

Occidental Promenade

Summer Stakeholder Discussion Summary

In Summer 2025, the Seattle Department of Transportation, Alliance for Pioneer Square, Seattle Parks Foundation, and MIG, Inc held a series of small group interviews with stakeholders. The discussions were used to gather input from individuals and groups with a specific interest in the area.

What We Heard

The following table summarizes the concerns and opportunities we heard.

Group	Feedback
Restaurants and businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desire to maintain the existing outdoor dining footprint and concern for how a new walkway may impact use and operations• Need for garbage collection/waste management resulting from street vending operations and events; no internal space for storing waste for some businesses• Address building/vendors conflict and overlap• Lack of public restrooms puts a burden on brick-and-mortar businesses• Interest in improvements that draw people north towards King St• Desire to extend outdoor dining at restaurants• Activate frontage beyond existing patios• Streetscape element like trees, lighting, seating, art
Project partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain vehicular loading access• Desire to relocate bollard line near former Nordic Cold Storage turn around closer to property line• Existing public restroom out of service due to plumbing pipe grade issues• Long-term interest in increasing programming in north parking lot; recently added infrastructure support
Property owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain loading/driveway access for existing tenants and to loading docks• Address building/vendors conflict and overlap• Waste collection and management concerns and challenges for tenants• Challenges associated with access and management of unfenced surface parking

Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve driveway clarity at Florentine frontage to ensure access • Give traffic control/event signage permanent home • Reduce gathering at Florentine frontage • Walkability and pedestrian access along west side of street, though security concerns • Shared scooter and bike parking/staging disorganized
Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce vending rules and regulations (re: unpermitted activities) • Interest in improvements that tie into Pioneer Square pedestrian connectivity on non-game days

Invited stakeholders: Gantry Public House, Pioneer Tacos & Tequila, LIT Immersive, Sluggers, Elysian Fields, The Hall, Tom's Watch Bar, Sea Creatures, Death and Co., Urban Villages, Scott Riley Pro Image Sports, On the Field, Gameday Sports Mariners, Seahawks/FGI, Public Stadium Authority, Public Facilities District, SOJ SEA, English Capital, KGIP, Azose, 820 Occidental, American Live Inc., Silver Cloud Hotel, Nolo, Florentine, Gridiron Buildings, Al's Gourmet Sausages, People's Burger/Pioneer Grill Hot Dogs

Key Takeaways

The group discussions identified several similar themes that led to the following key takeaways. This input will inform near-term improvement ideas that will be refined with further public input.

- **Support pedestrian access:** explore opportunities for a continuous pedestrian connection on west side of the street and streetscape elements like lighting, seating, and art.
- **Organize micromobility devices:** organize shared micromobility parking and staging (bikes and scooters) along the corridor, particularly during events.
- **Balance curbside management needs:** thoughtful curbside management (e.g., parking, loading, access, activation, pedestrian realm) will balance loading and garage access needs along the corridor with pedestrian mobility.
- **Improve the vending environment:** provide clarity and organization around vendor locations and enforce vending rules and regulations.
- **Create a cleaner street:** explore opportunities for a corridor-wide waste management solution or way to assist property owners with no internal storage space. Consider public restroom opportunities.