Ballard Ave Mobility and Access Improvements

*Coming soon: improvements for businesses and people walking!*

**Project overview**
In 2020, we worked with Ballard Ave NW businesses to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic with a new street concept that gave people the space they needed to stay healthy and encourage people to enjoy their neighborhood businesses. For example, restaurants and businesses in the area installed new curbside cafes to support outdoor dining. We also made traffic one-way northbound.

![Project area map along Ballard Ave NW, between 20th Ave NW and 22nd Ave NW, that shows locations of parking, loading, curb bulbs, and sidewalk cafes.](image)

We are going to tidy up and formalize the people-oriented changes we launched in 2020 by:

- Updating the striping on Ballard Ave NW to reflect the existing one-way northbound street. New striping and painted areas on the street will make these changes clear.
- Adding interim “curb bulbs” with paint, flexible posts, and planters to open up intersections and crosswalks so people walking are more visible to people driving
- Converting the intersections on Ballard Ave NW at 22nd Ave NW and NW Vernon Pl to all-way stops
- Improving street tree pits with a firm and level walking surface. We won’t affect planting areas maintained by adjacent businesses.
- Painting parking areas on Ballard Ave NW between street cafes for easier access
- Clarifying curbside loading locations and hours based on ongoing conversations with local businesses

**What you can expect**
Work will take place on weekdays between 7 am and 3 pm and is expected to last about three weeks.

- **Week of July 25:** We’ll start repairing bricks on Ballard Ave NW to get ready for future flexible posts. Intersections will be temporarily closed during working hours to allow crews to complete this work safely and efficiently.
- **Week of July 25:** We’ll put out “no parking” and “no stopping” signs along Ballard Ave NW and begin marking where crews will add new paint to the street
- **Week of August 1:** We’ll install new signs, planters, and flexible posts

This work is weather dependent and subject to change. **We appreciate your patience as crews complete the project.**

**Questions?**

- **Project website:** [https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/community-access-and-parking-program/ballardave](https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/community-access-and-parking-program/ballardave)
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