



Upper Queen Anne Outreach Summary

Parking and Curbspace Management | September 2026

Project Overview

What is this project?

Throughout 2026, SDOT is working in Upper Queen Anne to collect new parking data and gather community input about parking **needs, challenges, and potential improvements.**

This report provides a summary of outreach conducted in Upper Queen Anne in June, July, and August 2026. Findings are summarized for the entire Upper Queen Anne study area.



Project Purpose and Goals

Through our work in Upper Queen Anne, SDOT is:



Analyzing how parking
and other curbside spaces
are used today



Gathering input from the
community



Evaluating changes to
better support the
neighborhood's needs

Project Timeline

Our work in Upper Queen Anne began in 2026 and will end in 2027.



Outreach Activities

This summer, we gathered input from over 1,000 people in Upper Queen Anne and contacted 105 people at businesses in the neighborhood:



Seattle Department of Transportation

Queen Anne Visitor Survey

Help shape curbspace in Upper Queen Anne

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is studying how on-street parking, loading and curbspace are used along Queen Anne Ave N in Upper Queen Anne. We want to hear from people who work, live, shop, dine, and visit the area. Your feedback helps us better understand on-street parking and loading needs and identify opportunities to improve access for businesses, customers, and visitors. This survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. The survey will close in late July 2026. SDOT will use your feedback, along with parking data, to develop potential changes. We share those recommendations with the community for feedback in fall 2026. Learn more on our [website](#).

Take our 5-minute survey

[seattle.gov/transportation/QueenAnneAveN](#)

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Project Area

Upper Queen Anne

Parking and Curbspace Access Project

Tell Us About Parking in Upper Queen Anne!

Attention all residents, visitors, employees, and business owners in Upper Queen Anne

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is reviewing parking, loading, and curbspace in the Upper Queen Anne Business District. We want to hear about your experiences.

We Want to Hear From You
Do you live, visit, work, or own a business in Upper Queen Anne?

SDOT is gathering feedback to better understand parking, loading, and access needs in the area. Your feedback will help us understand what's working well and where improvements are needed.

Get Involved

- Take our 5-minute survey using the QR code.
- Visit our project webpage to learn more.
- Talk with SDOT staff at events this summer. Events are listed on our project webpage.

What's Next

- Summer 2026: We're gathering community feedback.
- Fall 2026: We'll share potential recommendations and ask for community feedback.
- Winter 2026: We'll review feedback and finalize recommendations.
- Early 2027: We'll install any changes.

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Outreach Activity	Number of People Engaged
Online Survey	987 Responses
Resident Survey	679 Responses
Visitor Survey	267 Responses
Business Survey	41 Responses
Tabling Events	80 People Engaged
Tabling outside Trader Joe's during Farmers Market (July 17)	25 People
Tabling outside Trader Joe's during Farmers Market (July 23)	25 People
Tabling outside Trader Joes (July 25)	30 People
Postcard Mailers	2,137 Postcards Mailed
Phone and Email Outreach to Business and Property Owners	105 People Contacted
Neighborhood Flyers	25 Flyers Hung
Social Media Advertisement Reach	10,000 Views

Online surveys were open from July 2 – July 27. Outreach events and activities took place in July and August.

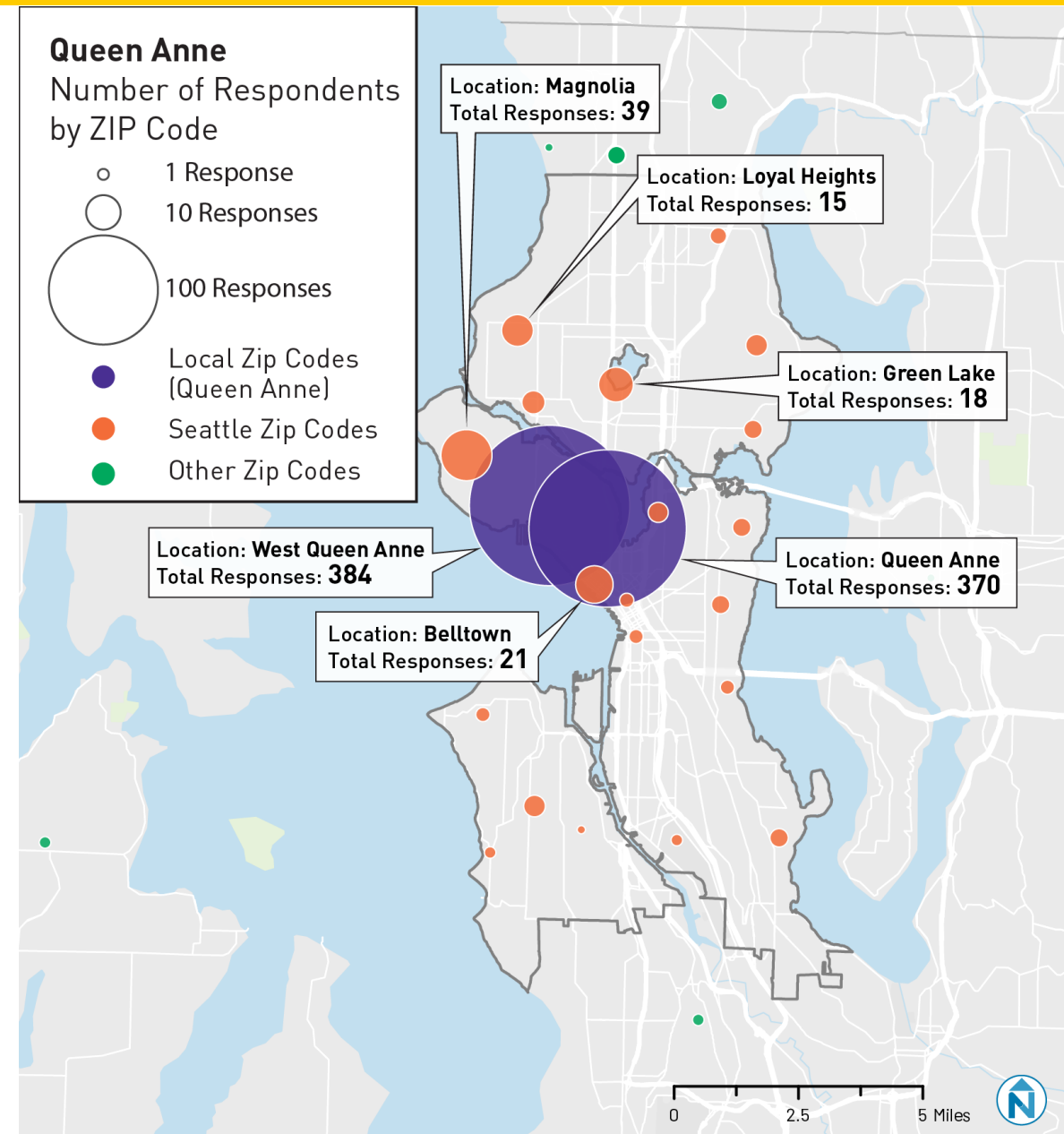
Survey Responses

Through our online survey, we heard from **987 residents, visitors, and businesses.**

98% of survey respondents live in Seattle zip codes, 81% of which live in or work in local Queen Anne zip codes (98109 and 98119).

Other survey responses came from people who live in other zip codes in Washington (1%) or outside of Washington State (1%).

41 businesses in Upper Queen Anne took our online survey.



Outreach Summary: What We Heard

We heard three themes from the community during outreach in Upper Queen Anne:

1



Businesses consistently say customer parking is difficult.

- 76% of businesses say it is difficult for customers to find parking.
- 61% of businesses say customers and clients often complain about parking.

2



Residents and visitors also experience parking challenges.

- 50% of resident and visitors say convenient parking is difficult to find or are neutral about it.
- Nearly half (48%) residents walk to the business district, while most visitors drive.
- Many residents highlighted the need for traffic calming, more disabled parking, and loading improvements.

3



Businesses also have challenges with loading.

- 51% of businesses say loading is difficult in Queen Anne.
- Businesses also raised concerns about trucks and delivery app drivers blocking traffic and the need for more load zones.

Summary: What We Heard

Some of the recurring themes about parking in Upper Queen Anne included:

Vehicles often **block traffic** while idling, and parked vehicles often **block curb ramps**.

Spillover parking from Queen Anne Avenue onto neighborhood streets creates challenges.

When parking isn't available directly on Queen Anne Ave North, a spot can usually be a few blocks away. But in recent years, **it has gotten more difficult to find an available spot**.

More **short-term parking right in front of stores** helps with turnover and finding a space.

More **dedicated disabled parking** spaces are needed in the neighborhood.

More **electric vehicle charging** in existing parking would be helpful.

What Visitors Said

Responses to: "Is there anything else you want SDOT to know about parking, loading, or curbspace access in the Upper Queen Anne business district?"

"Some available on street parking, specifically on Crockett St. is dangerous to use given the lack of visibility of oncoming traffic."

"Current parking requires backing in which creates bottlenecks in driving as folks struggle to park. There are also several areas where parking limits visibility and endanger pedestrians."

"Long-term parkers and delivery vehicles seem to be the biggest obstacle to finding parking for quick retail visits."

"People often park very close to corners which makes it hard to see pedestrians, bicyclists, or other cars approaching."

"My husband has limited mobility. There is only one disabled parking spot on upper Queen Anne and there is a white van that is usually parked there. I usually must drop my husband off and look for a space."

"There are too many delivery/commercial vehicles taking up the road 'parked.' It's impossible to get around them because of the one lane roads. Clearly marked delivery zones would be ideal plus more parking enforcement."

What Residents Said

Responses to: "Is there anything else you want SDOT to know about parking, loading, or curbspace access in the Upper Queen Anne business district?"

"Parking crowds the bus stops and makes it hard to board or get off a bus."

"I am a long-time resident. I wish to frequent the businesses on Queen Anne Ave. Sometimes I need to drive, and parking can be difficult. Usually, I walk because it is easier."

"Cars frequently stop in the street, blocking traffic, to pick up or drop off people."

"There needs to be more parking enforcement in the area. I'd focus on people exceeding the 2-hour limit, RPZ violations, and people parking in front of curb cutouts at intersections."

"Parking has become significantly difficult since the opening of the apartment building above Safeway. Before that I was always able to find easy free parking on Queen Anne Ave. and now I am almost always using the Safeway parking lot or the Trader Joe's parking lot."

What Businesses Said

Responses to: "What else would you like SDOT to know about your business' and customer's parking, loading, and curbspace access needs in the business district in Upper Queen Anne??"

"Our delivery drivers often complain about the need to park quite far away and lug many heavy boxes to all the storefronts along the road."

"Some of our employees are senior citizens and have had falls on rainy/slippery days. Having parking available for them would be idea."

"We have had repeated complaints from Trader Joes delivery drivers that carrier vans that park on the corners of Howe St and Crockett St make it unsafe and difficult for the large delivery trucks to turn from Queen Anne Ave N into the alley to access the loading dock."

"I think it would help if there were enforcement of the 2-hour limit on Garfield St and on Queen Anne Ave. More turnover would leave room for clients."



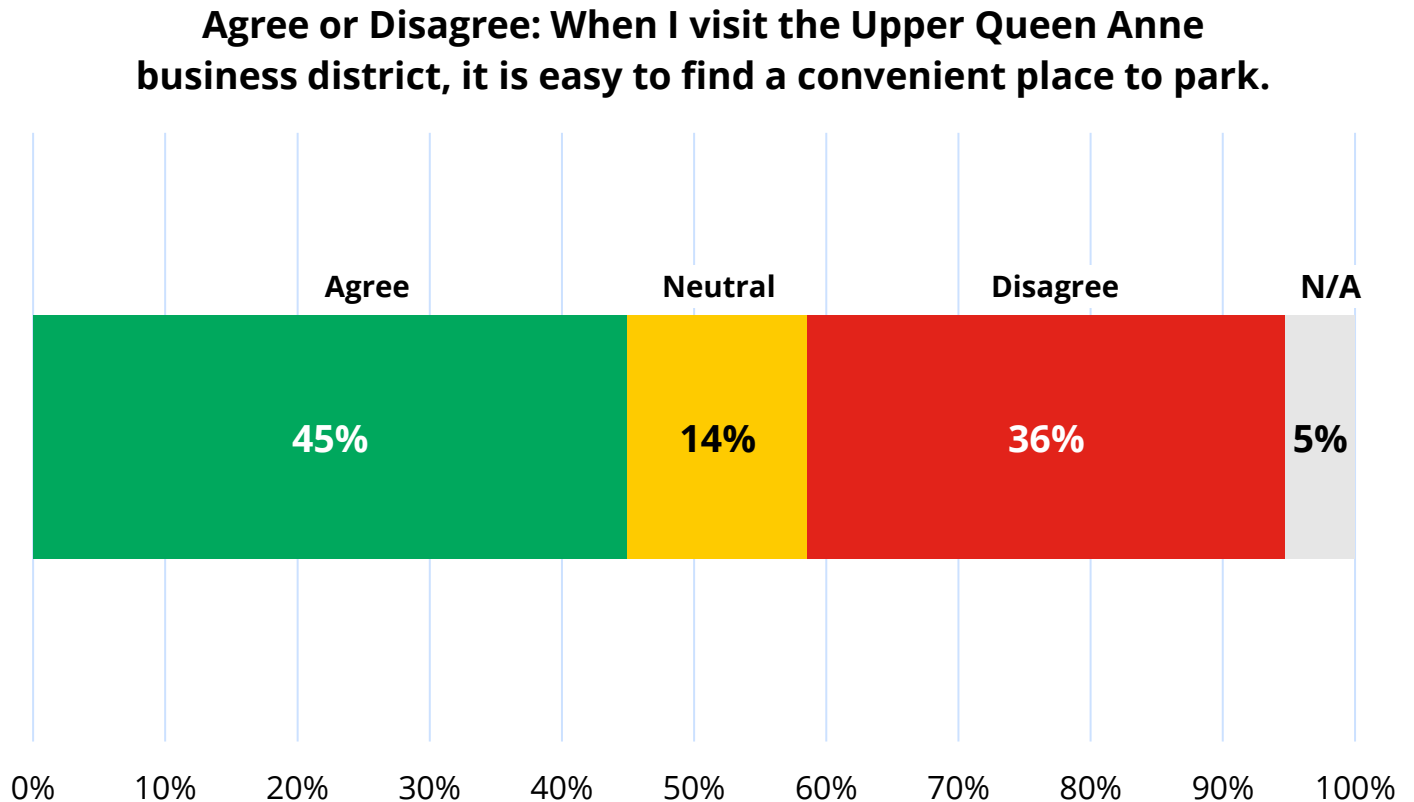
Parking Can Be Challenging

While 45% agree that parking is easy to find, 50% disagree or are neutral.

50% of resident and visitor survey respondents say convenient parking is difficult to find or are neutral about it.

Our parking data shows that parking is in high demand throughout the day. In the busiest part of Queen Anne, 80% – 90% of parking spaces are full during most hours on both Thursday and Saturday.

When parking is this full, it can be challenging to find an available parking space.



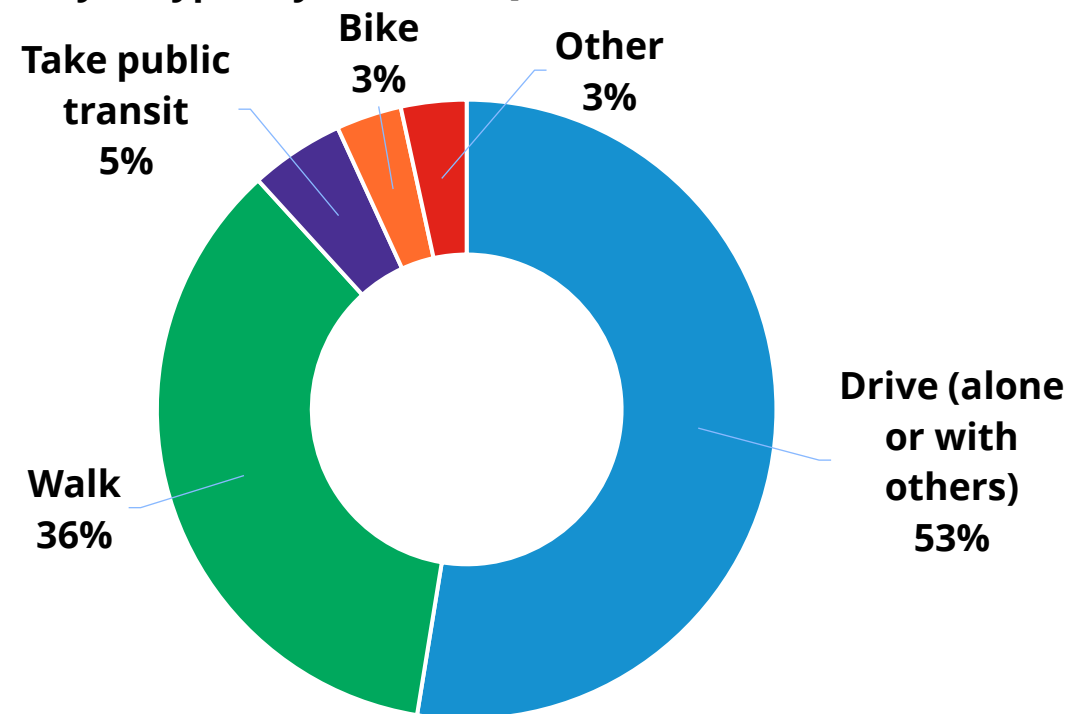
Many People Visit Without Driving

47% of residents and visitors who took our online survey get to Upper Queen Anne by walking, taking transit, biking, or using other non-driving modes.

Walking was the most popular non-driving mode of travel among residents and visitors (36%) in the online survey. Walking was even more popular among residents alone, with nearly half of resident survey respondents (48%) saying they typically walk to the neighborhood.

Our intercept survey from April 2026 also showed that majority of people typically walk, bike, or take transit to Upper Queen Anne.

How do you typically travel to Queen Anne Avenue North?



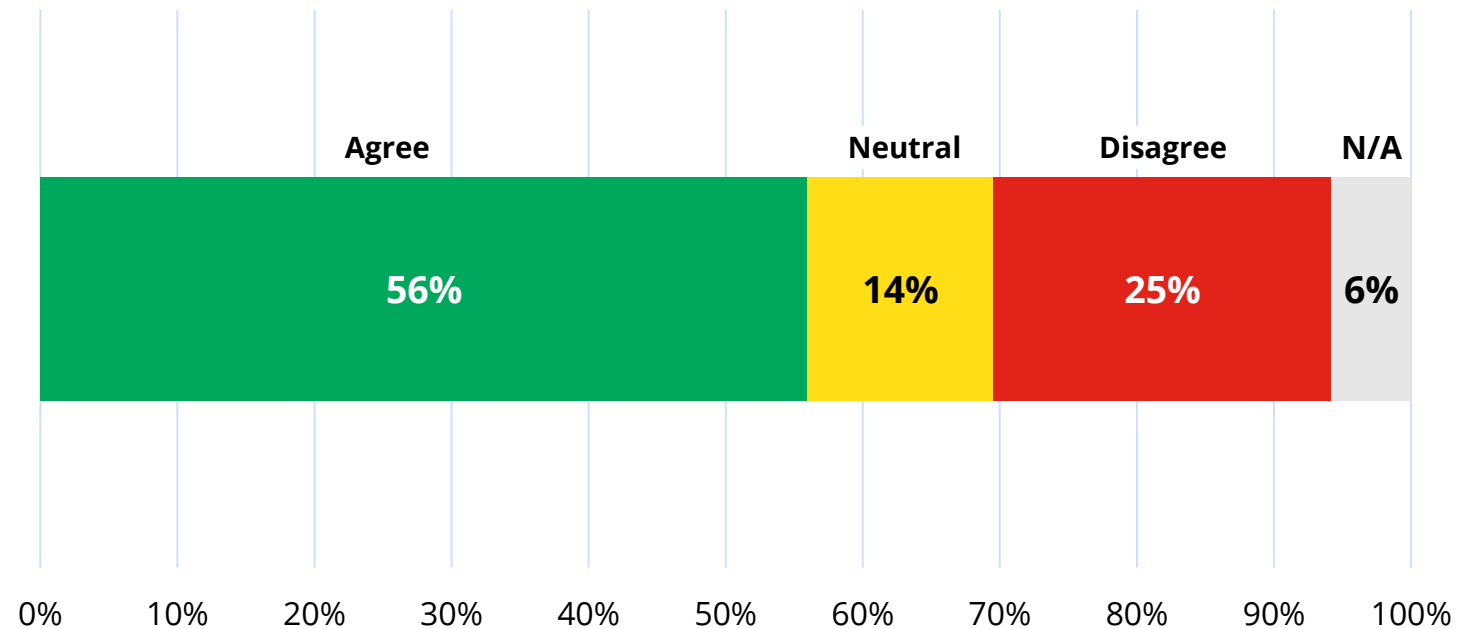
Parking Is Important For Most Visitors

Most visitors (56%) agree that ease and availability of parking is an important factor in their decision to visit the business district on Upper Queen Anne.

Only 38% of respondents disagree or felt neutral about the importance of parking.

Visitors were more likely to drive to Upper Queen Anne (80%) than residents (42%).

Agree or Disagree: The ease and availability of parking is an important factor in my decision to visit the business district on Upper Queen Anne.



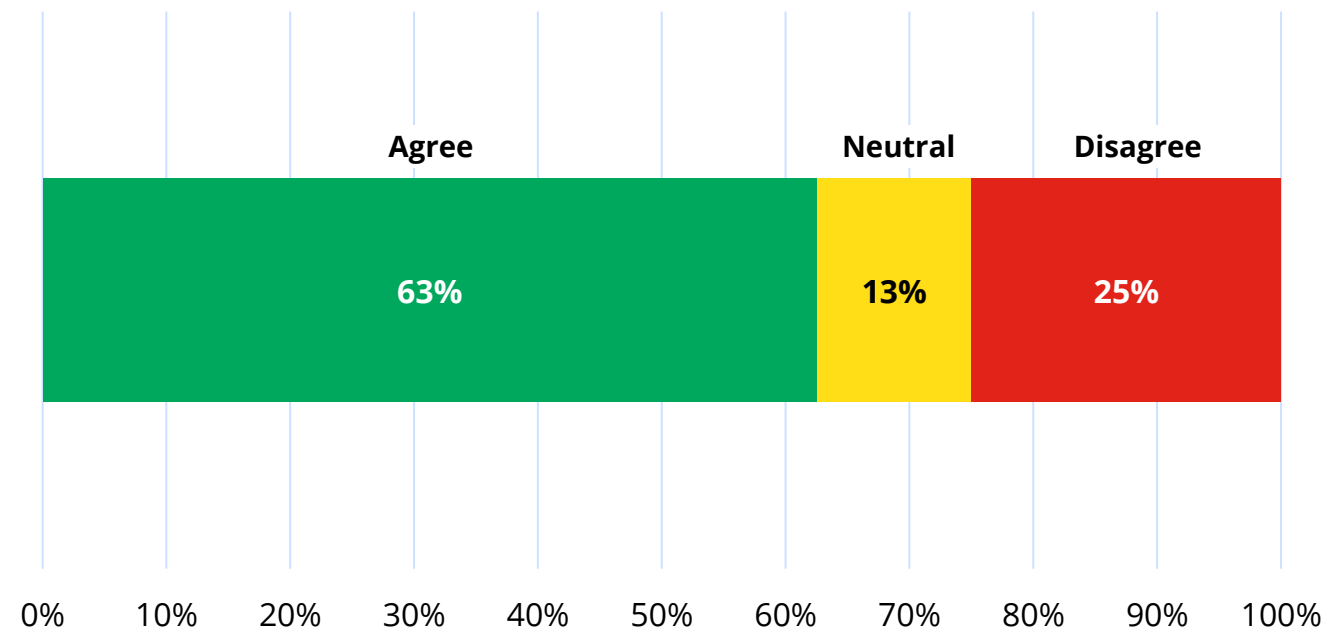
Businesses Face Parking Challenges

Customers frequently complain about difficulty finding parking.

Among business survey respondents, **63% often hear customers or clients complain about the difficulty of finding a parking space** in Upper Queen Anne.

This finding aligns with parking occupancy data, which indicates that parking on most blocks in Upper Queen Anne are full (86% or higher) during prime business hours between 11 am and 8 pm.

Agree or Disagree: Customers or clients often complain about the difficulty of finding a parking space in the business district in Upper Queen Anne.



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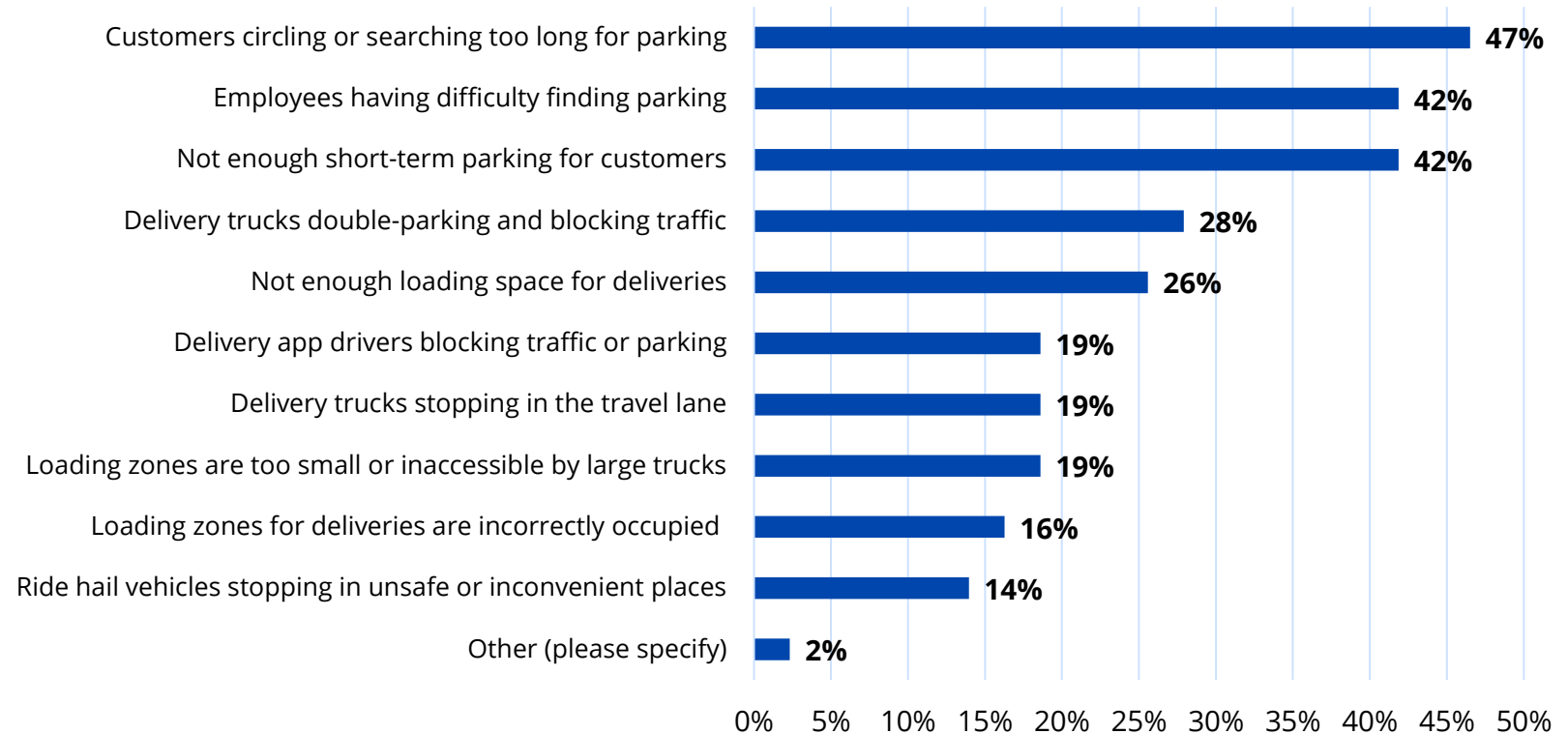
While parking issues are most common for businesses, many also have challenges with loading for freight and app-based delivery services.

Customer parking is the most common challenge businesses report.

Businesses also report challenges **with employee parking and not enough short-term parking.**

Loading and deliveries add pressure on limited curbspace. Businesses also report **double-parking, not enough loading, and delivery drivers blocking traffic** or parking spaces.

Which of the following, if any, create parking and curbspace challenges for your business? Select all that apply.



Parking Study & Intercept Survey Findings

In April 2026, SDOT collected parking data and gathered community input from an intercept survey. Key findings include:



Parking is often full in Upper Queen Anne. Several blocks on Queen Anne Ave N were full or nearly through at all times of day.



Some people stay parked for several hours, reducing turnover and customer access. 21% of people stayed parked over 2 hours in Upper Queen Anne.



Parking availability is a concern for some customers. Our intercept survey reported 27% of people do not agree that parking is easy to find in Upper Queen Anne. 58% of surveyed employees report hearing customers complain about parking.

Learn more

Read our [Existing Conditions Summary](#) and get updates on our [project webpage](#).

What Can SDOT Do to Help?



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SDOT has several tools to better manage parking and curbspace:

1



Better manage parking

Adjust time limits, pricing, and other regulations to improve parking access and turnover

2



Improve loading and delivery access

Add and modify load zones for passengers, commercial vehicles, and food delivery vehicles

3



Improve safety and accessibility

Install improvements to better support people walking and biking, including accessibility improvements

4



Efficient and effective parking enforcement

Use parking tools to make parking regulations easier to monitor and enforce

What Can SDOT Do to Help?

Parking turnover helps more customers find a space.



Parking regulations can **encourage turnover**, helping more people use the same limited parking spaces throughout the day. This allows for more customers to visit businesses.

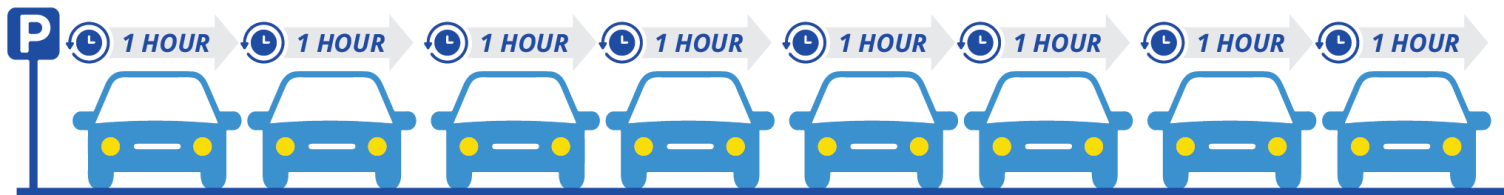
Long Stays =
Less Parking
Turnover:



2 Customers



More
Parking
Turnover:



8 Customers



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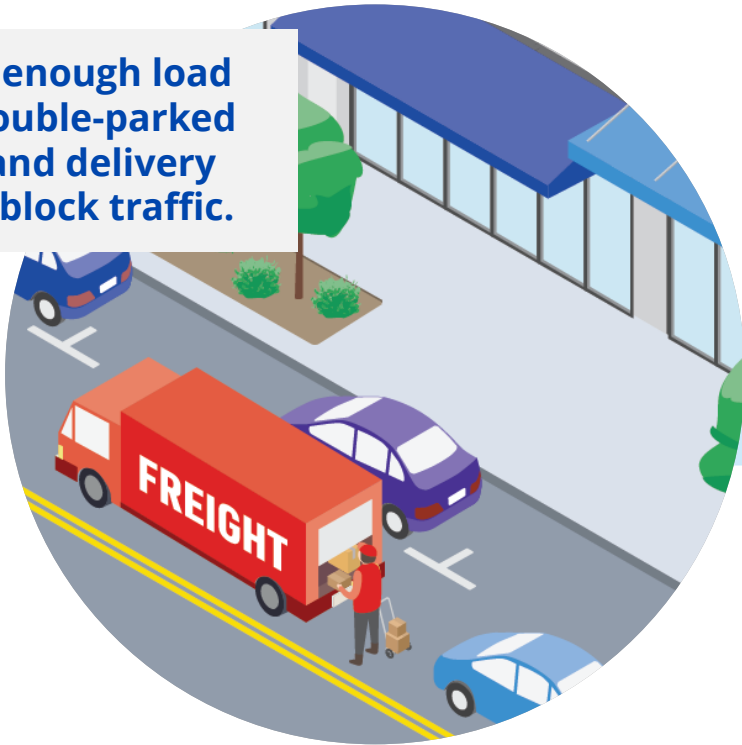
Load zones help keep deliveries and pick-ups/drop-offs moving.

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Adding and adjusting load zones provides space for deliveries, passenger pick up/drop offs, and food takeout. This helps **reduce double parking and blocked traffic**.

Without enough load zones, double-parked trucks and delivery vehicles block traffic.



SDOT can add or modify load zones to better support local businesses.



What Can SDOT Do to Help?

Multimodal improvements make it easier and safer to get around.



SDOT can improve **walking, biking, and accessibility** and help businesses connect employees with more ways to get to work.

Safer walking and rolling: Improve crossings, sightlines, and add more disabled parking.



Better bike access: Add bike and micromobility parking to make it easier to reach businesses without driving.



More options for employees: Connect businesses with resources that help employees walk, bike, take transit, or share rides to work.



Calm traffic: Manage parking better so parking is easier to find, reducing circling and distracted driving.



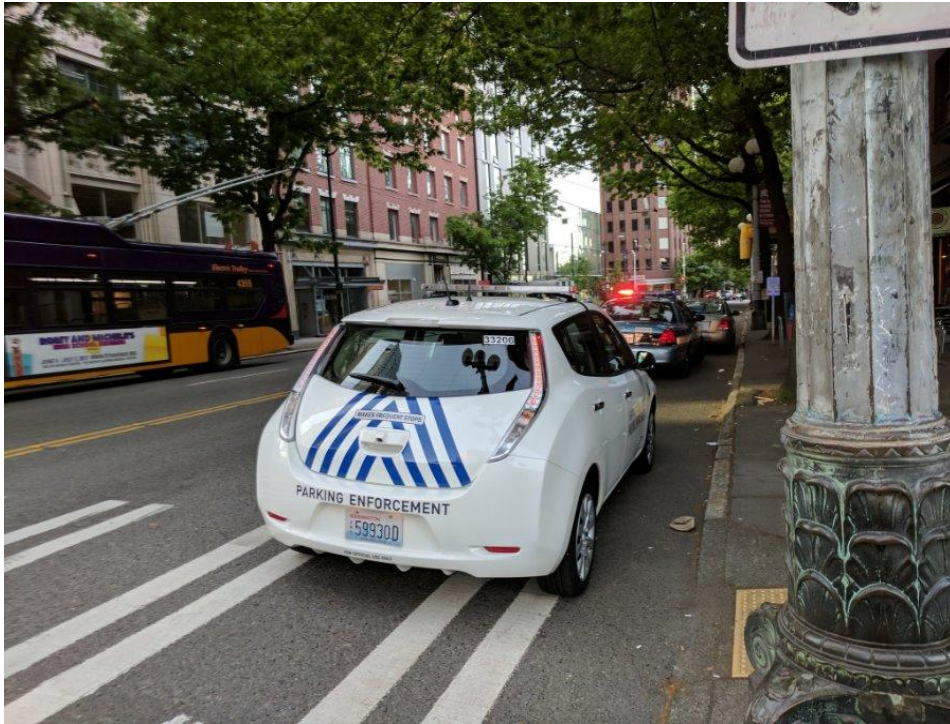
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Parking tools can make enforcement more effective.

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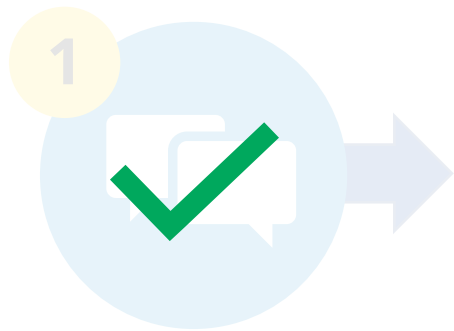
Clear and consistent parking regulations make it easier to monitor parking, helping to improve compliance and parking turnover.



Next Steps

What's in store for the rest of the year?

Spring 2026:
Collected parking
data and conducted
an intercept survey



Summer 2026:
Conducted outreach
and gathered
community input



Fall 2026:
Share draft
recommendations
and gather feedback



Winter 2026:
Refine and finalize
recommendation, and
prepare to install



**SDOT will
install any
changes
in 2027**