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At the Crossroads

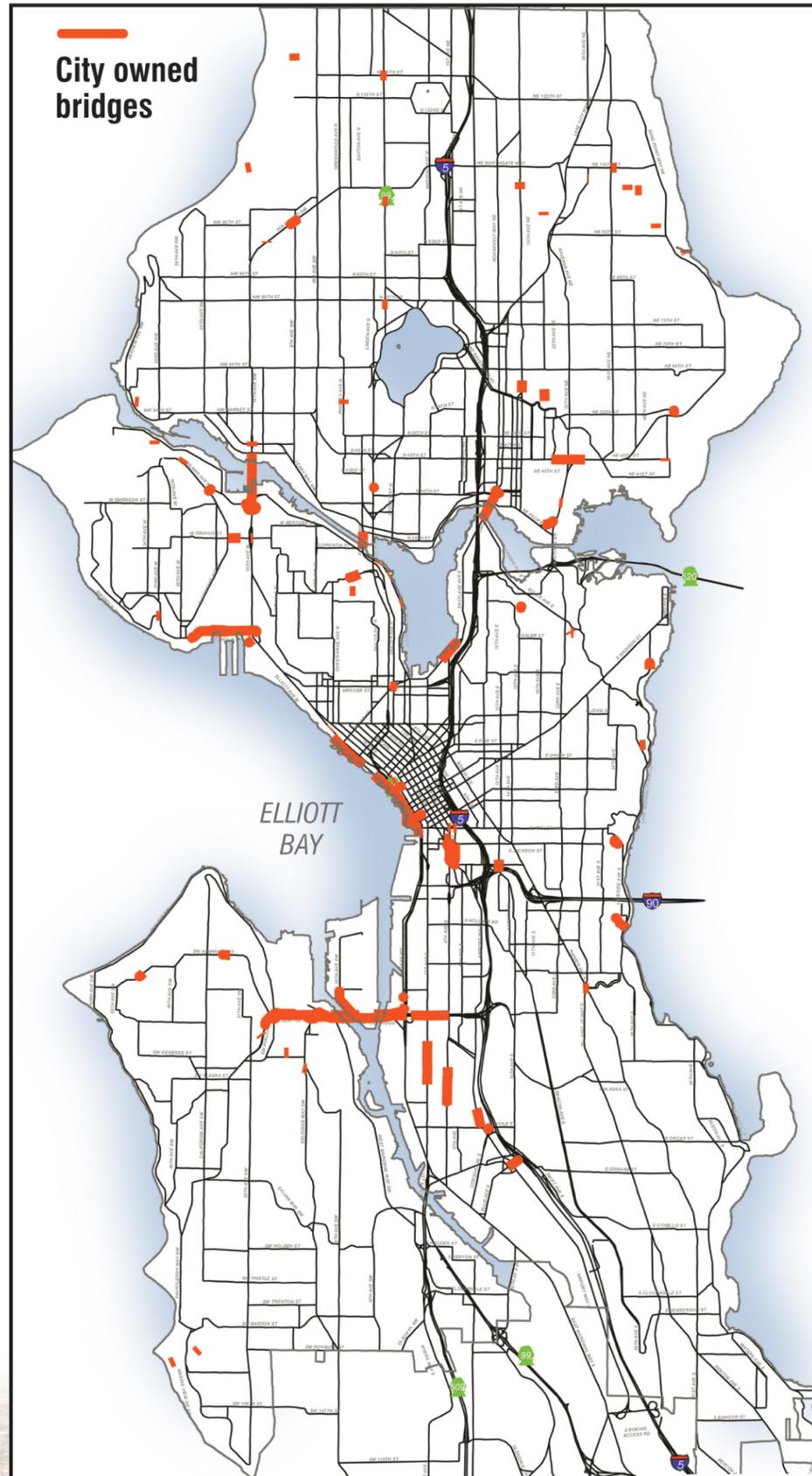


Deteriorating Bridges



How Many Bridges Did You Cross Today? Every day, hundreds of thousands of people cross the 149 City owned bridges that connect our city. Most of those bridges were built to last only 60 years. Today, the average age of Seattle's bridges is 55 years.

SDOT should be replacing one bridge every year, but current funding allows for only one bridge replacement every 2-4 years. If the maintenance backlog continues as is, many of our bridges will not be replaced for another 110 years.



S. Albro Place Bridge over Airport Way S. is 75 years old.



Cracked concrete and corroded steel reinforcing, Jose Rizal Bridge



Cracked concrete under bridge deck, Magnolia Bridge



Airport over Argo: Concrete beams have shear cracks caused by heavy trucks and now is temporarily supported by timber shoring.



45th Street Viaduct: The only timber supported bridge left in the City. Built in 1938, the timber is 67 years old and has rot in many areas.



East Duwamish Waterway; connections between the bridge girders have failed. This results in cracking of asphalt surface.

Fast Fact

Due to deterioration, eight bridges currently have weight restrictions that prevent the efficient movement of people, goods and services. This has resulted in traffic detours, congestion and more time spent on the road.

Condition of Bridges

