



Seattle Department of Transportation Notice of Street End Improvement

We are making improvements to the 11th Avenue Northwest shoreline street end along the Lake Washington Ship Canal in the Ballard neighborhood. The project will improve public access to the shore and protect the shoreline from erosion.

The existing decking at the 11th Ave NW shoreline street end was designed and built by University of Washington Landscape Architecture Students in 2015. In 2019, we installed some temporary erosion control measures. The deck has been heavily battered by time and the shore continues to be severely eroded by wakes in this busy section of the Lake Washington Shipping Canal.

To resolve these issues, we propose to make the following improvements:

- Installation of erosion and sediment control measures with preference for soft shore armoring such as anchored logs
- Installation of salmonoid habitat gravel placement along shoreline
- Installation of additional native landscape plantings
- Potentially remove existing decking and replace it with a plaza and overlook
- Potentially upgrade existing gravel pathway to hardscaping for better accessibility

So far, we have completed a survey of the site and kicked off the design process. Our current estimate is that these changes will be installed in either the summer or autumn of 2023. As details of this project become available, we will share information with the community. If you would like to attend a public meeting, see our proposed plans, or receive other updates, please e-mail Omar Akkari at omar.akkari@seattle.gov.

THE SHORELINE STREET END PROGRAM

Lake Washington, Lake Union, Puget Sound, and other waterways offer Seattle residents more than 200 miles of magnificent shoreline. While much of it is private or park land, 142 public streets in Seattle end on shorelines. These “shoreline street ends” are precious community assets designated by the City of Seattle (City Resolution 29370, adopted in September 1996) as special rights-of-way that should be preserved and developed for public use.

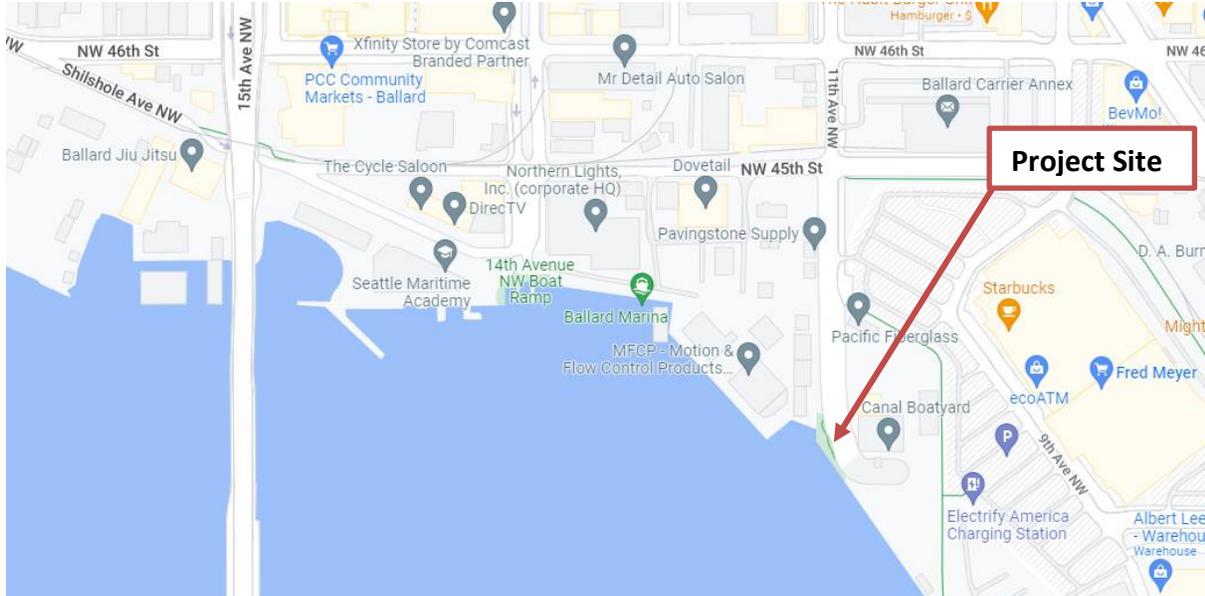
Though some street ends have been improved for public use, nearly two-thirds are unmarked, overgrown, or have private encroachments. By partnering with residents and community groups, we intend to improve these hidden spots so Seattleites may have increased water access and enjoyment.

Guided by the policy that public access allows the highest and best use of these sites, our Shoreline Street Ends Program manages the process for improving a shoreline street end and, in some cases, permitting of private uses. Director's Rule 12-2015 explains the city guidelines for this program.

More information can be found on the program's website:
http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_stends.htm

PROJECT LOCATION

The 11th Ave NW shoreline street end is located at 4301R 11TH AVE NW . The construction impacts are anticipated to extend to the areas indicated by the dotted red line. Crews will maintain access to private drives during construction, but limited access restrictions may occur.



Site Vicinity Map



Project Area Map

PUBLIC COMMENT

We will be hosting a several virtual meetings to take comments and provide updates as this project develops. Please send an email to the address below if you would like to be sent invites to our virtual meetings.

Our first meeting will be held at the Ballard Public Library on November 14, 2022 at 6pm and online on the Microsoft Teams Platform.

Ballard Public Library Address: 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., Seattle, WA 98107

Teams Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2fk3butk>

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 112 307 179#

Please submit your comments by sending a letter or email to:

Seattle Department of Transportation
Attn: Public Space Management Program
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OR omar.akkari@Seattle.gov

Please include your name and contact information, and the specific reason for your comment concerning the improvement project.

Any person may request a review or reconsideration of a decision that we have made. This request shall be sent to the Director of Transportation within 10 calendar days of the decision as required by SMC Section 15.04.112.

If you'd like to meet with Omar Akkari to discuss the impacts of the project on your property, please email the request to omar.akkari@Seattle.gov.