



May 6, 2020

The Honorable Jenny Durkan  
Mayor, City of Seattle  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Cc: Councilmember Dan Strauss; Councilmember Alex Pedersen; SDOT Director Sam Zimbabwe; Deputy Mayor Shefali Ranganathan

Dear Mayor Jenny Durkan:

We are writing to request an 18-month delay of the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) proposed re-pavement of NW Market Street between 24th Avenue NW and 15th Avenue NW. The next 18 months will be absolutely critical for the economic recovery of Ballard's downtown core. If this project is permitted to go forward it will, at best, prolong the painful recovery of most businesses. At worst, it will be the tipping point that forces some Ballard businesses to close their doors forever.

As you know, the Ballard Multimodal Corridor project, which spans NW Market Street from 24th Ave NW to 32nd Ave NW began in May 2019 and was to conclude by end of last summer. The project has experienced significant delays and is now seven-months overdue and counting.

Businesses large and small experienced devastating reductions in sales because of this SDOT construction project. Businesses owners along this short quarter-mile stretch have lost more than \$700,000 in sales during months of curb-to-curb construction along NW Market St in front of their businesses. And this loss occurred before the Coronavirus pandemic.

The 24th Ave NW – 15th Ave NW project spans nine of Ballard's busiest blocks, including access to Ballard Avenue. SDOT has informed us that it will require complete removal of the existing roadway, a 12" water main replacement, multiple service connections along the corridor, valve box replacements, rebuilding of curb ramps and other invasive work by SDOT, Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities. SDOT also indicated the project will consist of 12-hours-per-day construction with nearly 200 working days; that is a span of more than nine months, assuming there are no schedule delays.

Our community has made deep sacrifices to keep our employees, customers and the residents of our city safe. Our small businesses are barely hanging on.

We understand that you cannot control the global pandemic; but you can control whether SDOT moves forward with a paving project that could devastate Ballard businesses.

We implore you to delay this project for 18-months and give Ballard businesses a fair chance at economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Mike Stewart, Executive  
Director  
Ballard Alliance

Ronald Burkhardt, Area Vice  
President  
AMLI Residential

Sheila Mulvihill, Owner of  
Coffee Shop  
Anchored Ship Coffee Bar

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Kristie Kisbye, Business Owner  
Annie's Art and Frame

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Arashi Ramen

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Ballard Acupuncture Center

Lena Anderson, Owner  
Ballard Beer Company

Warren Aakervik, Treasurer  
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Ballard Station

Ryan Robbins, Owner  
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Betz Family Winery

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William Jones, President, Owner  
Camertechs, Inc.

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CDE Consulting, LLC

Michael Kahrs, President  
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Virtual Reality Arcade

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