

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

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Agenda

- Background and what we've done since March 23
- Reconnect West Seattle
- Bike Network Connectivity
- Question and Answer

What we've done since the closure

On the Bridge

- Declared the West Seattle Bridge an emergency
- Installed monitoring instrumentation
- Started bridge stabilization with contractor
- Continuing to monitor cracking
- Pier 18 repair construction planning
- Searching for a team to design potential replacement
- Created a Technical Advisory Panel to inform City's technical decisions



What we've done since the closure

On the Ground

- Added six real-time cameras on detours
- Adjusted signal timing at 26 intersections
- Displaying travel times on dynamic message signs via West Marginal Way
- Installed a temporary signal at Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St
- Repaved the 5-way intersection west of the Spokane Street/Low Bridge
- Repaved Roxbury between 16th and 18th



What we've done since the closure

In the Community

- Held 50+ stakeholder group meetings
- Completed our emergency response plan with partners
- Created a Community Task Force
- Communicated regularly through our website, blog, emails lists, and media
- Launched Reconnect West Seattle
- Expanded Low Bridge access



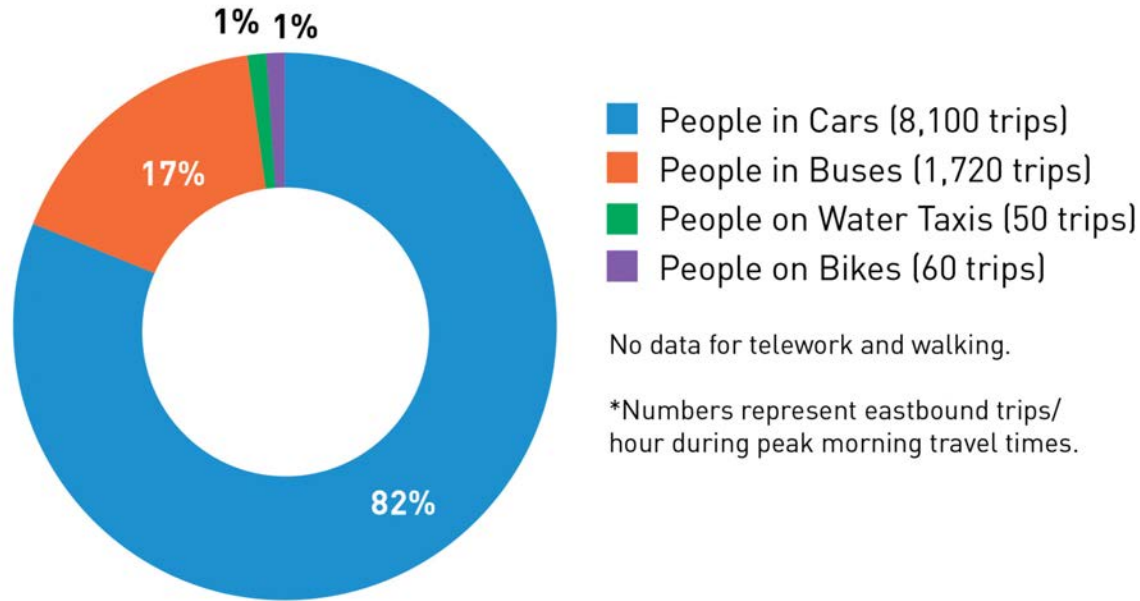
The Vision - Reconnect West Seattle

- Similar levels of travel across the Duwamish to those seen before the High-Rise Bridge closure.
- Reduce the environmental injustices that impact communities in the Duwamish Valley.
- Through a community-led process, identify challenges and prioritize solutions – ***for those who are able*** – that increase options for transit ridership, bike and pedestrian trips, and safety on our streets and sidewalks

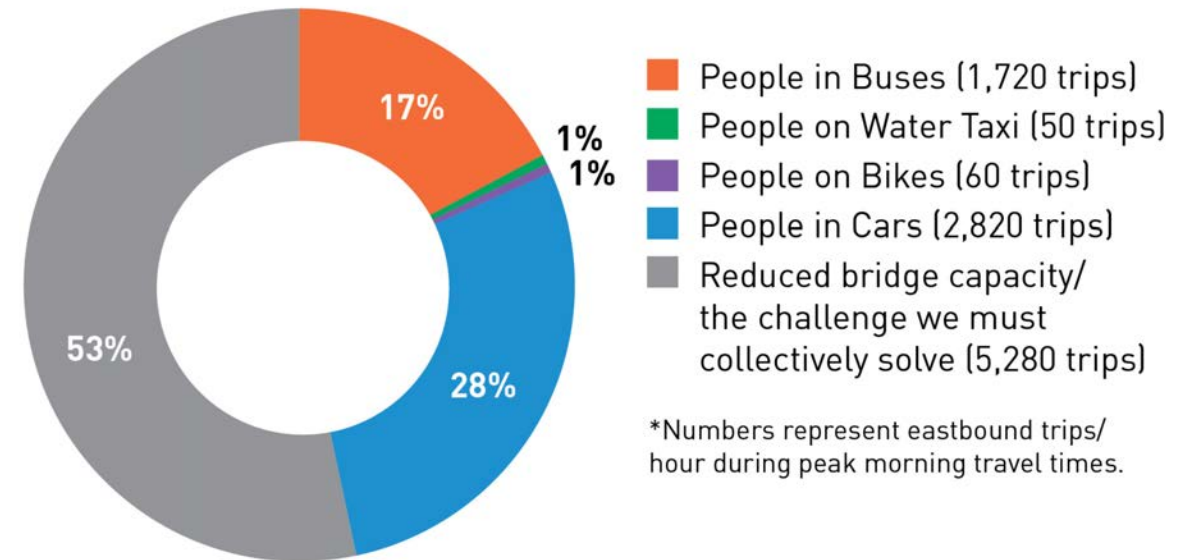


Reconnect West Seattle

How People Got Around in 2019

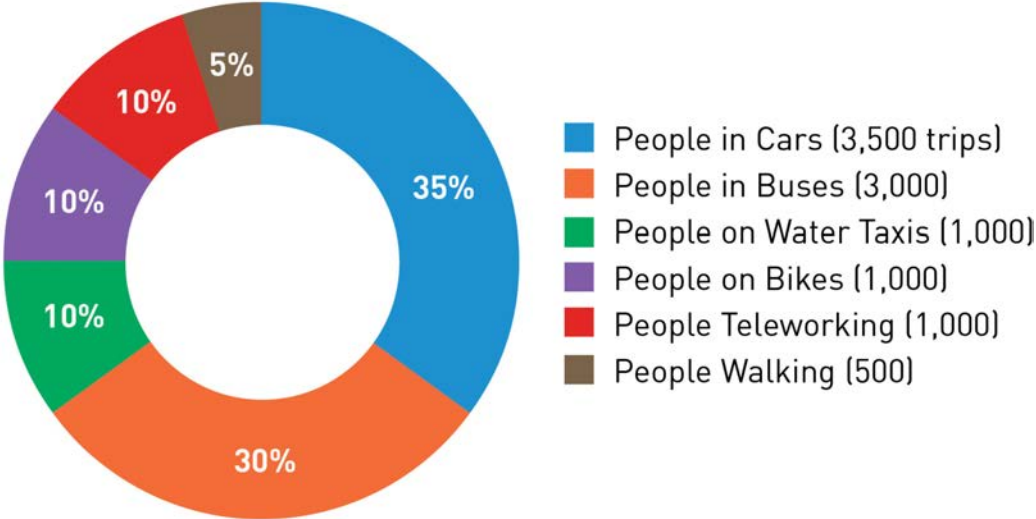


Impacts If No Actions Were Taken



Reconnect West Seattle: Mobility Action Plan

How People Get Around 2021 Goal



- People in Cars (3,500 trips)
- People in Buses (3,000)
- People on Water Taxis (1,000)
- People on Bikes (1,000)
- People Teleworking (1,000)
- People Walking (500)

Numbers represent eastbound trips/hour during peak morning travel times.

How People Get Around - Change Needed



Reconnect West Seattle update

Three parts:

- **West Seattle Mobility Action Plan**
- **Neighborhood Mitigation Strategies**
- **Network Connectivity Plans**
 - Freight and bicycles



Reconnect West Seattle

West Seattle Mobility Plan: outlines a vision for reimagining, reorienting, and providing the transportation services and facilities that meet the needs of West Seattle travelers.

- Larger planning effort that includes close coordination with private and public partners



Reconnect West Seattle

Neighborhood Mitigation Strategies:
create specific neighborhood traffic mitigation plans for four communities that are acutely impacted by increased traffic from detour routes:

- Southern West Seattle (Highland Park, Roxhill, S. Delridge, and Riverview)
- South Park
- Georgetown
- SODO



Reconnect West Seattle: Bike Network Connectivity

- Increasing bike trips is a priority.
- Bike community to lead bike project prioritization; projects the community feels will best mitigate the impacts of the High-Bridge closure and corresponding detour routes.
- SDOT will work with the Community Task Force to evaluate projects through the lens of budget restrictions, potential transportation-related conflict, equity, safety, mobility, sustainability, and livability.



Reconnect West Seattle: Timeline

- **July 10 - 31:** Community prioritized projects through surveys and ballots
 - Paper surveys and paper ballots still being collected and inputted (this includes coordinating translation)
- **August:** SDOT and WSB Community Task Force analyzes community feedback and creates a plan



Survey and Ballots Update

- Mobility Action Plan Surveys: 15,074
(72 surveys completed in language)
- Neighborhood Prioritization Ballots: 1,651
 - Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 1,072
 - Georgetown: 209
 - South Park: 301
 - SODO: 69(60 ballots completed in language)

RECONNECT WEST SEATTLE: Neighborhood Prioritization Process

The unexpected closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge has had major traffic and environmental impacts to community members in South Park, Georgetown, SODO, and South West Seattle (Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, South Delridge).



If you live or work in any of these four neighborhoods, we want to hear from you!

Targeted Outreach

- Community Liaisons conducted outreach in multiple forms:
 - virtual meetings
 - posting on social media platforms
 - door-to-door business outreach
 - face-to-face meetings
- Ethnic Media ads (print and digital)
- Interviews with Univision, Salaxley TV, El Rey
- Materials in seven languages (online and paper versions):
 - Spanish, Khmer, Somali, Vietnamese, Oromo, Korean, Chinese



Reconnect Themes - Neighborhood Ballots

- Paper ballots vs online ballots
 - Online ballot breakdown – 80% White, above age 40
 - Paper ballots - non-English speakers and POC
- Most people that filled out ballots live in the neighborhoods and learned about it through social media
- In the following order, most people are concerned about:
 - Traffic & Congestion
 - Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility
 - Speeding
 - Environmental Impacts & Pollution
- Project priorities are currently being analyzed, including write-in comments

Mobility Action Plan - What We've Heard

Mode	Key Findings	What would make you use this mode more?
Buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29% of respondents would take the bus at least 1 day per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip was faster Bus came more often Bus got me closer to my destination
Water Taxi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19% of respondents would take the Water Taxi at least 1 day per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More parking options More and more frequent trips Bus/shuttle/ride home from water taxi
Bikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16% of respondents would bike at least 1 day per week 26% of respondents would not bike due to physical distance (too far away) or physical constraints (carry tools for work, children, physical limitations, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer route via bike lanes Better weather More affordable e-bikes
Working Remotely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53% of respondents would telework at least 1 day per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need employers / schools to be more flexible

Mobility Action Plan - Mode Shift Survey Results

Mode Share	2019 Baseline	Pre-Social Distancing (Before)	During Social Distancing (Current)	After Social Distancing (Future)	Mode Shift Goals
Cars	82%	52%	37%	37%	35%
Buses	17%	16%	3%	11%	20%
Water Taxi	1%	3%	1%	6%	10%
Bike	1%	3%	3%	6%	10%
Walk	No Data	--	--	--	5%
Work from Home	No Data	13%	49%	23%	10%
Carpool/ Vanpool	No Data	7%	3%	9%	5%
Employer Shuttle	No Data	1%	0%	4%	5%
Other	No Data	5%	4%	4%	0%

Reconnect West Seattle Next Steps

- **Between August 5 & 19:** Analyze data, develop recommendations, and confirm priorities with community
- **Community Liaison Check-In:** August 6
- **Neighborhood Check-In:**
 - SODO: August 13
 - South W Seattle: August 13
 - South Park: August 17
 - Georgetown: TBD
- **August 19:** Share draft Reconnect West Seattle Implementation Plan with Task Force
- **Early September:** Reconnect West Seattle implementation will commence, with focus on fast and easy projects first
- **Beyond September:** Ongoing discussions and additional project implementation

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