

NW Parking District SAC August 2025 Update on NW Curb Extensions

At the July 2025 SAC meeting PBOT planning staff presented priorities and options for near-term corner improvements (ADA ramps and/or curb extensions). The BES Lower NW Sewer Project was delayed until 2032 and leverage opportunities explored in the 2023 NW 21st and 23rd Intersection Enhancement Project (IEP) have been put on hold. The priorities recommended in July by PBOT staff were locations with greater need for ADA improvements. The SAC provided feedback and let PBOT staff know that their priority would be to avoid work in areas that could be redone with the BES project in 2032 or later. With that feedback, PBOT staff now recommend moving forward with NW 23rd & Kearney and NW 20th & Everett.

NW 23rd & Kearney

With this project, the SW corner would be upgraded to a permanent curb extension. It currently has a paint and post temporary curb extension. In addition, pedestrian scale street lighting will be added with the goal of four light posts, one at each corner, with light posts located on the main streets wherever possible. PBOT Signals & Street Lighting engineers will provide guidance on optimal illumination of the main street and side street crossings. PBOT Planning and Capital Project Delivery staff will facilitate the conversation about how to work toward the goal of consistent pedestrian scale lighting placement on main streets while maintaining optimal lighting conditions required by PBOT. PBOT staff hope to pilot and build upon recommendations from the 21st and 23rd IEP project and incorporate more detailed, site-specific community feedback during this phase of project development.

This intersection was prioritized because it will not be impacted by the BES project and will also not be addressed through the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension project.

NW 20th & Everett

This project will include standard curb extensions with new curb ramps on the NE and SE corners of the intersection. SAC feedback elevated this intersection as a higher priority than what PBOT staff proposed in July. These corners will not be impacted by the BES project.