Newly Updated

#### Hello!

Mayor Durkan recently launched a pre-summer emphasis program in seven neighborhoods, including Ballard, to improve public safety and address community maintenance needs. The Seattle Police Department (SPD) and City departments are deploying additional resources and taking immediate steps to enhance SPD response and address small scale maintenance needs, like replacing streetlights, trimming trees, removing graffiti, and removing illegally dumped debris. Directors from numerous City departments, in partnership with the Ballard Alliance, joined business and community members for a business area walk to identify ongoing issues.

Today, I'm happy to update you on what has taken place since the walk on May 7th. Below is an issue tracker, compiled from comments gathered from walk participants, detailing issues raised and reviewed and the current status of each. You'll also find resource tips and links to City services at the bottom of this document, so you can access available services to help keep your neighborhood safe, clean, and vibrant.



Planned Ballard – South business area walk route.

### **Public Safety:**

The Seattle Police Department has worked closely with the Ballard South neighborhood to address the general disorder and theft issues in the area for several years.

In this recent focused, holistic effort with other city departments, SPD has reported the following:

- 48% increase in proactive work compared to May 2018.
- For the first half of the year, officer proactive work has increased nearly 21% compared to the first six months of 2018.
- SPD Teams, including Bike Patrols, the Community Police Team, the Retail Theft program, the Navigation Team, the Anti-Crime Team, and regular Patrol Units have made 167 contacts in the neighborhood since the beginning of the initiative, including:
  - o 11 referrals to the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program (LEAD)
  - o 34 referrals through HSD



- o 3 Involuntary Treatment applications
- o 26 bookings into King County Jail
- o Multiple campsite/RV clearance actions
- More than 80 oral warnings have been given, including Parks Exclusion notices, along with several tickets and written warnings.
- Traffic Officers made 76 contacts in May, including issuing 55 citations across the neighborhood.
- In the past 28 days, reported crime is down 49%.
- Over 500 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May (Ballard & Fremont).

### Community Clean Up:

Issue/Request	Location in Ballard	Timeline	Notes
Signal boxes graffitied.	22nd Ave NW & NW Market St; 20th Ave NW & NW Market St	Completed	Removed flyers & painted box. (SDOT)



SDOT Employee repairs street sign in Ballard.



## Small Scale Maintenance:

Issue/Request	Location in Ballard	Timeline	Notes
Pot holes need patching.	Alleyways behind Ballard Avenue and Leary Way	Completed	Patched the alley with asphalt. (SDOT)
Need better crossings – only marked cross walks are at 28th Ave NW & 24th Ave NW.	Market Street	Completed	Several crosswalks repainted, detailed explanation of crosswalk locations listed at each location below. (SDOT)
Temporary bike rack left in the field.	24th Ave NW & Shilshole Ave NW	Completed	Posted notice to remove bikes and bring back to Sunny Jim. (SDOT)
Bike corrals damaged & dirty.	22nd Ave NW & Shilshole Ave NW; 22nd Ave NW & Ballard Ave NW; 22nd Ave NW & NW Market St	Completed	Replaced wheel stop, replaced tuff posts & pressure wash. (SDOT)
Rail rack damaged.	2026 NW Market St	Completed	Replaced rail rack. (SDOT)
Signs damaged.	22nd Ave NW & Shilshole Ave NW; Ballard Ave NW & NW Market St	Completed	Replaced signs. (SDOT)
Street name sign missing.	20th Ave NW & NW 56th St	Completed	Manufactured & replaced signs. (SDOT)
Signs too congested.	NW 56th St & 20th Ave NW	Completed	Removed crosswalk warning sign. (SDOT)
Raised section of concrete (8x9) needs to be removed and topsoil placed in planting strip area. Rodent holes are evident under slab.	26th Ave NW & NW Market St	Completed	Paved section, located and removed slab, and placed topsoil in planting strip area. (SDOT)
Crosswalks and legends worn.	24th Ave NW & NW Market St	Completed	Remarked crosswalks and installed new legends. (SDOT)



Desire for a marked crosswalk.	24th Ave NW at NW 56th St	Review completed	Because this intersection is less than 300' to a signalized crossing to the north and the south, and because this would require a signal that could be coordinated with Market/24th, the existing unmarked crosswalks are the appropriate treatment. (SDOT)
Desire for a marked crosswalk.	NW Market St at 26th Ave NW	Review completed	This location is 600' from signalized crossings on a four- lane arterial, but 26th Ave NW and the alley to the north do not appear to carry sufficient traffic (motorized, pedestrian and non-motorized) to meet signal warrants for installation of a new signal. With an identified funding source, we would get updated counts to confirm if this meets the warrants for signal installation that were adopted into state law. Note that a new signal would be on the order of 3/4 of a million dollars. (SDOT)

### **Community Resources:**



### Find It, Fix It -- Service Request Mobile App

https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app

"Find It, Fix It" is a smartphone app offering mobile users one more way to report selected issues to the City of Seattle including illegal dumping, street light outages, potholes, and sharps/needles, among others.

With Find It, Fix It, reporting an issue is as easy as snapping a photo with your smartphone, adding detailed information, and hitting submit. The map's "drag and drop" feature or the phone's technology can be used to pinpoint the location.

### Neighborhood Traffic Operations – Seattle Department of Transportation

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm

Neighborhood Traffic Operations (NTO) helps ensure safe traffic operations on Seattle's neighborhood streets. Staff respond to resident's questions and concerns regarding speeding, traffic safety, traffic signs, and similar issues. More information is available on the <u>Traffic Circle Program</u> page.



**Crime Prevention Coordinators** – are experts in crime prevention techniques. You can talk to them about outgoing crime problems in your neighborhood, getting involved in Block Watch and setting up a meeting to train you and your neighbors on crime prevention tips.

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Block Watch – https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/block-watch

### AlertSeattle – <u>https://alert.seattle.gov/</u>

The official emergency notification system used by the City of Seattle to communicate with city residents during emergencies. Sign up to receive free alerts from the City via text message, email, voice message, or social media.

### Adopt-A-Street – Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

### http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/adopt-a-street

Promotes civic responsibility and community pride as well as enhances Seattle's quality of life through clean streets and beautiful neighborhoods.

### Report discarded needles, syringes, and other sharps - Customer Service Bureau

http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/hazardous-materials-reporting

If you find discarded needles, syringes and other sharps in *Seattle city limits*, you can report it to the City by calling the <u>Customer Service Bureau</u>, 206-684-2489 (CITY), for advice or report it on the Find It Fix It smartphone app.



### Next Steps:

This is just the beginning! There's more work to be done. In the weeks ahead, City departments will continue to work on issues raised at each walk. The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods remains committed to connecting people to needed services and programs. Over the next few weeks, we'll be updating and sharing this tracker as more issues are completed.

Again, thank you for your commitment to improving your community. Please reach out to me at <u>andres.mantilla@seattle.gov</u> if you have any questions.

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