
SW Barton Street Layover Repaving Project: Public Information Session Q&A

Overview

The SW Barton Street Layover Repaving project aims to make the street better for buses and improve the road's condition for all users. On March 2, 2026, SDOT hosted a Zoom meeting to give updates and answer questions from the community. Below, you'll find questions from residents and answers from the project team.

Community Q&A

Bus Stop Locations and Accessibility

Question: Will the new temporary bus stops for Route 21 be accessible for people with disabilities, such as wheelchair users?

Answer: The temporary bus stop for Route 21 (and the Rapid Ride C Line) will be located between 34th Ave SW and the alley. This area is fully paved, without any grassy strips or parking spaces that might cause obstacles. The location was selected to ensure easy access for people using mobility devices, such as wheelchairs. Bus drivers can lower the bus and deploy the ramp at this stop to assist riders who need it. Additionally, there are concrete pads on 25th Ave S at the Westwood Village stop, which can be used for dropping off passengers in wheelchairs.

Traffic Safety and Parking Concerns on 29th Ave SW and SW Trenton St

Question: Residents have said it's hard to see when turning onto SW Trenton St from 29th Ave SW because cars can park very close to the corner—less than 30 feet away. Will this project do anything to help drivers see better and make parking safer?

Answer: The project team will monitor parking during construction. If needed, they might change parking rules to help drivers see better and make turning onto SW Trenton from 29th Ave SW safer.

Question: With detours expected during construction, residents are worried about increased speeding and cut-through traffic on 29th Ave SW. Will additional traffic calming measures be considered?

Answer: We acknowledge that there is a need for stronger traffic calming measures based on these concerns. The SDOT Traffic Operations Division will review the situation and, if necessary, suggest suitable solutions.

Question: Will parking be restricted near the new bus stops on SW Trenton St at 29th Ave SW?

Answer: Yes, parking near the new bus stops on SW Trenton St at 29th Ave SW will be temporarily unavailable.

Each bus stop will have about 60 feet set aside and clearly marked. Yellow and red striped curb markings will be added before the stops begin operating, if possible.

Communication and Outreach

Question: How will residents, businesses, and community partners be informed about temporary bus stops and detours?

Answer: The SDOT outreach team will maintain consistent engagement with the public through various communication platforms, including listserv notifications, website updates, mailed postcards, door-hangers, emails, onsite discussions, and dedicated community briefings. Metro has added Rider Alerts at all affected bus stops with information for Metro Riders.

Temporary Bus Stops and Routing on SW Trenton St

Question: How will SDOT address concerns about accidents and safety on SW Trenton St between 35th Ave SW and 30th Ave SW, especially with increased traffic during construction?

Answer: We will closely monitor traffic and accident trends throughout the project. If needed, additional safety measures—such as temporary traffic calming devices, additional signage, or adjustments to traffic patterns—will be considered to reduce hazards. We will keep residents informed of any changes and actively collaborate with local organizations, including schools and afterschool activities, to ensure the safety of all road users during construction.

Question: Where will the first bus stop be as buses turn onto SW Trenton St from 35th Ave SW, and what about parking?

Answer: The first stop will be between 35th Ave SW and 34th Ave SW on SW Trenton St. Parking will only be removed where bus stops are placed on the south side.

Question: How will bus users be notified about the locations of new and temporary bus stops on SW Trenton St?

Answer: New and temporary bus stop signs, along with painted curbs, will be installed to notify both regular and visiting bus users about the stop locations. Metro has installed Rider Alerts at all affected bus stops. Additionally, Metro will send rider alerts to those who [subscribe for real-time updates](#).

Accessibility During Construction

Question: How will SDOT address impacts on residents and service providers at the Village Green Retirement Community during construction?

Answer: We will meet with Village Green representatives on March 11, 2026, to discuss and address impacts on residents and service providers. We will work to maintain access for deliveries and essential services, use flaggers to assist as needed, and encourage ongoing coordination.

Question: How will temporary bus stop removals on 35th Ave SW at SW Henderson St impact library access?

Answer: During the temporary removal of these bus stops, passengers will need to use different nearby stops and walk a short distance to get to the library. The northbound stop at 35th Ave SW and Henderson St will still be available for city-bound buses.

Roxhill Bog and Environmental Considerations

Question: How will the Roxhill Bog be protected during the project, and what are the planned environmental safeguards?

Answer: Roxhill Bog, the last remaining bog in Seattle, plays a crucial role in water retention and local ecology. Environmental specialists have assessed the project to ensure there will be no negative effects. The planned work consists of maintenance above the soil, with no excavation into the water table anticipated. Preserving the bog is a top priority, and ongoing communication with environmental experts is encouraged for any further questions or concerns.

Construction Impacts and Traffic Flow

Question: How will lane closures and traffic flow be managed during construction on SW Barton St?

Answer: During construction, SW Barton St will have at least one lane open in each direction. There will be clear signs and workers to help guide drivers. Most of the work will happen on the south side of Barton Street, between 26th Ave SW and 29th Ave SW. Only the eastbound lanes will be dug up, while the westbound lane will stay open and be used for traffic going both ways.

Question: Will there be any changes to parking during construction?

Answer: Parking will be temporarily removed only at the locations of the new bus stops. These areas will be clearly marked with bus stop signs and curb markings.

Transit Security

Question: Will there be transit security at the new temporary bus stops?

Answer: While Metro currently does not plan to increase onsite security, all rider concerns should be reported to Metro Customer Service or the designated hotline. Metro's safety and security team, including Transit Security Officers and Police, will address and respond to issues as appropriate.

If you need assistance:

- For emergencies: call **9-1-1**
- For non-emergencies: call Dispatch at **206-296-3311** or Metro Transit Police at **206-477-0250**
- You can also report incidents online via the [Metro Anti-Harassment / Incident Reporting page](#).

Monitoring and Adjustments at 35th Ave SW and SW Trenton St Intersection

Question: Will there be extra monitoring at the intersection of 35th Ave SW and SW Trenton St, especially for buses making left turns?

Answer: Before changing the routes, Metro tested both the Route 21 and C Line buses. To help traffic move better, the stop bar (the broad white painted strip across the road where cars must stop at a traffic light) for westbound cars on SW Trenton St will be

shifted. Additionally, a left turn signal may be added (pending approval from King County Metro). Video cameras will help manage signal timing, and Metro service quality supervisors will watch how things go during the first few weeks of the reroute so they can make any needed adjustments.

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Project Scope and Future Improvements

Question: What are the limits of the repaving work on Barton, and will all rough patches be fixed?

Answer: The repaving work on SW Barton will go up to, but not through, the intersection at 26th Ave SW. Some bumpy areas near the Village Green driveways may not be fixed right now because they aren't included in this project. These spots might get repaired later if more studies are done and more money is available.

Question: What changes are proposed for bus stops and sidewalks, particularly to address safety concerns near the park?

Answer: Issues related to drug use, litter, and overall safety at specific bus stops, notably those adjacent to the park, have been identified. Although detailed plans for improvements such as additional lighting, fencing, or installation of trash receptacles have not been outlined at this stage, the project team acknowledges these concerns and will take them into account during ongoing planning in collaboration with appropriate agencies.

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