The Ballard Bridge, built in 1917, spans the eastern edge of the Salmon Bay and connects Ballard to Magnolia, Queen Anne, and Downtown via Interbay. Today 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.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

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.

The Ballard Bridge Planning Study, funded by the Levy to Move Seattle, will explore feasible rehabilitation and replacement options for the long-term future of the bridge. It is the second of ten 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’ll work with our agency partners, advisory boards, and community members to identify needs and values and propose options that meet them.

We are hosting a drop-in session and hope you can join us. The drop-in session is a good opportunity to learn about the Ballard Bridge Planning Study and to talk to the project team about your priorities and preferences. We’ll be sharing information about the project scope, goals, and timeline, as well as a summary of the feedback we received from our online community survey. You can drop-in any time between 6 PM—7:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Visit our web page [www.seattle.gov/transportation/BallardBridge](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/BallardBridge) to sign up for email alerts.

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**WE HEARD FROM YOU**

To ensure we develop bridge options that incorporate the broad needs and values of the community and people using the Ballard Bridge, we conducted an online survey on current and desired bridge use.

- **2,808 survey participants**
- **The majority of respondents selected improvements for people walking and biking as their top priority**
- **72% of respondents said they travel across the bridge by car at least once a week**
- **Over 370 respondents said they rely on the bridge as part of their job**

Attend the upcoming drop-in session to learn more!

*Not including their commute*

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**PROJECT TIMELINE**

**PLANNING STUDY PROCESS**

1. **Community Outreach**
   - **Project Launch**
   - **Project Team**
   - **Public Meetings**
   - **Technical Engagesments**
   - **Trade-Off Meetings**
   - **Community Advisory Board**
   - **Community Engagement**

2. **Assessment**
   - **Condition Assessment**
   - **Structural & Functional Assessment**
   - **Analysis & Review**
   - **Community Engagement**

3. **Rehabilitation & Construction**
   - **Design**
   - **Construction**
   - **Community Engagement**

4. **Maintenance**
   - **Operations and Maintenance**
   - **Community Engagement**

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**UPCOMING DROP-IN SESSION**

**Wednesday, July 31 | 6 PM—7:30 PM**

**Fishermen’s Terminal**

Seattle Fishermen’s Memorial —Dock 7
3919 18th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119

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