

Let's Keep Seattle MOVING

At the Crossroads



Stairways and Retaining Walls



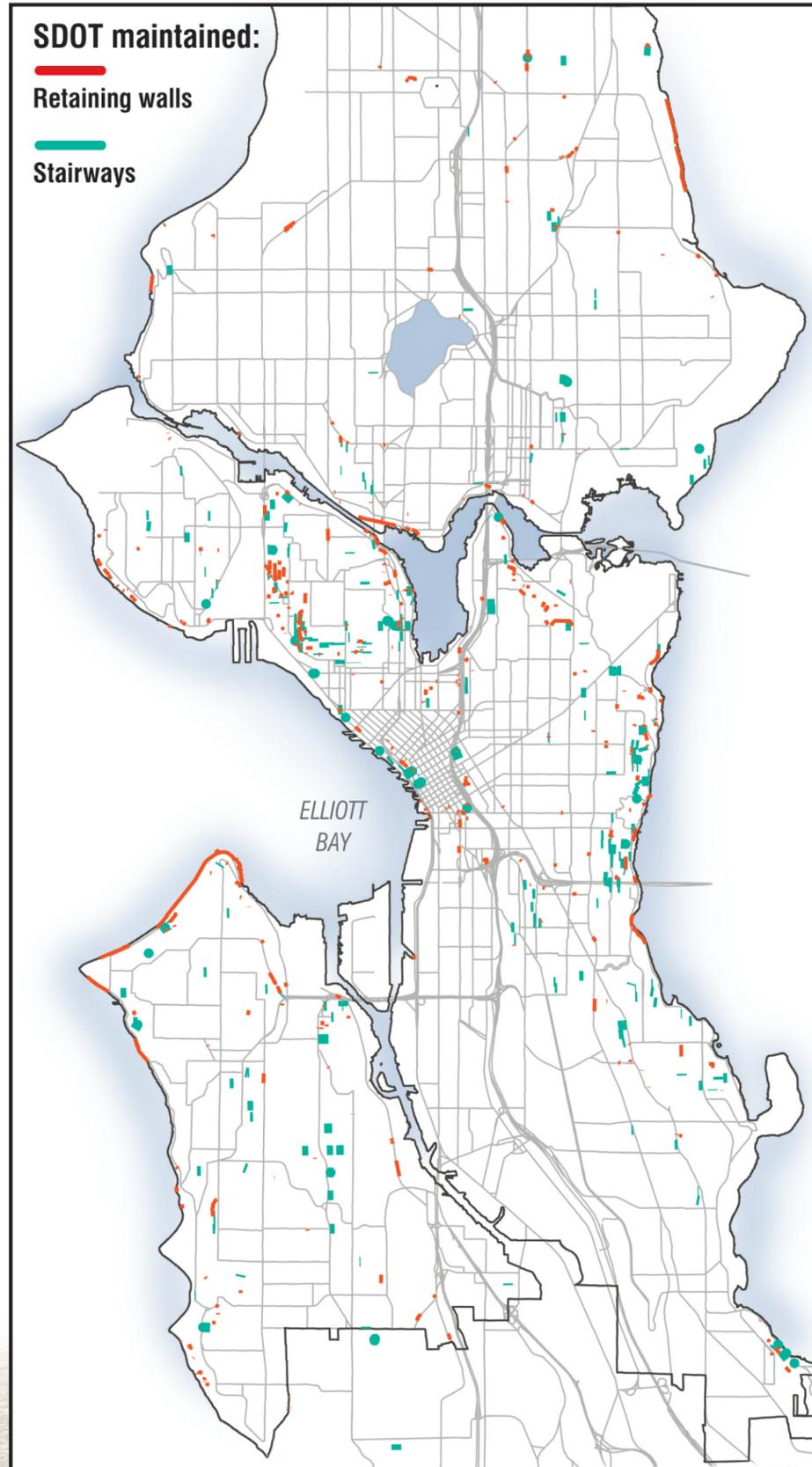
Stairways

➤ Stairways are necessary to connect many of Seattle's streets because much of our city is built on steep and hilly terrain.

■ Today, SDOT routinely inspects the City's 482 stairways and prioritizes those that need repairs such as replacing handrails, landings, treads and/or concrete slabs.



Many of Seattle's older stairways are steep, narrow, uneven and unwelcoming.



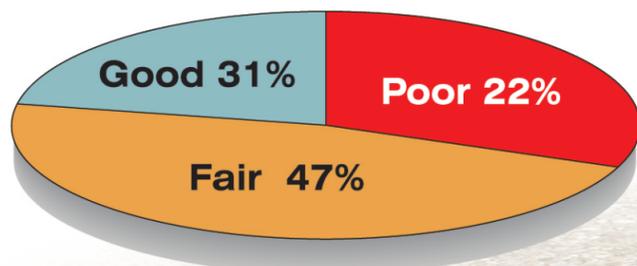
Retaining Walls

➤ Seattle is famous for its rain – and its hills, a combination that causes frequent landslides in many neighborhoods. Retaining walls are necessary to shore up slopes, protect streets and other public areas. SDOT maintains almost 600 retaining walls with an average height of six feet. Measured together, they would extend more than 22 miles.



Retaining walls help to prevent erosion and slides that can interrupt utilities, damage property and disrupt roads requiring road restrictions and/or closures.

Condition of Stairways



Condition of Retaining Walls

