

Seattle Public Utilities

February 2019 Outreach Summary

# Vine Basin Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project



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On February 6, 2019, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) hosted an in-person open house to introduce the Vine Basin Combined Sew Overflow (CSO) Control project to the public, share information about potential options for reducing CSO events in the basin, and ask for feedback on potential community benefits to be implemented as a part of the project. In addition to the in-person open house, an online open house was available between January 24 and February 13. The online open house provided the same information as the in-person event and allowed for people to submit comments or questions.

Twelve participants attended the in-person open house. A total of 46 users visited the online open house between January 24 and February 13. All participants were given the opportunity to view boards, learn more about the project, and share their feedback with the project team.

Common themes from the feedback received from participants included an interest in additional greenery, pedestrian safety (lighting and crosswalks), and a priority to maintain parking and car/bike lanes. A summary of all feedback received can be found below.

The goals of the in-person and online open houses included:

- Providing an opportunity to learn about the project, options we're considering and how to stay involved
- Answering questions and an opportunity to talk to project staff
- Gathering feedback on potential community benefits

### Summary of Feedback

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Attendees were given the opportunity to provide feedback on general opportunities for community benefits. Staff were available to solicit and record questions and concerns residents had.

The topics the project team requested feedback on included:

- **Opportunities for community benefits:** SPU solicited feedback on community benefit elements that may be incorporated into the project. Comment collection tools included comment cards, interactive boards, and conversations with staff.

### Key themes:

Comments shared by participants fall under the following general themes:

- Desire to preserve existing on-street parking in Belltown
- Desire to maintain existing vehicle or bicycle lanes in Belltown
- Highest interest in pedestrian safety enhancements such as lighting and crosswalks
- Opinion that greening can help connect the urban environment to nature

## Appendix A: Open house feedback

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1. Please choose the two most important options to you and let us know why you chose these options.

Option	Total responses
Wayfinding - let us know to where!	3
Pedestrian safety - lighting, wider sidewalks, etc.	10
Greening	7
Installations - seating, bike racks, public art, etc.	3
Other possibilities - add your suggestions in the comment box below	4

### Comments

- “Belltown needs more crosswalks so pedestrians can walk east and west without zigzagging.”
- “More greenery that won’t be ruined by dog pee :)”
- “Please don’t take any parking or car lanes away - we have already had too much of this and you need a PhD to drive on 2nd Avenue now!”
- “Please do not reduce the amount of street parking.”
- “Please do not take away needed car lanes in belltown [sic]. Please do not take away parking in belltown [sic]. Please add more patrol and lighting in alleys. Please enforce restaurants have sufficient garbage and compost cans.”
- “Please don’t take away any more street parking or car lanes!”
- “Please don’t take away any more lanes for cars!”
- “I chose lighting for pedestrian safety because of all the sketchy people at night, and greenery because its [sic] a link to nature in an urban environment.”

2. Tell us where you want to see community benefits!

Location	Comment
Western Ave and Vine St	Consider building on growing Vine Street GSI. Connect to Waterfront and <u>native plants</u> .
1st Ave and Battery St	Portal to future park. GSI opportunities. Bell St Park. - Friends of Historic Belltown
Western Ave and Bell St	Native village and historic native camp at foot of Bell St. Consider site that tells story and value of water to native people - Friends of Historic Belltown
Western Ave and Bell St	Secoded! (Comment above)
3rd Ave and Blanchard St	This intersection could use more lighting

3. Anything else to add? Share your comments on the project here.

- “Please do not take away needed lanes and parking spaces in Belltown. There is a shortage. Thank you.”

- “Do not take away any more lanes on the streets! Although we understand the math does not work out for everyone to have a car, we still need to preserve the streets to keep the transport we do have moving. There are folks in sales that are trying to make a living and making the city into gridlock does not help by taking more lanes away for bike lanes.”