



# BALLARD BRIDGE PLANNING STUDY

Investing in the future of our bridges

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## BACKGROUND

The Ballard Bridge, built in 1917, spans the eastern edge of Salmon Bay and connects Ballard to Magnolia, Queen Anne, and Downtown via Interbay. The 2,854-foot bridge carries more than 57,000 vehicles per day across the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Over the last century, while the look and function of the bridge may not have changed much, we've been retrofitting and maintaining the structure to keep it moving and safe, including a recent series of seismic improvements completed in 2014.

We've launched the Ballard Bridge Planning Study to evaluate how to bring the bridge up to current transportation, functional, and structural standards including improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and keeping buses and freight moving. While we perform regular maintenance and frequent inspections on the bridge to ensure it's operational and safe for road and marine traffic, due to the age of the structure, more significant rehabilitation may be needed. Since the bridge is in good condition today, we have an opportunity to plan.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ballard Bridge Planning Study explores feasible rehabilitation and replacement options for the long-term future of the bridge. It is the second of 10 studies to help us assess and manage roadway structure maintenance needs and maximize future investments.

The planning study identifies associated costs, risks, benefits, and trade-offs of each option. Through the end of the year, we are working with our agency partners, advisory boards, and community members to identify needs and values and propose options that meet them.

## GET INVOLVED

We're committed to keeping you informed throughout the study. For more information, please use one of the following resources:

- Learn more about the study and sign up for the project listserv at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/BallardBridge](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/BallardBridge)
- Email the study team at [BallardBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:BallardBridge@seattle.gov)

## PROJECT MAP



## FUNDING

This planning study is funded by the Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. The 9-year, \$930 million Levy to Move Seattle provides funding to improve safety for all travelers, maintain our streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city. Learn more about the levy at [www.seattle.gov/LevyToMoveSeattle](http://www.seattle.gov/LevyToMoveSeattle)

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# PLANNING STUDY PROCESS

2019				
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
 <p><b>Stakeholder Meetings:</b> with agency and community partners including Sound Transit, Port of Seattle, BNSF, and adjacent BINMIC and community organizations</p>				
 <p><b>Advisory Board Briefings:</b> to involve and seek assistance from Bike, Pedestrian, Transit, and Freight advisory boards</p>				
 <p><b>Online Survey:</b> to introduce the project scope and schedule and to better understand behaviors for users of the Ballard Bridge</p>				
 <p><b>Drop-in Sessions &amp; Community Events:</b> to describe the Ballard Bridge history, review evaluation process, present analyses, and collect community input</p>				
 <p><b>Community Councils &amp; Other Community Group Briefings:</b> to inform the public of the study purpose and progress, and to provide more opportunities for community comments and questions</p>				
 <p><b>Finalize Alternatives Analysis and Share Results:</b> with SDOT directors, the Mayor, and our local, county, and state elected officials</p>				

Subject to change

KEY	 <p>Technical Screening to identify viable alternatives</p>	 <p>Advisory Board Briefings</p>	 <p>Online Survey</p>
	 <p>Alternatives Analysis</p>	 <p>Stakeholder Meetings</p>	
	 <p>Share results</p>	 <p>Community Involvement</p>	