

# TRANSPORTATION LEVY TO MOVE SEATTLE



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# Presentation overview

- Move Seattle
- Levy replacement proposal
- Questions



# Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

# Moving Seattle is vital to our economic success



Since 2010, Seattle has gained 40,000 jobs while the number of car trips has held steady



Yesterday, today, and tomorrow

# Current levy – Bridging the Gap



9-year,  
\$365  
million levy  
expires in  
2015

# Transportation Levy to Move Seattle

Proposal aims to:

- Address today's basic needs
- Expand the transportation system to meet tomorrow's needs
- Create a safer, more connected and more integrated system that works for all travelers

# Replacement levy proposal

## 9-year funding breakdown

Safe City: \$350 M

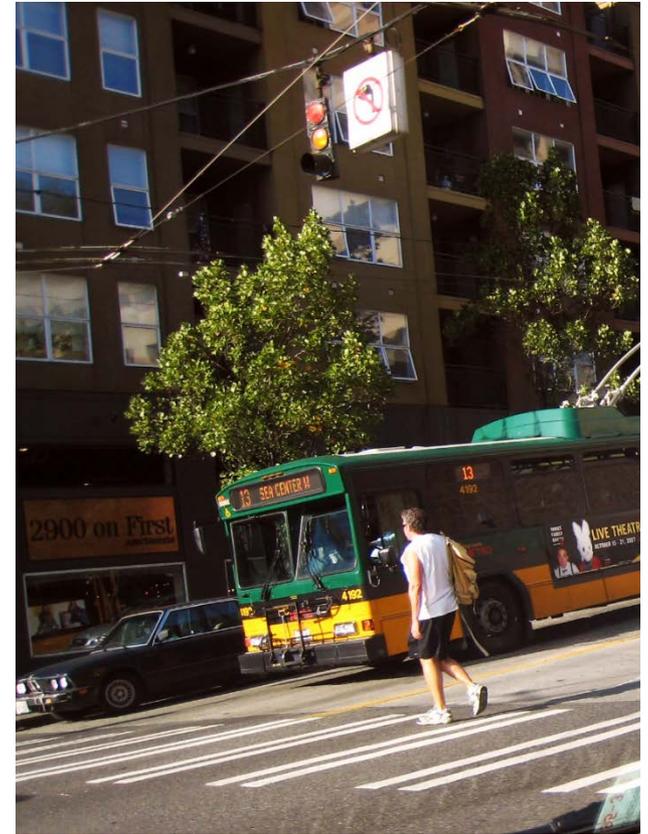
Affordable City: \$275 M

Interconnected City: \$170 M

Vibrant City: \$105 M

9-year total \$900 M

Annual cost to  
median home \$275



A safe, affordable, interconnected, vibrant Seattle

# A Safe City

## Keep our bridges safe

- Eliminate the backlog of bridge spot repairs
- Seismically reinforce 16 bridges
- Replace Seattle's last timber-supported vehicle bridge (Fairview Avenue)
- Plan and design for high priority bridge replacements beginning after 2024 (Ballard)



Ballard Bridge

# A Safe City

Implement Vision Zero: a program to eliminate serious and fatal crashes on Seattle streets

- Complete 12-15 corridor safety projects
- Complete 9-12 Safe Routes to School projects each year
- Increase crosswalk striping frequency to a 4-year or better cycle



School crossing guards near Graham Hill Elementary in the Rainier Valley

# A Safe City

Protect our most vulnerable travelers – people walking and biking

- Build 50 miles of protected bike lanes and 60 miles of greenways
- Repair up to 225 blocks of damaged sidewalks
- Improve curb ramps and crossing at up to 750 intersections
- Complete the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link



Protected bike lane in the U District

# An Affordable City

Maintain and modernize 250 lane miles of our hardest-working arterial streets

- Repave/reconstruct up to 180 lane-miles of arterial streets, focused on transit corridors
- Repave 70 lane-miles through spot improvements



15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE paving project (completed)

# An Affordable City

Provide tools to help people get around without the expense of owning a car

Work with:

- businesses to ensure access to transit passes, bike share and car share memberships for commuters
- residents, landlords and developers to ensure access to transit, car share, bike share, and other travel options



People boarding the Route 7 bus along Rainier Ave

# An Interconnected City

Modernize outdated streets to give people convenient and affordable travel options

- Complete 7-10 multimodal corridor projects
- Make bus service more reliable through a transit improvement program
- Optimize traffic signal timing on five corridors each year



Madison St bus rapid transit corridor

# An Interconnected City

## Develop better connections to light rail

- Provide funding for a Link light rail station at Graham Street
- Fund a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over I-5 connecting to light rail in Northgate
- Build pedestrian and bicycle connections to light rail stations



Northgate pedestrian/bicycle bridge

# An Interconnected City

Make it easier to walk and bike in Seattle

- Build 100 new blocks of sidewalks
- Pilot new design solutions to make streets without sidewalks safer and more comfortable
- Install 1,500 new bicycle parking spots citywide



On-street bicycle parking in the U District

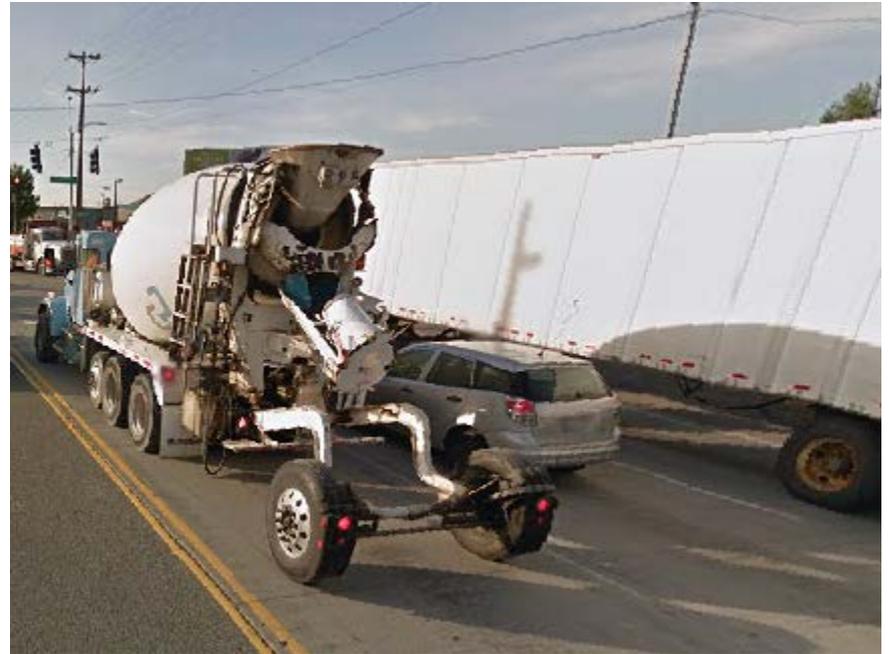


Rendering of potential design solution for streets without sidewalks

# A Vibrant City

Improve mobility for freight and delivery vehicles

- Provide local money to design and build the Lander Street Overpass
- Build the East Marginal Way corridor
- Fund a targeted spot improvement program to help freight movement



Cars and trucks on E Marginal Way

# A Vibrant City

Invest in neighborhood projects

Complete 20-35 projects submitted by neighborhoods to improve safety, mobility and access and quality of life in those neighborhoods



Rendering of the Georgetown Festival Street, a project funded by the Neighborhood Street Fund

# A Vibrant City

Take care of our urban forest and improve drainage in flood-prone communities

- Plant two new trees for every tree removed
- Add new City tree crew to proactively spot prune
- Partner with Seattle Public Utilities to address drainage issues in flood-prone South Park and Broadview



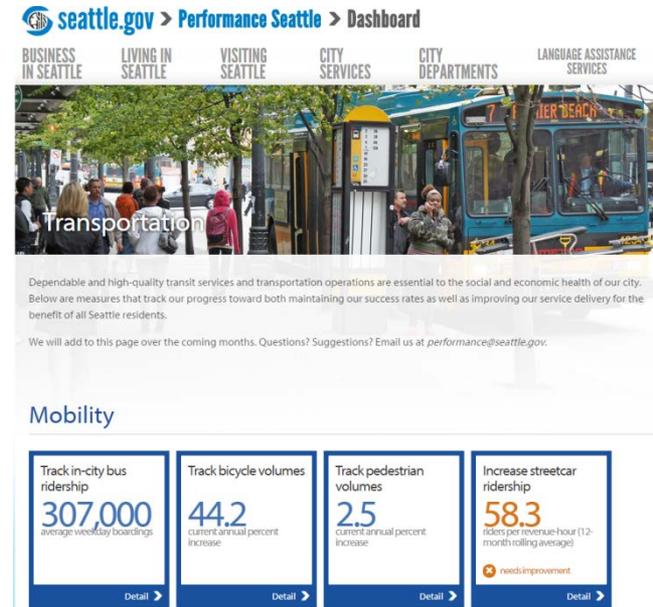
City crews planting street trees



Flooding in South Park

# Accountability

- Online performance dashboard monitoring
- Change controls and project tracking
- Levy oversight committee, appointed by Mayor and Council



## PM Seattle Department of Transportation

### Project Status Report as of 3/19/15

Project-TC365440 AAC; Report Level-Management; Indicator-Red, Yellow, Green, Gray; All Milestones

Schedule	Cost	Scope	Subproject ID	Subproject Title	Total Cost Est	Current Milestone	Construction		Right-of-Way	Grant Funding
							Duration	% Complete		
Green	Green	Yellow	TC36544047	AAC - 1st Ave	254,467	90%			ROE	
Green	Green	Green	TC36544055	AAC - Renton Ave S - Phase I	3,340,000	100%	3 Mos		None	FHWA
Green	Green	Green	TC36544056	AAC - Renton Ave S - Phase II	3,935,000	DS	3 Mos			
Green	Green	Green	TC36544050	AAC - Roosevelt	7,195,498	90%	9 Mos		TCE	FHWA
Gray	Gray	Green	TC36544052	AAC - Spokane St	1,845,000	DS	3 Mos		None	

# 2015 Schedule

March	April	May	June	July	August
	Public engagement period				
	Incorporate public feedback				
		Mayor submits proposal to City Council			
				Possible City Council action	
					Proposal to King County

# Public involvement opportunities

- Survey
- Website
- Three open houses
- Social media
- Community briefings
- Farmers markets
- Drop-in sessions, coffees
- Media coverage
- E-mail list



# Questions?

[www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle](http://www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle)



# Bridging the Gap commitments

## Pedestrian/Bike Safety

- Repair or restore 144 blocks of sidewalks
- Build 117 blocks of new sidewalks
- Restripe 5,000 crosswalks
- Create "safe routes to schools" near 30 elementary schools
- Fund neighborhood-identified street improvements
- Add 4 miles of new multi-use paths
- Support the development and implementation of a Pedestrian Master Plan
- Provide funding to implement the Bicycle Master Plan

## Major Projects

Fund 3 major capital improvement projects: Spokane Street Viaduct, Mercer Street Corridor, and King Street Station

## Maintenance

- Rehabilitate 40-50 stairways
- Resurface, restore, or replace 200 lane-miles of arterial streets
- Rehabilitate or replace 3-5 bridges and seismically retrofit 5 additional bridges
- Prune 25,000 street trees to prevent safety and security hazards
- Plant 8,000 new street trees
- Replace over 50,000 small, faded street and regulatory signs

## Transit

- Secure up to 45,000 hours of new Metro Transit service
- Enhance transit and safety improvements on 3 key transit corridors

# Bridging the Gap and Levy to Move Seattle comparison table of commitments

Category	Bridging the Gap	Levy to Move Seattle
Paving	200 miles	250 miles
Seismic bridge retrofit	5	16
Rehab/replace bridges	5	2
Plan and design new bridges	Not a BTG commitment	10
Repair sidewalks	144 blocks	225 blocks
New sidewalks	117 blocks	100 + blocks in South Park and Broadview
Crossing improvements and curb ramps	Fund and implement PMP	750 intersections
Stairway rehabilitation	40-50	45
Crosswalks (remarketing)	5,000	12,000
Low-cost pedestrian improvements	Not a BTG commitment	50-100 blocks

# Bridging the Gap and Levy to Move Seattle comparison table of commitments

Category	Bridging the Gap	Levy to Move Seattle
Safe Routes to School	30 schools	81-108 (100% of Seattle public schools)
Safety corridors	Not a BTG commitment 3	12-15
Multi-use paths	4 miles	Burke Gilman – 1.5 miles
Bike lanes	Fund and implement BMP	50 miles of protected bike lanes 60 miles of greenways
Bike accessibility (parking)	Not a BTG commitment	1,500 spaces
Freight spot improvements	\$0	\$13.5 M
New trees	8,000	2,700
Trees pruned	25,000	27,000
Optimize signals	0	45 corridors

# Bridging the Gap and Levy to Move Seattle comparison table of commitments

Category	Bridging the Gap	Levy to Move Seattle
Multimodal corridors	0	7-10
Transit corridors	3	7
Access to transit	1 (King St Station; CPT funded)	2 (Graham St Station, Northgate ped/bike bridge)
Neighborhood Street Fund	30 completed	20-35 projects
Comprehensive drainage coordination	0	2 neighborhoods (South Park and Broadview)