

# PROPOSAL FOR PARKING CHANGES IN BALLARD

August 2014

SDOT has been active in Ballard over the past year through the Community Access and Parking Program with a goal of making parking in the commercial area more predictable for customers and visitors. We have heard that parking regulations are confusing and lack consistency, and that unavailable parking leads to drivers circulating on local streets. This draft plan is a result of that process and includes:

- **Adding parking spaces:** Areas of new parking on 17th Ave NW and converting 22nd Ave NW between NW Market Street and Ballard Ave NW into angled parking on the east side
- **Adding time limits:** Based on specific request or identified need, adding time limits to five areas. Time limits will be in effect between 7 AM and 6 PM.
- **Adding paid parking:** South of NW Market Street, where parking is in highest demand, paid parking will be added to increase turnover and support customer and visitor access

A map identifying the proposed changes is shown on the reverse of this page.

## Why change parking now?

- Parking regulations have not substantially changed in Ballard since 2005
- New developments and businesses have increased the demand for parking and need for turnover

## What does the data show?

- Parking south of NW Market Street is very full after around 10 AM most days
- The area proposed for paid parking is over 90% full for more than three hours of the day and completely full in evenings
- Existing time limits do not create parking availability. On Ballard Avenue parking is often over 100% full and 20% of vehicles stay longer than posted time limits.



## What else is going on?

- We are also reviewing the needs and use of load zones in the neighborhood. Please contact us to discuss load zones.
- SDOT completed a study of the price and availability of off-street parking in the neighborhood. A report is available on the project website at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp\\_ballard.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp_ballard.htm).
- Rates and hours in the existing paid parking area in Ballard are changing in September as part our citywide rate changes. For more information visit [www.seattle.gov/parking](http://www.seattle.gov/parking).

## How can we provide comments or questions?

- Provide feedback by September 30 via an online questionnaire at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/BallardParking](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BallardParking)
- Send comments by September 30 to us at [Ballardparking@seattle.gov](mailto:Ballardparking@seattle.gov)
- Stop by a drop-in session at the Ballard Neighborhood Center Conference Room to discuss with SDOT staff. Staff will be available at the following dates/times:
  - September 3 from 9 AM to 11 AM
  - September 10 from 2 PM to 4 PM

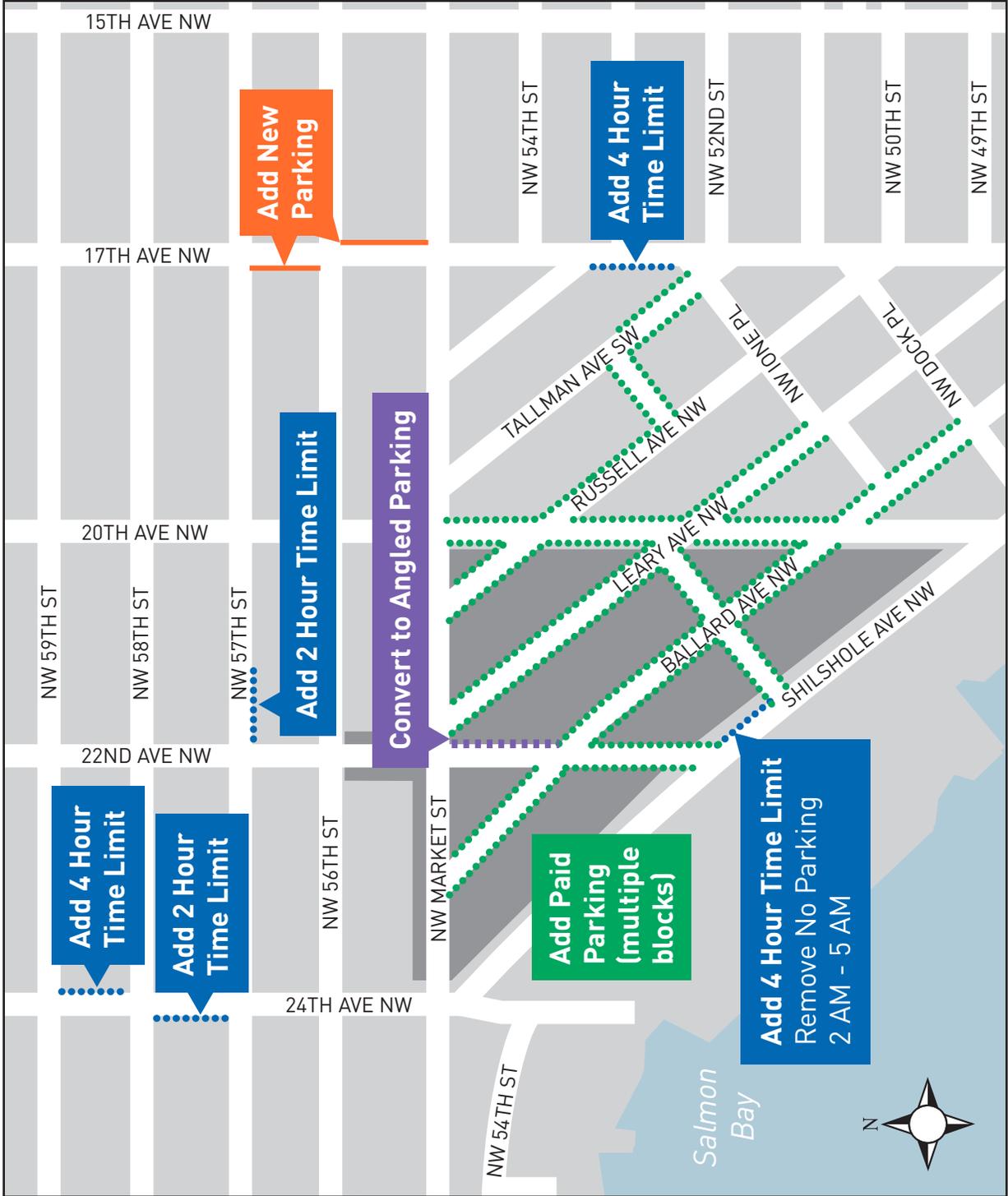
## What will happen next?

- We will review comments over the coming months and plan to have a final parking management plan by the end of 2014
- Implementation will take place in 2015

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## PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp\\_ballard.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp_ballard.htm)  
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**LEGEND**

- Add Paid Parking
- Add Time Limits
- Convert to Angled Parking
- Add New Parking
- Core Parking Area

The draft plan is a result of collecting and analyzing data and meeting with local stakeholders. It would add new parking, time limits, and paid parking.