

Downtown Parking Survey

City of Bainbridge Island Downtown Parking Strategy

Introduction

The City of Bainbridge Island conducted an online survey on parking in Downtown. The survey was open for public response between August 25th and September 30th and 572 total responses were received. The survey was advertised on the City's webpage for the project, on the City's Facebook page, and was the subject of a KOMO 4 news story on Friday, September 29th.

The following summary provides question-by-question results to the survey, an analysis of the open-ended comment responses, and a summary of findings. The first question asks respondents the primary reason they go Downtown, and all following questions are cross-analyzed with responses to this question to show the responses by user type (Downtown resident, Downtown employee, business visitor, ferry commuter, business or property owner, and event attendee), as self-defined by respondents.

Findings

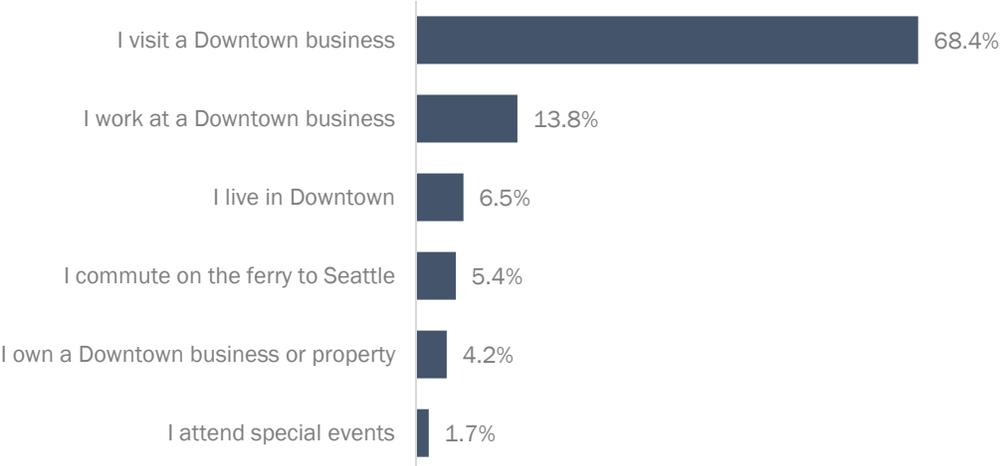
- The majority (68.4%) of respondents go Downtown to visit a Downtown Business. The second most common response (13.8%) is to work at a Downtown business.
- Half of respondents (49.0%) go Downtown frequently (a few times a week), with another 29.9% going Downtown daily. Just over 20% of respondents go Downtown only occasionally or rarely.
- Thirty-five percent of respondents find parking to be inconvenient and difficult. The second most common response (27.1%) is parking is inconvenient, but not bad for a Downtown and 137 (24.0%) people find the parking experience to be a deterrent to coming Downtown. Only 55 people (10.0%) find parking to be convenient and easy to find.
- Half of Downtown trips are one to three hours in length. Eighteen percent of respondents stay less than an hour. Seventy percent of those staying all day (14.0 percent of all respondents) are employees in Downtown.
- Sixty-six percent of the survey respondents feel that there is not enough parking in Downtown. Just over 20 percent feel that the time limits don't align with the length of their trip. The same number of respondents feel that there is not enough signage directing people to parking locations.
- When asked to provide examples of parking challenges, the most common topics included struggling to find parking when visiting Downtown businesses (72 comments) and needing to circle to find parking, with some respondents eventually just leaving Downtown (70 comments).
- When going Downtown, half of respondents indicated they park on-street in time-restricted stalls closest to their destination. Another 25% park in off-street lots close to their destination. Only 7.7% bike or walk when they go Downtown. Half of respondents feel that they find parking an acceptable walking distance from their destination, while 20.6% feel they find parking an unacceptable walking distance from their destination. Another

16.4% find parking in close proximity to their destination. Several people commented that reserved on-street boat trailer parking often doesn't get used on the weekends, particularly in the winter.

- About 78% of the 572 respondents circle the block either sometimes or always when looking for parking. This has additional implications for the circulation and traffic in Downtown. Those who find parking in no time, or who rarely circle the block, make up 12.6% of respondents.
- Respondents identified that parking is the most difficult on summer weekends before 5pm (70.8%) and on summer weekdays before 5pm (57.2%). The next most difficult parking times experienced by respondents is before 5pm on fall, winter, and spring weekdays and weekends (29.4% and 28.0%).
- When asked if respondents ever park in an off-street lot, 42.0% responded that they do but they are never sure if they can legally park there and another 24.5% responded that they do not because they are not sure what off-street facilities are available for public parking. Less than a quarter (22.7%) of respondents said they park in off-street lots and it's both easy to find and convenient.
- More than 45% of respondents would like to see more off-street structured parking as a solution for improving parking in Downtown. About the same number would like more off-street surface lots and 33.2% would like to see more on-street parking. Just over 16% do not think there is a need for more parking and find the system to be fine the way it is. Twenty-seven respondents (4.7%) would like to see less parking with redevelopment of surface lots to more retail and residential uses.
- When asked about whether there is a need for more convenient motorcycle, disabled, and bicycle parking, 69.2% said the question was not applicable as there are enough alternative parking options. However, 17.2% want to see more bicycle parking, 14.3% want to see more disabled parking, and 7.7% want to see more motorcycle parking. Based on open-ended responses about specific locations desired for new alternative parking options, respondents would like to see more on or near Winslow Way and City Hall and near the ferry.

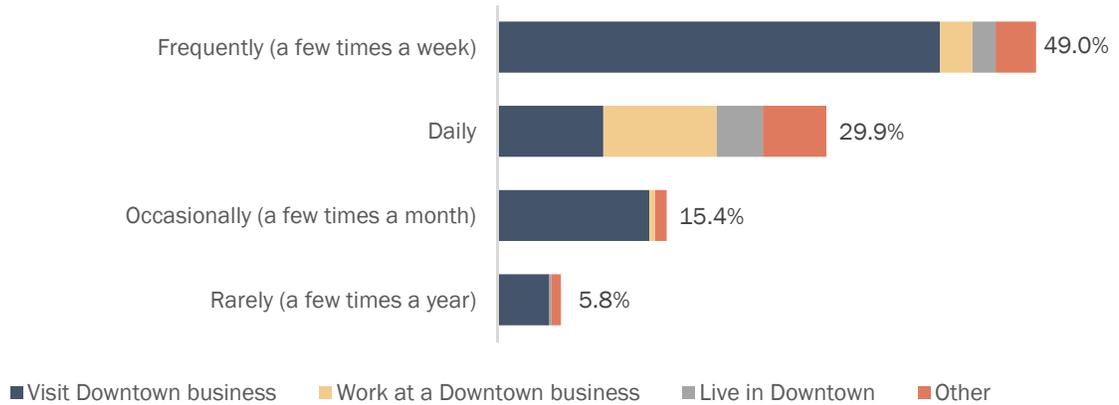
Results

1. The primary reason I go to Downtown Bainbridge Island is:



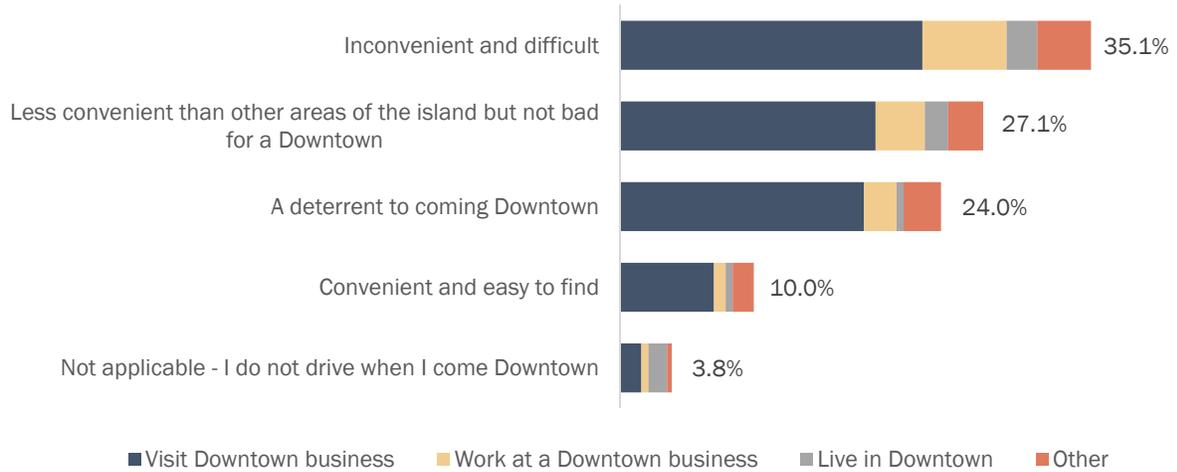
| | Response Count | Response Percent |
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| I attend special events | 10 | 1.7% |
| I own a Downtown business or property | 24 | 4.2% |
| I commute on the ferry to Seattle | 31 | 5.4% |
| I live in Downtown | 37 | 6.5% |
| I work at a Downtown business | 79 | 13.8% |
| I visit a Downtown business | 391 | 68.4% |
| Total | 572 | 100.0% |

2. I go to Downtown Bainbridge:



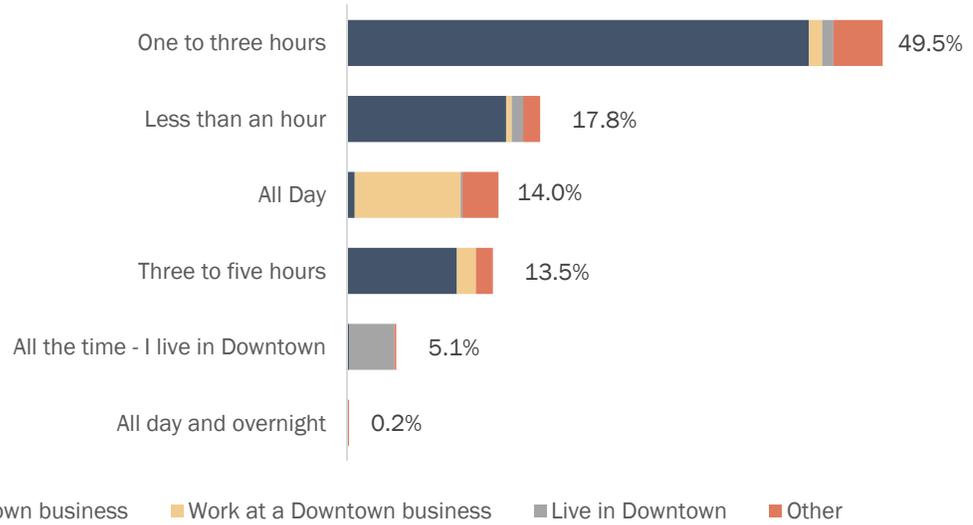
| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Rarely (a few times a year) | 27 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5.8% |
| Occasionally (a few times a month) | 79 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 15.4% |
| Daily | 55 | 59 | 24 | 33 | 29.9% |
| Frequently (a few times a week) | 230 | 17 | 12 | 21 | 49.0% |
| Total Percent | 68% | 14% | 6% | 11% | 100% |

3. I find the parking experience in Downtown to be:



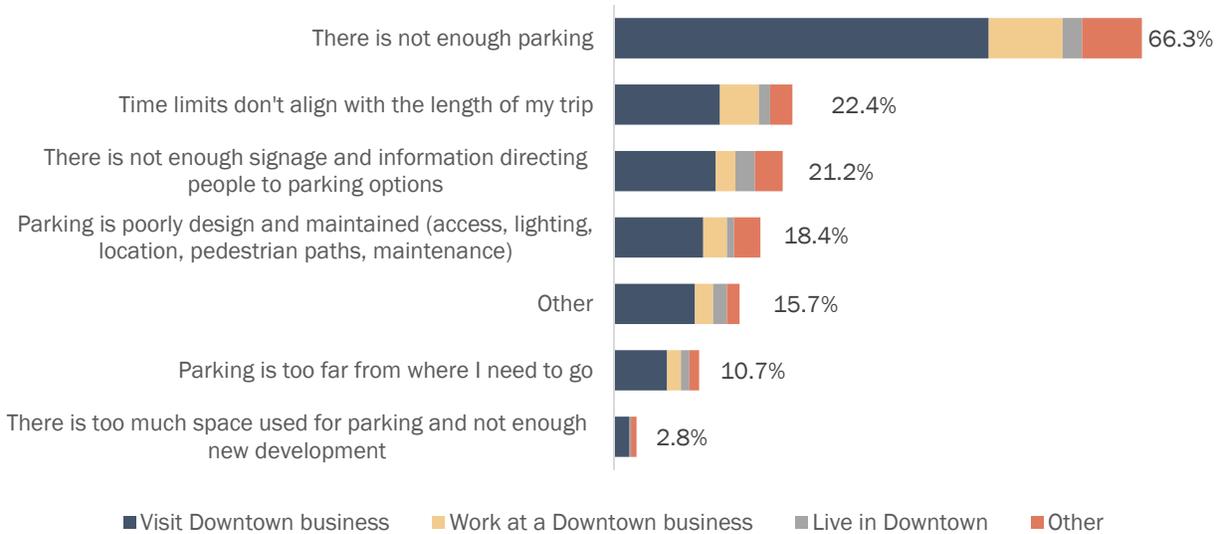
| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Not applicable - I do not drive when I come Downtown | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3.8% |
| Convenient and easy to find | 40 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 10.0% |
| A deterrent to coming Downtown | 104 | 14 | 3 | 16 | 24.0% |
| Less convenient than other areas of the island but not bad for a Downtown | 109 | 21 | 10 | 15 | 27.1% |
| Inconvenient and difficult | 129 | 36 | 13 | 23 | 35.1% |
| Total Percent | 68% | 14% | 6% | 11% | 100% |

4. When I come to Downtown, I generally stay:



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| All day and overnight | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.2% |
| All the time - I live in Downtown | 1 | 0 | 24 | 1 | 5.1% |
| Three to five hours | 58 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 13.5% |
| All Day | 4 | 56 | 1 | 19 | 14.0% |
| Less than an hour | 84 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 17.8% |
| One to three hours | 244 | 7 | 6 | 26 | 49.5% |
| Total | 68.7% | 13.4% | 6.5% | 11.4% | 100.0% |

5. The parking strategy will address parking challenges to improve parking in Downtown Bainbridge Island. We are interested in understanding what people see as the biggest parking challenges (select all that apply).



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| There is too much space used for parking and not enough new development | 11 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2.8% |
| Parking is too far from where I need to go | 38 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 10.7% |
| Other | 58 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 15.7% |
| Parking is poorly design and maintained (access, lighting, location, pedestrian paths, maintenance) | 64 | 17 | 5 | 19 | 18.4% |
| There is not enough signage and information directing people to parking options | 73 | 14 | 14 | 20 | 21.2% |
| Time limits don't align with the length of my trip | 76 | 28 | 8 | 16 | 22.4% |
| There is not enough parking | 269 | 53 | 14 | 43 | 66.3% |

Note: Respondents were encouraged to select all that apply. The total percentages do not add up to 100%.

6. If you answered "Other," please specify:

The following table provides a sampling of the comment categories and example comments. For a full list of comments, please see Appendix A.

| Comment Category | Number of Comments | Example Comments |
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| No issues with the parking | 40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I don't find parking difficult. I have always been able to find a place to park -- 45 years of experience parking in Winslow. ■ I don't see any challenges with parking. ■ I have no complaints on parking in Winslow except when there are too many tourists. It's hard to drive in Winslow due to people sauntering their way in the cross walks. Too many tourists on the street. ■ I am content with the parking options as they are. I like the character of the town and don't want the kind of changes more retail and parking structures will bring. Not why I moved here. ■ I rarely have trouble finding parking. On the other hand, I don't go into town during peak ferry commuting times or when school has just let out. I don't see any need for a parking garage. |
| Focus more on other options (ped, bike, park and ride, EV) | 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There is no problem with parking. The City should focus its efforts on alternatives to single occupancy vehicles rather than subsidizing the driving of them. Isn't this a green, progressive community? Providing more parking is NOT the answer. ■ I understand that parking is an ongoing concern for many, and I'm sure as I age, I'll be more aware of the constraints in getting to and from my car. I wish the focus was less on parking and more on generating solutions for public transit, car sharing, or other creative options that might get at the root of the problem instead of solving for a symptom. I ride my bike to and from work as much as possible, use the bus during commuter hours, but I'm stuck using my car if I have things going on that are outside of these times or geographic areas. ■ Sometimes it's difficult to find a place to park these days, but I don't want more parking and instead more public transport. ■ Are there any other solutions being looked at besides cars? ■ More plugin electric parking. |
| Other topics | 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Too many employee designated spots particularly on Bjune which doesn't allow for customer parking. No incentive to business owners to encourage carpool or public transportation. ■ Too many parking spaces lost to planting spaces. ■ Island residents need a preferred status to access parking. ■ The issue is not a lack of parking. The problem is a consequence of too much high-density development overloading existing roads. |
| Boat/Trailer parking is not a good use of parking | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Parking for boat trailers is excessive and needs to be revisited with the new dock. ■ Get rid of reserved boat trailer parking. ■ Far too many spaces on Bjune reserved on weekends for boat trailer parking. The spaces are almost always unused. |

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| Not enough parking during busy times | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timing--afternoon ferry arrivals, Saturday mornings, some holidays make short term parking on Winslow Way impossible. ▪ Frustrating to have to battle tourists and shoppers for a parking space... especially when the space is only good for 2-3 hours and then I must move and start process all over again. ▪ Too crowded, not enough parking. |
| Parking, vehicle circulation, and pedestrian circulation is poorly designed | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The new redesign of parking left the street itself, so narrow that you can hardly drive through AND people not using the crosswalks are coming from out behind parked cars, especially babies in strollers ahead of parents...I live downtown and I avoid it as much as I can, which doesn't give my dollars to local businesses...It is a shame what has happened to downtown. ▪ Should be back in parking on Winslow Way. Driver can't see when backing out. The line of traffic stops for the car backing out, but the driver has no idea and just had to guess. By then there is a slowdown. If the traffic isn't stopped there is a near miss. Lots of near misses with me on the bike. If the driver pulls forward, he or she can at least time to merge properly. ▪ Slots are often too small for my SUV. |
| Need more all-day parking options for employees | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There should be more options for those who need parking for more than two or three hours because they work in Winslow. Perhaps it should not be a central location, should involve a shuttle service. ▪ Not enough space for employed people trying to find parking just to go to work. |
| Need more ferry parking | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We need more ferry parking. ▪ ...I do not notice any issues regarding parking throughout Winslow; people get mad about leaving their car to catch a boat, but I think they should be ticketed in those circumstances. |
| I avoid downtown | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I rarely have trouble finding parking. On the other hand, I don't go into town during peak ferry commuting times or when school has just let out. I don't see any need for a parking garage. ▪ Often go downtown at inconvenient time to assure parking space; sometimes don't go because parking will be a hassle; often find 1 lot 1/2 empty specified for certain businesses but can't find a space for an appt nearby (Parfitt and Madison). |
| Need more disabled parking spaces | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need more handicapped-access parking spaces! ▪ Serious lack of handicapped parking in Downtown. |
| Parking minimums should be appropriate for use | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COBI needs to require new businesses to provide an appropriate number of parking spaces and provide them at the businesses expense. |
| Parking times are too long/ Need more short-term parking | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parking times are too long. ▪ There should be a few more "15 minute" spaces along Winslow Way. |
| Build garage | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ...Winslow way could become a one lane pedestrian friendly street. Barring this concept, how about building a parking garage where the current police station is and providing constant circulating electric jitneys like the one currently being operated by Sweet Deals.... |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Parking is fine unless there is an event in Seattle. There are many undesignated spots off of main street that event goers are using. Build a parking garage at the ferry. Main Street really is a tourist destination now. Apart from Town & Country and the post office all other essential needed stores are located elsewhere. I can always find a place to park. |

7. Please provide examples of situations where you faced parking challenges such as those identified in question 5 (optional).

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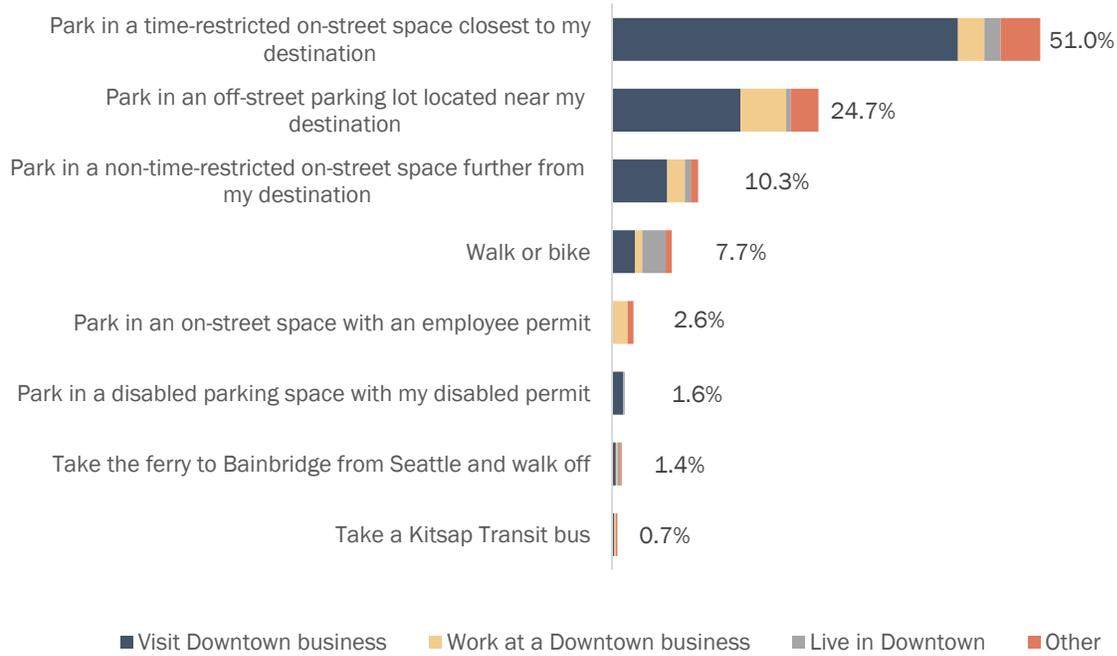
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| Struggled to find parking while visiting businesses | 72 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It is normally very hard to find parking between 11am and 5pm, especially all summer. I like meeting friends for coffee and check local stores. Together with my friends we now avoid downtown and meet either at Starbucks or in Lynwood Center. ■ I've needed to take a short trip to one of the stores along Winslow, and cannot find parking anywhere close by. My trip ends up taking much longer because I cannot find 1. anywhere to park 2. Signs are confusing. ■ I like to come down for dinner when parking is typically available. I do not however ever shop downtown during the day because parking near shops is impossible. ■ If coming to shop downtown mid-day mid-week it is nearly impossible to find parking on Winslow Way. I usually try to park behind Winslow businesses in upper city lot, but is often full also. At least once a week I cannot find parking and abandon my original destination and go somewhere else to park. Weekends I do not even try to come downtown as it is busting at the seams with tourist and there is no parking anywhere. ■ Visited downtown to go to the art museum, have lunch, and shop at downtown businesses. We parked the car at the museum and left it there while we walked around downtown, which was not permitted per the museum signage, but we hoped nobody would notice! I'd rather not have to cheat. |
| Circling to find a space; sometimes just go elsewhere | 70 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I recently tried to go to Winslow to shop at 1 p.m. during the week and drove around looking for parking before giving up and going elsewhere. ■ Can rarely find parking on Winslow Way, have to drive around for long periods of time looking for alternate parking. ■ I could not find parking along Winslow and was not sure where I was allowed to park nearby. ■ Sometimes after driving around a few laps, I end up going to mid-island shopping or Poulsbo or Silverdale or online. ■ Circle the block multiple times, while avoiding jaywalking pedestrians, only to not be able to find a spot. This includes the upper lot behind Winslow mall. |
| Other topics | 65 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ See full list of comments in Appendix B. |
| Struggled to find parking while running errands | 46 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I've often wanted to shop at a business downtown. I have two kids and need to park within a block or two but all of the parking downtown is often full. When that happens, I go home and use amazon. ■ Unable to find parking at Town & Country for shopping and no access on the street when I need groceries or to go to our local shops. It's very difficult with all the tourist traffic. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Picking up a cake at Blackbird bakery is very challenging if you want to make a quick trip in and out. It makes me order from elsewhere because it's not convenient. ▪ No spaces available so I go elsewhere to shop. Existing time periods are TOO long. City should build a longer-term parking garage and charge accordingly for those who need more time, and work downtown. |
| Time limits were too short for my activity/errand | 36 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For work I have a spot but if I am coming in with visitors it is difficult to find a parking space that is long enough to have lunch and do shopping. ▪ There are times that I need to park downtown longer than the 2-hour limit and it is hard to find parking close enough that does not have a limit. ▪ Two-hour limit at Waterfront park doesn't allow enough time to enjoy the park, especially if you want to go out on the water or hike the trail. 3hour limit would be better. ▪ I limit my stay in downtown Bainbridge because of the time limit to park. I would like to eat and shop but 2-3 hours is hardly enough time to do these things as a family. As a result, I find myself not wanting to visit Bainbridge because of the restricted time frame |
| Bad signage and/or information on parking was a barrier | 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There's parking by city hall, but if I was an occasional visitor I might not find it. ▪ As a local pedestrian I encounter people who ask for help. There is nothing showing them where to park (options). ▪ It's unclear to me what the rules are for parking near City Hall, above Marche', near the Bainbridge Performing Arts Center, etc. And do the rules (regs) change on weekends? ▪ It's more observational than from my own frustration, but I do find it curious that the ferry parking signs are so big/obvious, then things get muted and smaller as they progress down Winslow. I've seen folks drive by oblivious to off-Winslow street parking signage. |
| I don't have an issue with Parking in Downtown Bainbridge | 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I never have challenges finding parking. You just have to know where to look. ▪ I don't personally face any challenges finding parking in Winslow, as I have lived here for 20 years, but initially I was not aware of all the parking options. We have plenty of parking. ▪ As I said, I always find a place to park, because I'm willing to walk up to a mile each way. ▪ I myself have not experienced problems. If I were infirm or handicapped, I would be complaining. ▪ No challenge. Summer has more visitors but there's always somewhere to park. |
| The street circulation and design of parking was a barrier | 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are not enough spaces and then restricted spaces in the areas I used to park freely (Bjune). The dirt lot by city hall is hard for older people to navigate and walking down, there is no sidewalk access. ▪ Poor site lines, narrow streets, not enough parking, dangerous for drivers and pedestrians ▪ Gravel lot is hard to get to, tricky to navigate with a big vehicle when full. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every time I drive down Main Street, people are backing out dangerously and slowing everything down. |
| There is a need for more (affordable) ferry parking | 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need more long-term ferry parking options. I am especially challenged finding ferry parking as I have to go to Seattle at least once a week & lack of parking causes me much anxiety. There is not enough monthly parking at the ferry terminal for commuters. It's also too expensive (it's just as expensive as Seattle parking, which is ridiculous.) |
| The boat trailer parking should be available to everyone | 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By June drive in the winter. Dozens of spaces reserved for boat and trailer and NONE occupied. Would help our business greatly for holiday shopping if those spaces were opened. Weekends the boat trailer spaces are mostly empty. It's extremely difficult to find parking in downtown on weekends where at least 1/3 of the parking spaces are reserved for boat trailers which never materialize. |
| There are not many all-day options for employees | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even though I have paid for a parking pass for downtown because I work downtown, the parking options are often already full. What is the point in me paying to have this pass if I still cannot park downtown without it being a complete inconvenience. Employees have such limited options and typically the designated options are always full. That's going to continue to worsen with the island growing and developing. When I worked downtown it was near impossible to find parking. Also- a constant stress to think I might be ticketed if I was forced to park in a time limited spot or city lot due to lack of all-day parking for BI employees.... |
| The handicapped spaces are full, and other options are too far for me to walk | 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can't find a parking space. I am handicapped and limited in distances I can walk. I am handicapped and find it very difficult to find places downtown that are close to where I need to be. I have tried to meet friends for lunch and I've had to give up and go elsewhere and not have lunch because I can't walk that far and handicap parking is very limited. |
| Too many lots are restricted to only certain users | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've had to park in Winslow Green and other private lots to visit Winslow businesses, as on street parking was not available. Parking is usually limited and hard to find vacant spots that are not restricted to certain businesses. |
| Struggled to find parking during special events | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's hard to find parking if there are special events in Seattle and the ferry lots are full. Other parking areas are not well marked. Special events, tourist seasons and most weekends. Build the garage by city hall. |
| Enforcement is too strict | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current fine for a parking overstay – \$50 – is outrageous. I'm sure a lot of people park inappropriately in private lots just so they won't get nicked by the meter maid. The biggest problem is the 2hr parking limit. Getting a ticket for shopping and a meal makes me hate the poor ticketing guy. Only happened once but it discourages longer trips to Winslow. |

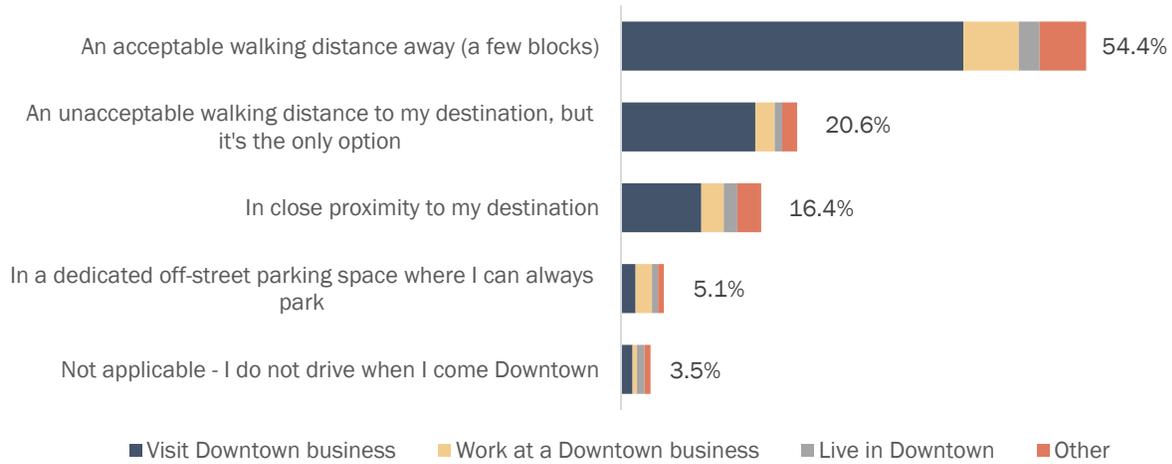
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| Need more 15 or 20 minute loading zone areas | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">15-minute spaces would allow for those brief, in-person stops that can feel inefficient if you have to circle for 10 min to park. Trailer parking below Winslow Way is never in use.... |

8. When I go Downtown, I generally:



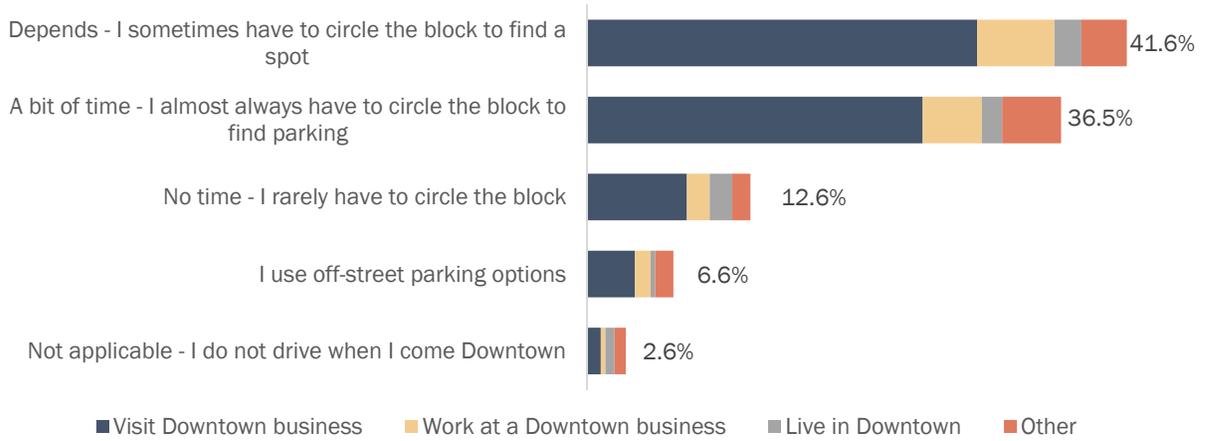
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| Take a Kitsap Transit bus | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.7% |
| Take the ferry to Bainbridge from Seattle and walk off | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1.4% |
| Park in a disabled parking space with my disabled permit | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.6% |
| Park in an on-street space with an employee permit | 0 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 2.6% |
| Walk or bike | 16 | 5 | 16 | 4 | 7.7% |
| Park in a non-time-restricted on-street space further from my destination | 38 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 10.3% |
| Park in an off-street parking lot located near my destination | 88 | 31 | 3 | 19 | 24.7% |
| Park in a time-restricted on-street space closest to my destination | 236 | 18 | 11 | 27 | 51.0% |
| Total | 68.8% | 13.9% | 6.5% | 10.7% | 100.0% |

9. I generally find parking:



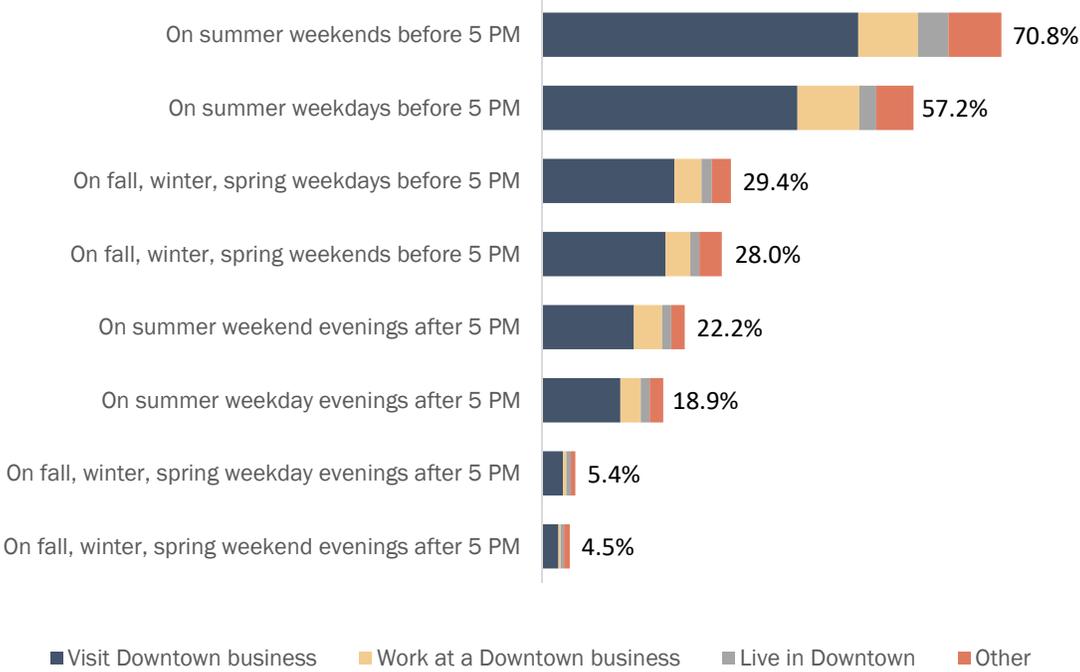
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| Not applicable - I do not drive when I come Downtown | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3.5% |
| In a dedicated off-street parking space where I can always park | 10 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 5.1% |
| In close proximity to my destination | 54 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 16.4% |
| An unacceptable walking distance to my destination, but it's the only option | 90 | 13 | 5 | 10 | 20.6% |
| An acceptable walking distance away (a few blocks) | 229 | 37 | 14 | 31 | 54.4% |
| Total | 68.4% | 13.8% | 6.5% | 11.4% | 100.0% |

10. How long does it take you to find on-street parking Downtown?



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| Not applicable - I do not drive when I come Downtown | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2.6% |
| I use off-street parking options | 21 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 6.6% |
| No time - I rarely have to circle the block | 44 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 12.6% |
| A bit of time - I almost always have to circle the block to find parking | 148 | 26 | 9 | 26 | 36.5% |
| Depends - I sometimes have to circle the block to find a spot | 172 | 34 | 12 | 20 | 41.6% |

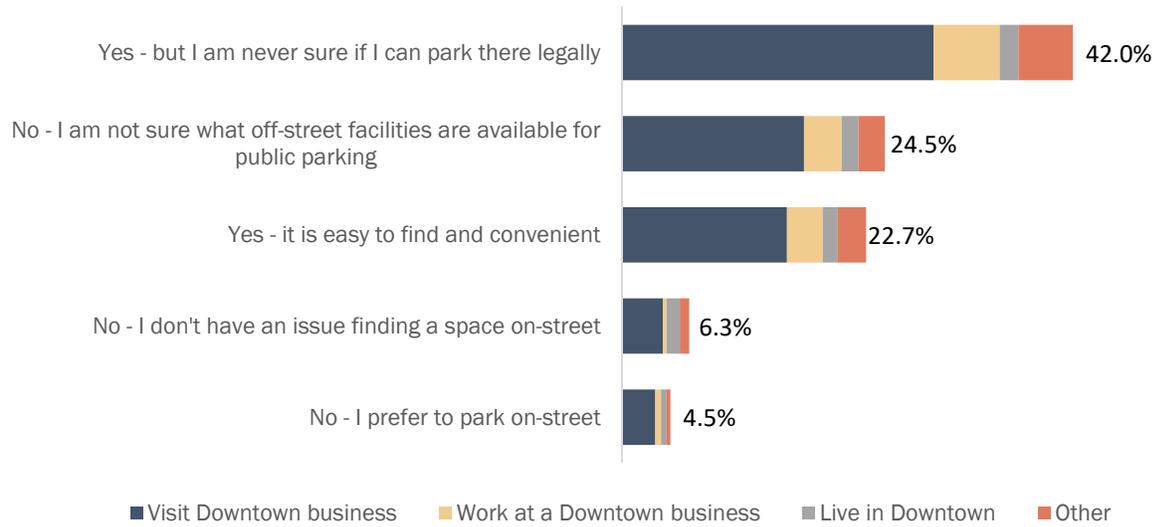
11. I find parking to be the most difficult (select all that apply)?



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| On fall, winter, spring weekend evenings after 5 PM | 15 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4.5% |
| On fall, winter, spring weekday evenings after 5 PM | 19 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5.4% |
| On summer weekday evenings after 5 PM | 70 | 18 | 8 | 12 | 18.9% |
| On summer weekend evenings after 5 PM | 82 | 25 | 8 | 12 | 22.2% |
| On fall, winter, spring weekends before 5 PM | 110 | 22 | 8 | 20 | 28.0% |
| On fall, winter, spring weekdays before 5 PM | 118 | 24 | 9 | 17 | 29.4% |
| On summer weekdays before 5 PM | 227 | 55 | 15 | 33 | 57.2% |
| On summer weekends before 5 PM | 281 | 53 | 27 | 47 | 70.8% |

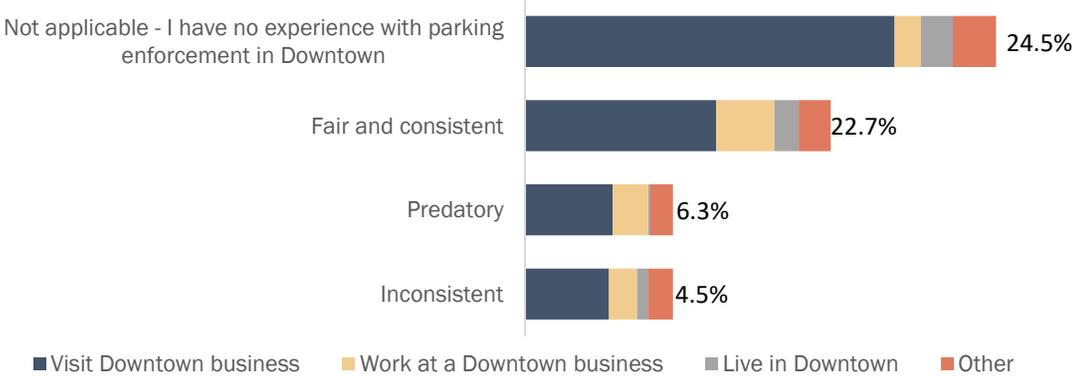
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12. Do you ever park in off-street parking lots?



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| No - I prefer to park on-street | 18 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4.5% |
| No - I don't have an issue finding a space on-street | 22 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 6.3% |
| Yes - it is easy to find and convenient | 88 | 19 | 8 | 15 | 22.7% |
| No - I am not sure what off-street facilities are available for public parking | 97 | 20 | 9 | 14 | 24.5% |
| Yes - but I am never sure if I can park there legally | 166 | 35 | 10 | 29 | 42.0% |
| Total | 68.4% | 13.8% | 6.5% | 11.4% | 100.0% |

13. Enforcement of parking violations (ticketing) in Downtown is:



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Inconsistent | 45 | 15 | 6 | 13 | 13.8% |
| Predatory | 47 | 19 | 1 | 12 | 13.8% |
| Fair and consistent | 102 | 31 | 13 | 17 | 28.5% |
| Not applicable - I have no experience with parking enforcement in Downtown | 197 | 14 | 17 | 23 | 43.9% |
| Total | 88.7% | 16.8% | 7.3% | 11.4% | 100.0% |

14. To improve parking in Downtown I would like (check all that apply):



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| Less parking - redevelop surface lots with more retail and residential uses | 18 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4.7% |
| Other | 39 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 11.0% |
| No more parking - it's fine the way it is | 66 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 16.6% |
| More on-street parking | 143 | 21 | 7 | 19 | 33.2% |
| More off-street surface lots | 174 | 33 | 13 | 33 | 44.1% |
| More off-street structured parking | 167 | 45 | 17 | 33 | 45.8% |

Note: Respondents were encouraged to select all that apply. The total percentages do not add up to 100%.

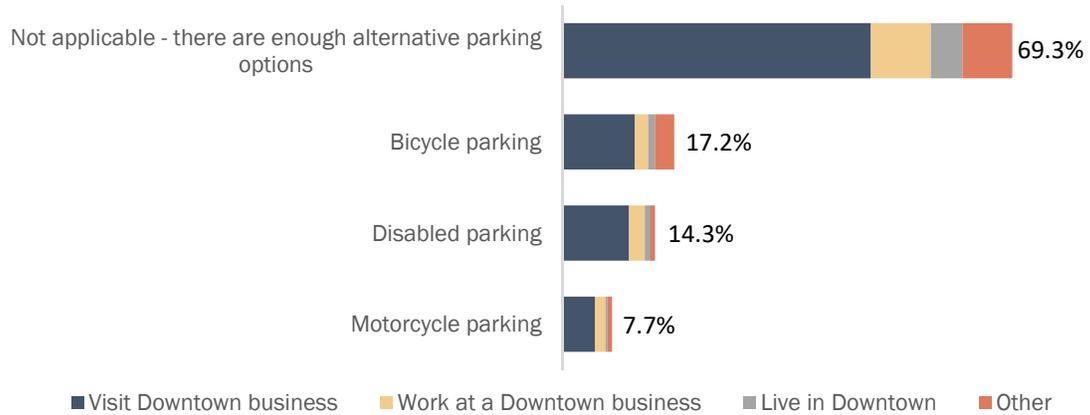
15. If you responded "Other" to question 14, please specify.

The following table provides a sampling of the comment categories and example comments. For a full list of comments, please see Appendix C.

| Comment Topic | Number of Comments | Example Comments |
|--|--------------------|--|
| More/better transit and shuttle options | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All day and weekend public transit. ▪ Daytime busses! I would not drive to downtown from my home in South Bainbridge if mass transit was available during non-commuter hours. ▪ Regular public transportation over the island, not just commuter hours. ▪ Better bikes lanes, bike facilities, and public transportation options. As a community that cares about the environment, we should be investing in alternatives to vehicular transportation. |
| Build (well designed) garage(s) | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Underground parking. ▪ Parking garages. ▪ Parking should be centrally located and structured to provide spaces for people who work and live downtown. Street parking should be metered and be there for shoppers and visitors. Structured parking can be located to allow for less or no ramps and shops along the perimeter to screen the parking. ▪ New design parking structures with shops on ground level and parking above shops. ▪ You could make a stepped lot between Winslow Mall and BPA, including acquiring some of the private lots. It doesn't need to be a "garage," just some overlapping stepped platforms. |
| Options/incentives for employees to get them off Winslow Way | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employees that work downtown should be given incentives for other transportation modes (bike, bus, carpool, etc.) instead of dedicated parking space. ▪ My sense is that Winslow way parking gets used for employee parking etc. It would be helpful to use those spaces more efficiently ▪ Figure out how to move employee parking away from center of town. ▪ Just more parking, somewhere, and get employees off Winslow Way. ▪ Limit the number of parking permits given to each business. Encourage carpool and public transportation. |
| Generally more/better alternatives to driving | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Less parking. Great places for bikes, pedestrians, and increase transit options. ▪ You have a choice and opportunity to do something unique, compelling, and sustainable. Restore some sanity to downtown. One should be able to hear the music, enjoy storefront gardens and ride a bike free from fear. Look at Santa Monica. I might stomach a garage on the ferry lots if the cars were removed from downtown- they can still access T&C from the back. ▪ We cannot build our way out of this. We need to focus on alternatives, ped bike transit. Less "designated" parking. ▪ We need to stop thinking that cars are the solution to our transportation problems. What if we invested in constantly |

| Comment Topic | Number of Comments | Example Comments |
|---|--------------------|---|
| | | circulating electric mini buses that could either be on demand or providing every 30-minute service to most neighborhoods? |
| More parking and longer time limits | 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Longer limits, at least at Waterfront, around Bjune and senior center. ▪ More off street and on street parking options. ▪ more free parking . . . more free parking ▪ Longer free parking times would encourage me to shop more. |
| Other topics | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More handicapped spaces, *please* ▪ I think that it would be a good idea to build a multi-use police station, courthouse, parking structure in place of current police station and change Winslow Way to a one-way street or vacate it to create a pedestrian corridor. ▪ Businesses are too concentrated for the amount of parking. I have no idea what should be done. ▪ No late enforcement on big Seattle event days, Seahawks, mariners, etc. ▪ Longer limits, at least at Waterfront, around Bjune and senior center. |
| N/A | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unsure. ▪ I'm really not sure. I hear people complain about parking but it doesn't affect me. ▪ Don't know as I never travel there anymore. |
| Permitted parking for locals | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Locals should have permitted parking. ▪ Perhaps BI resident stickers. ▪ Parking for people that live on Bainbridge Island. |
| More signage/ visibility on available parking | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More visibility to what parking is available ▪ Better signage to refer cars to available off street public parking. |
| Manage existing system better | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Find creative solutions with existing parking facilities on or near BI. ▪ Why is the answer only more parking? How about managing what we have? Why do employees basically use street parking for free? |
| More ferry parking | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need more ferry parking. |
| Winslow Way as pedestrian-only street | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I believe that Winslow Way should be walk-able only and off-street parking structures should be built on either ends of the street. |
| More EV parking | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More Electric Vehicle parking, please! |

16. There is a need for more convenient _____ (check all that apply):



| | Visit Downtown business | Work at a Downtown business | Live in Downtown | Other | Total Percent |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| Motorcycle parking | 29 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7.7% |
| Disabled parking | 59 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 14.3% |
| Bicycle parking | 64 | 12 | 6 | 17 | 17.2% |
| Not applicable - there are enough alternative parking options | 273 | 53 | 28 | 44 | 69.3% |

17. Are there any specific locations where you would like to see motorcycle, disabled, or bicycle parking options?

The following table provides a sampling of the comment categories and example comments. For a full list of comments, please see Appendix D.

| Comment Category | Number of Responses | Example Comments |
|---|---------------------|---|
| No opinion on specific locations | 114 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No. ▪ Can't think of any. ▪ No but having more clearly marked fire hydrants would be nice. ▪ No there is sufficient parking. ▪ No specific locations. ▪ No opinion. |
| N/A | 51 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I leave that to the people who actually bike to downtown. ▪ I put non- applicable because it doesn't apply to me. I'm not sure about these situations. ▪ N/A |
| On or near Winslow Way/ City Hall | 44 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I would love to see the section of Winslow way between Erickson and Madison a pedestrian only zone, or at the very least a non-parking zone. This would encourage more people to visit and hang out since there isn't so much parking and traffic congestion. ▪ In 2 or 3 specific downtown locations that can accommodate many bicycles. ▪ Remove a few car parking spots and include bicycle racks in multiple places on Winslow. ▪ Right in the middle of town, but it could be one block off the main street, like around City Hall. |
| Disabled parking locations | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I think more of Winslow Way should be designated for disabled parking, while the rest of us able-bodied folks using the difficult lots a block or two away. We need much better access points to those lots and much better signage as well. ▪ Disabled on Brien Drive SE. ▪ Disabled on Street, Motorcycle & Bicycle behind Town & Country. ▪ One or two more disabled spots along Winslow Way and Bjune Drive... |
| Bicycle parking throughout Downtown | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everywhere. ▪ More bicycle parking - should be visible from all businesses. |
| Bicycle parking near Ferry | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secure bike storage near the ferry. (Recent bike barn thefts) ▪ BI ferry terminal and along Winslow Way |
| There is enough bike parking already | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is plenty of bicycle parking already, considering how few people actually ride. ▪ ... No more bicycle or motorcycle parking spots are needed. Don't waste any more money providing more. ▪ I ride my bike downtown all the time and I'm fine with parking options. They should always exist but we can walk a little. |

| Comment Category | Number of Responses | Example Comments |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Cars are the primary mode and should be prioritized | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are plenty of disabled parking spots and it seems that people respect those spaces. Motorcycles and bicycles should not be a priority. Just have bike racks next to stores for them. No, cars are the primary mode of transportation in this area and we should cater to them. |
| Encourage biking/bikesharing | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should make it clearer to drivers that downtown streets are multimodal. If in a hurry have less congested routes featured. Especially to the ferry. The bike parking is generally great, but I would like to see more facilities to encourage cycling. |
| Better bike parking design | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have bike racks, but shortage of covered bike racks. Bicycle parking is fairly available, but bike racks (other than the hoops) can be poorly designed. Ensure usable options that are stout, well-placed and easy to use. Please discourage businesses from using bike parking for their advertising (Grow Community, specifically). The spot in front of T&C has not been available for many, many months, and because the racks were too closely placed to one another, both become unusable when only one additional bike parks there. |
| On the Virginia Mason site | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put underground and aboveground parking where Virginia Mason exist now. Put above ground and underground parking above Harbor Square. |
| Around the waterfront | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bicycle around Waterfront Park. |
| Replace police station with multi-use garage | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert the existing Police station to multi use parking garage, court house and new police station. |
| In striped areas/prohibited parking areas | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In places where a full parking slot for a car won't fit. In areas between parking spaces that are shown as striped on the ground prohibiting parking. This is currently wasted space. |
| Other topics | 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, but BI residents should have a zone parking pass that allows more flexible parking than non-resident or tourists. No, but I feel that there should be time limits on all disabled parking spaces as people abuse those spaces and park all day to go to Seattle on the ferry. The other disabled community members are then limited when they need to park in one to go to a business. No. But it would be great to have "remote" surface parking connected to downtown and High School Road by more of those little "busses" like the one I've been seeing this summer. Parfitt way. south end of downtown. I do ride a bicycle and I think a key thing is to provide bike racks so that people don't lock their bikes up in places that get in people's way (also by the way enforce and educate people about not riding on the sidewalks downtown). I also recently got a small motorbike and I'm not aware of any motorbike parking along Winslow Way. In general, I think it would be good to educate islanders about the location of parking that is not on Winslow Way. More disabled parking near Senior Community Center. Somewhere that doesn't affect regular car parking. |