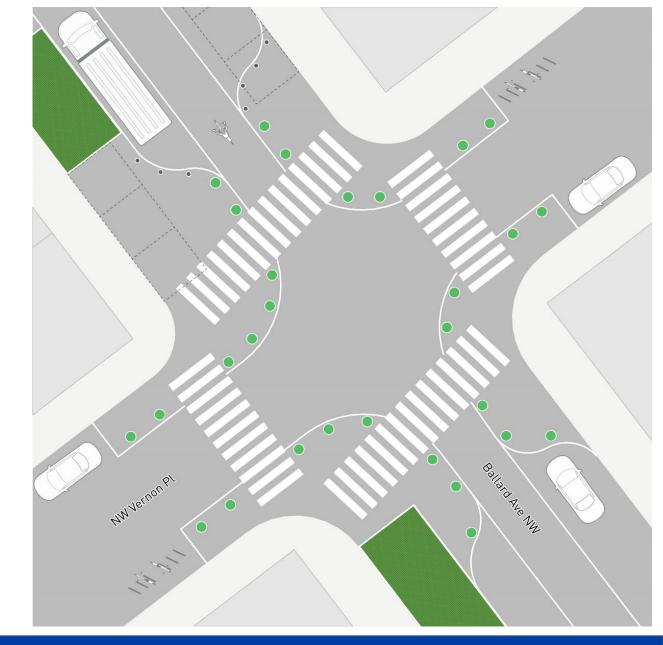
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NW Vernon Pl

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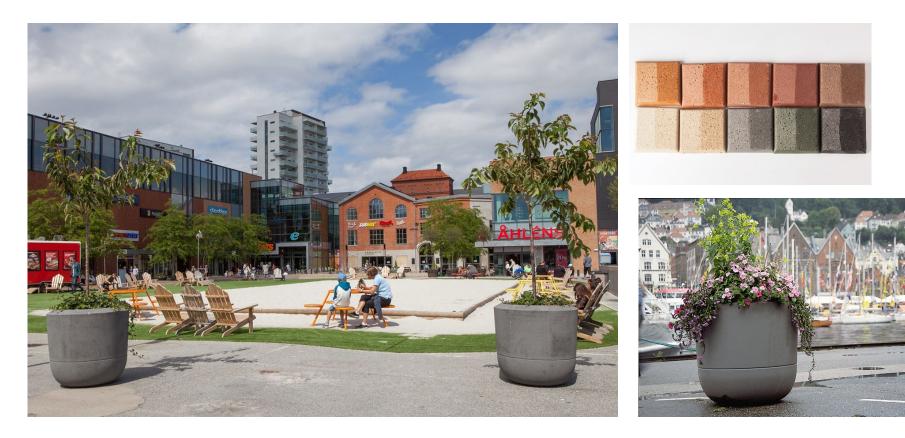


Planter concept - standard - recommended





Planter concept - restrained





Planter concept - pop of color









Flexible Porous Paving





Community Outreach

Ongoing

- Ballard Alliance
- Ballard Farmers Market
- North Seattle Industrial Association

Upcoming

- Business outreach
- Farmers market booth
- Review concepts with Parking Enforcement teams



Upcoming Milestones/Timeline

Spring 2022

- i. Outreach
- ii. Administrative Certificate of Approval
- iii. Detailed design

Summer 2022 - Implementation

- i. Signs and marking updates
- ii. Decluttering and new signs
- iii. Flexible porous paving



Questions?

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