



FACT SHEET

# BALLARD BRIDGE PLANNING STUDY

## Investing in the future of our bridges

October 2019

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ballard Bridge Planning Study explores feasible rehabilitation and replacement options for the long-term future of the bridge by identifying associated costs, risks, benefits, and trade-offs of each option. It is the second of 10 studies to help us assess and manage roadway structure maintenance needs and maximize future investments. While we perform regular maintenance and frequent inspections on the bridge to ensure it's operational and safe for road and marine traffic, due to the age of the structure, more significant rehabilitation may be needed. Since the bridge is in good condition today, we have an opportunity to plan.

PLANNING STUDY PROCESS	2019
<b>Stakeholder Meetings:</b> with agency and community partners including Sound Transit, Port of Seattle, BNSF, and adjacent BINMIC and community organizations	Spring/ Fall
<b>Advisory Board:</b> to involve and seek assistance from Bike, Pedestrian, Transit, and Freight advisory boards	Spring/ Summer
<b>Online Survey:</b> to introduce the project scope and schedule and to better understand behaviors for users of the Ballard Bridge	Spring
<b>Drop-in Sessions &amp; Community Events:</b> to describe the Ballard Bridge history, review evaluation process, present analyses, and collect community input	Summer/ Fall
<b>Community Councils &amp; Other Community Group Briefings:</b> to inform the public of the study purpose and progress, and to provide more opportunities for community comments and questions	Spring/ Fall
<b>Finalize Alternatives Analysis and Share Results:</b> with SDOT directors, the Mayor, and our local, county, and state elected officials	Fall/ Winter

### FUNDING

This planning study is funded by the Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. The 9-year, \$930 million Levy to Move Seattle provides funding to improve safety for all travelers, maintain our streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city. Learn more about the levy at [www.seattle.gov/LevyToMoveSeattle](http://www.seattle.gov/LevyToMoveSeattle)

### PROJECT UPDATE

In the early stages of the project we conducted an online survey asking the community to share how they use and value the bridge. Key findings showed:

- 83% currently travel the bridge by car with the majority of travel taking place on weekends
- The majority of respondents prioritized improvements for people biking (60%) and people walking (52%)

For more information, checkout the online survey summary on our webpage.

Through the end of the year, we will continue refining cost estimates, feasibility, traffic analyses, and constructability for the 3 alternatives. We expect to present a comparison of the alternatives in a final report this winter.

For translation and interpretation, please call 206-775-8894

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Si usted necesita esta información traducida al español por favor llame al 206-775-8894.

Nếu quý vị cần thông tin này chuyển ngữ sang tiếng Việt, xin gọi số 206-775-8894.

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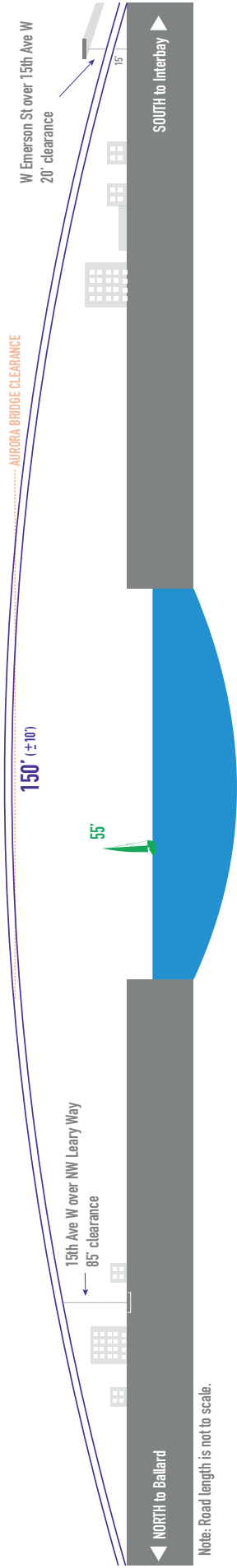
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# BALLARD BRIDGE OPTIONS

## HIGH LEVEL FIXED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

5% slope / 6,435 ft long

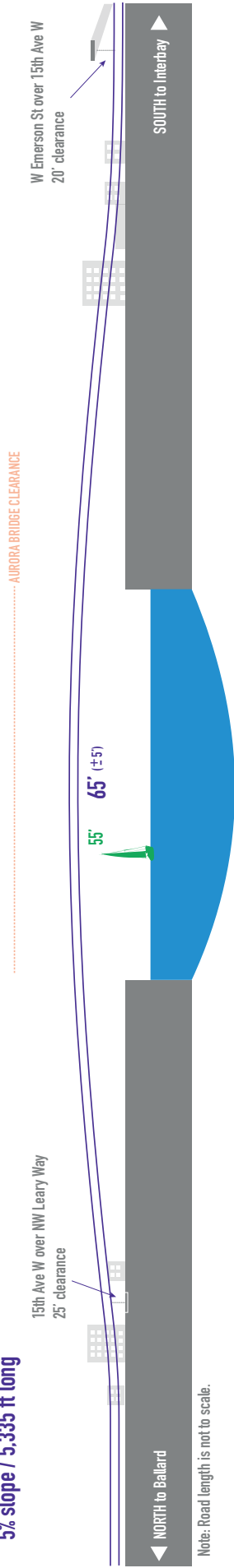


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## MID LEVEL MOVEABLE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Significant reduction in number of bridge openings.

5% slope / 5,335 ft long

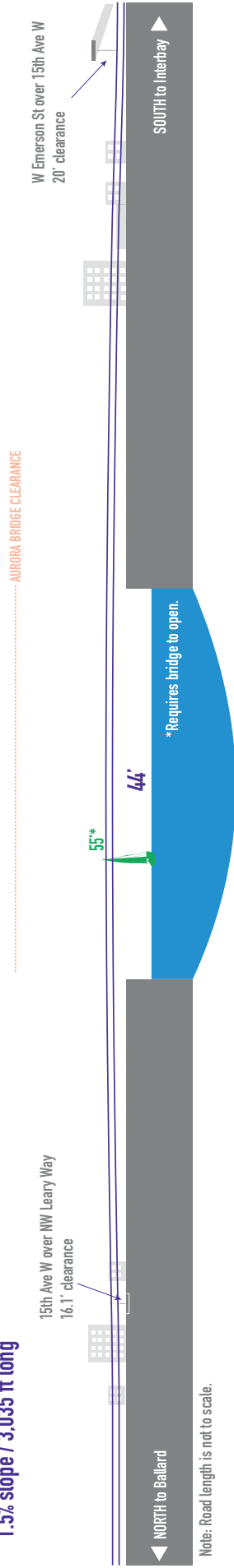


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## REHABILITATION OF EXISTING MOVEABLE BRIDGE (LOW LEVEL)

Similar number of bridge openings to today.

1.5% slope / 3,035 ft long



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