

Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan

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2013-2014 Work Plan Highlights

Seattle City Council, Transportation Committee

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Make Seattle the Most Walkable City in the Nation

Identify actions, projects, and programs to achieve the following goals:

- Safety
- Equity
- Vibrancy
- Health



Make Seattle the Most Walkable City in the Nation

Pedestrian Master Plan Objectives:

1. Complete and maintain the pedestrian system identified in the PMP.
2. Improve walkability on all streets.
3. Increase pedestrian safety.
4. Plan, design, and build complete streets to move more people and goods.
5. Create vibrant public spaces that encourage walking.
6. Get more people walking for transportation, recreation, and health.





Objective 1: Complete and maintain the pedestrian system identified in the PMP

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2013 planned projects include:

- 7 blocks of sidewalks
- 25 countdown signals
- 130 curb ramps
- 8 safe routes to school
- 42 crossing improvements
- 7.5 miles of greenways
- 3 stairways rehabilitated
- 600 trees planted
- 3,000 trees pruned
- 25 blocks of sidewalk repair
- 2 new signals installed
- 500 crosswalks remarked



Objective 1: Complete and maintain the pedestrian system

2012 Completed Projects





Objective 2: Improve walkability on all streets

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Addressing Tree / Sidewalk Conflicts

- Develop an operational plan to set policy and identify tools
- Complete case studies for corridors and spot locations
- Revise the SMC to clarify City's ability to enforce private property owner responsibilities
- Adopt revised Street Tree Ordinance



Objective 2: Improve walkability on all streets

Walkable Zone Materials

Defending the Zone

Keep the Walkable Zone
Open:

- Trim bushes and trees
- Keep garbage bins and cans out of the way
- Never park in the walkable zone
- Make sure signs are out of the way

8'0"

6'10"

6'4"



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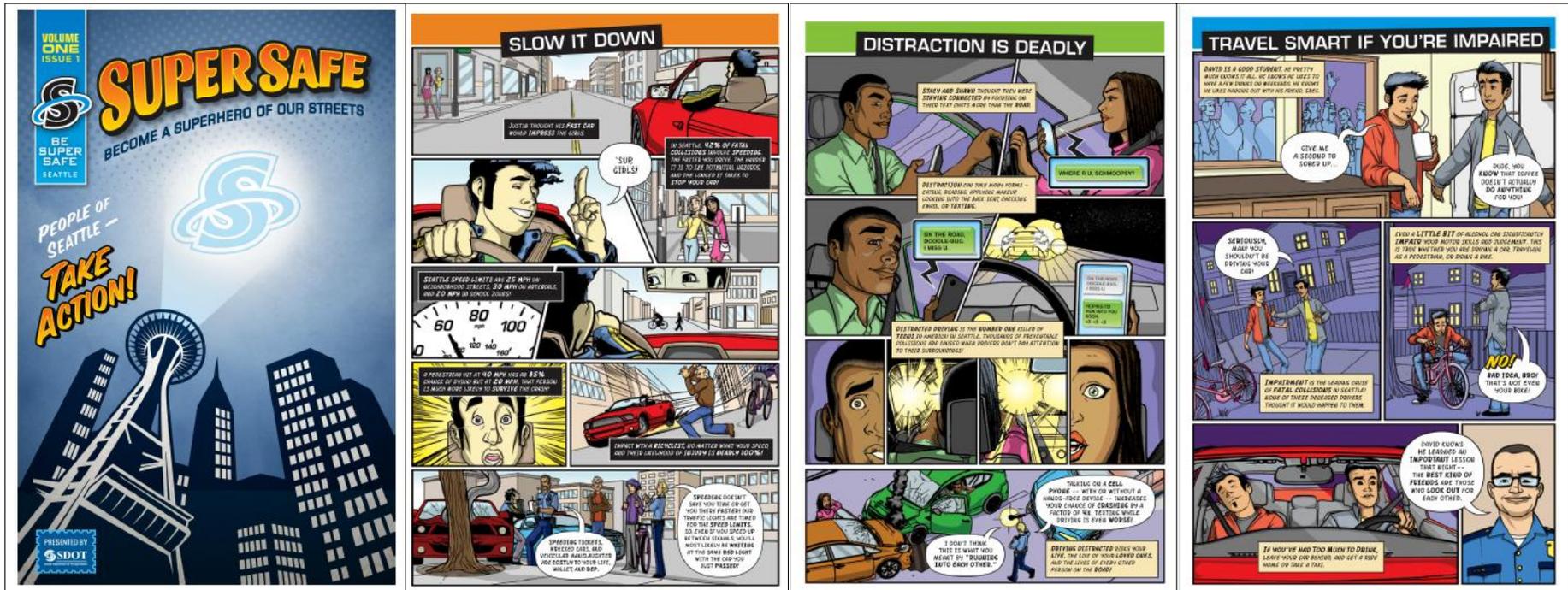


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Ensuring Safe Behaviors

- Implement the *Be Super Safe Campaign* focusing on both targeted and more broad road safety messaging
 - Key behaviors: speed, distraction, impairment
- Ensure coordinated enforcement efforts with SPD



Objective 3: Increase pedestrian safety

Planning and Engineering

- Road Safety Action Plan: Safe roadway design for all
 - 20 mph speed limit on Neighborhood Greenways
 - Corner clearance signs
 - Coordinated pedestrian collision analysis and strategy development, including input from Public Health, SPD, SDOT, and medical professionals





Objective 4: Plan, design, and build complete streets to move more people and goods

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Implementing the Ordinance

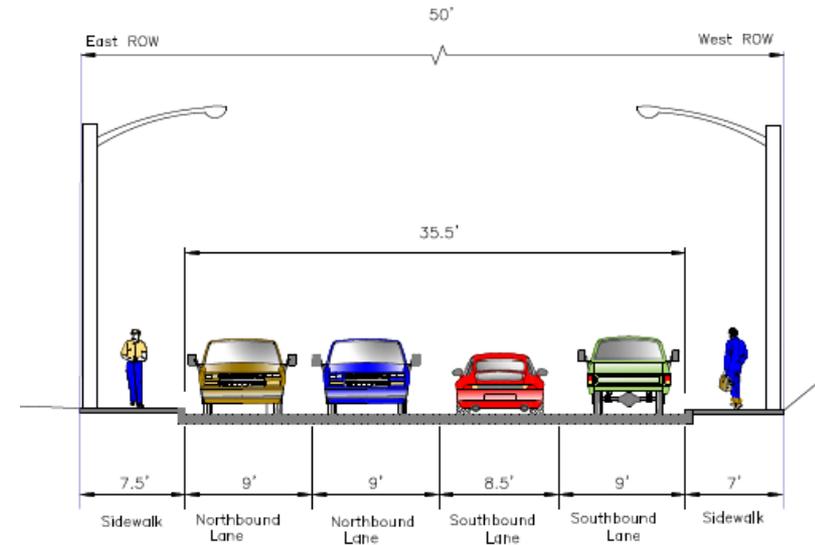
- Seattle's Complete Streets Ordinance (#122386, May 2007)
 - “...transportation improvements are planned, designed, and constructed to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use while promoting safe operations for all users”



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Planning Studies and Capital Projects

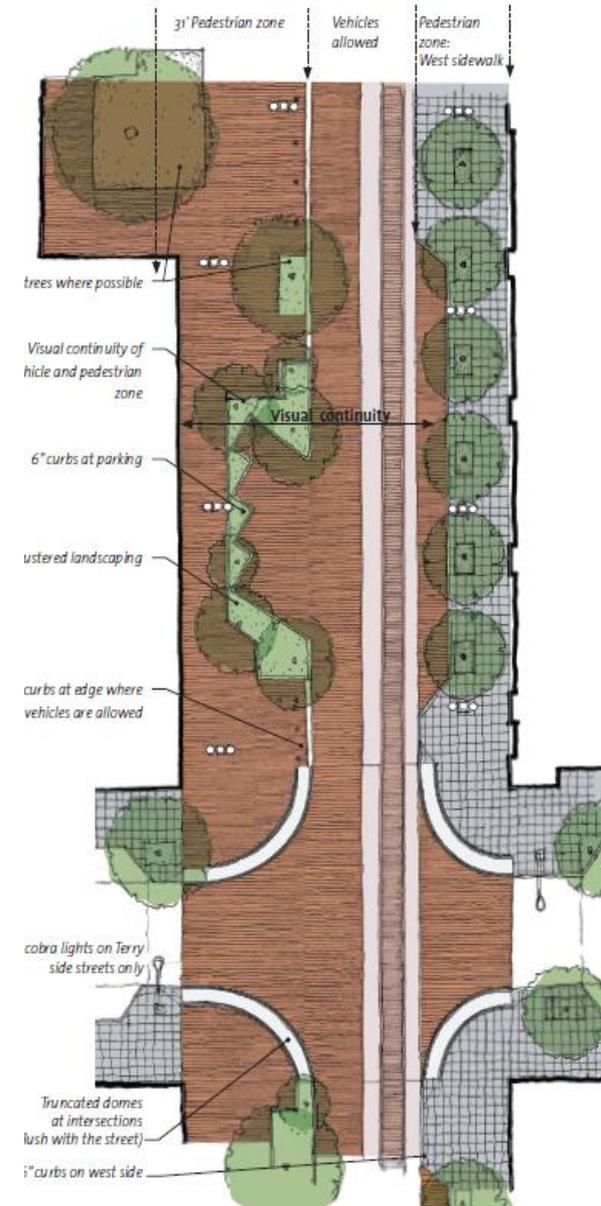
- **Madison BRT:** Address multimodal corridor needs
 - Conceptual design by 1Q 2014
- **Holman Rd:** paving project at 60% design
 - Multiple Tier 1 crossings; 3800' between marked crossings
- **23rd Ave:** Multi-modal corridor project
 - In preliminary design
 - Construction begins in 1Q 2015



Objective 4: Plan, design, and build complete streets

Overview of Street Concept Plans: Purpose and Process

- **Why:** Solidify a vision for the street and guide physical improvements
- **Who:** Initiated by neighborhood groups, property owners, or developers who desire an enhanced streetscape
- **How:** Adopted as a joint director's rule between SDOT, DPD, SPU, and other departments and included in the *Right-of-Way Improvements Manual*

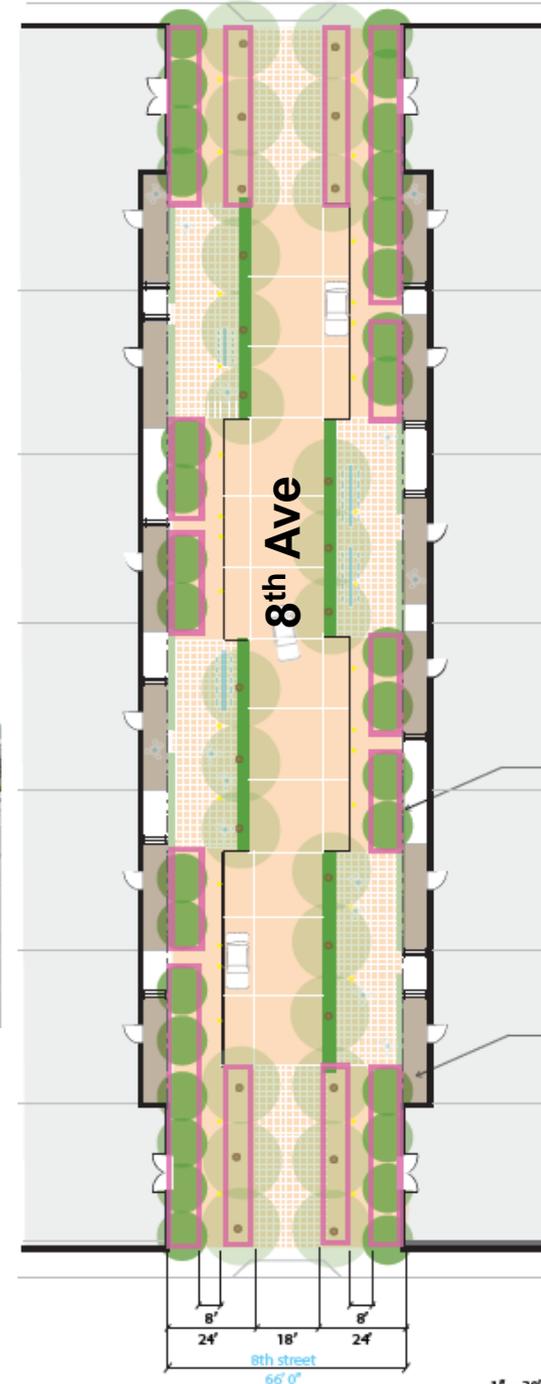


Terry Ave street concept design

Objective 4: Plan, design, and build complete streets

Adopt Several Street Concept Plans including:

- South Lake Union (pictured)
- Westlake
- Denny Way
- 11th Ave
- Thomas Street, *Green Street*
- Roosevelt





Objective 5: Create vibrant public spaces that encourage walking

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Public Space Management Program

- Convene a task force to develop the program work plan
- Implement a pilot parklet program
- Coordinate with community groups on alley design projects
- Continue the work of the Center City Initiative
- Develop a coordinated street furniture program for downtown



Objective 5: Create vibrant public spaces that encourage walking

NACTO Urban Street Design Guide

- Set a blueprint for 21st century street design
- Follow guiding principle that city streets serve as great public spaces
- Focus on transit hubs and corridors, neighborhood streets, “unique” streets, and intersections
- Release in summer 2013



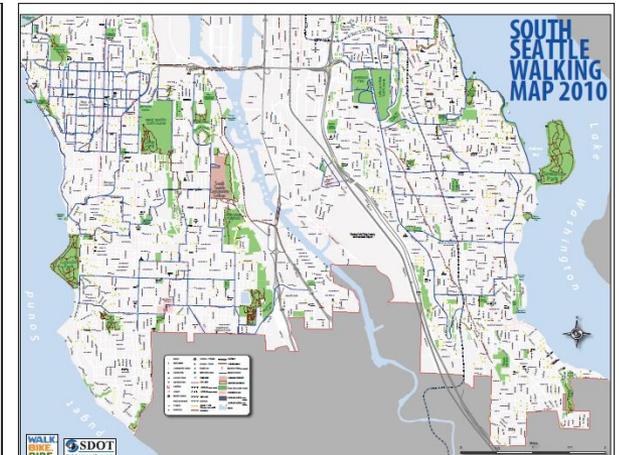


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Seattle Walking Maps

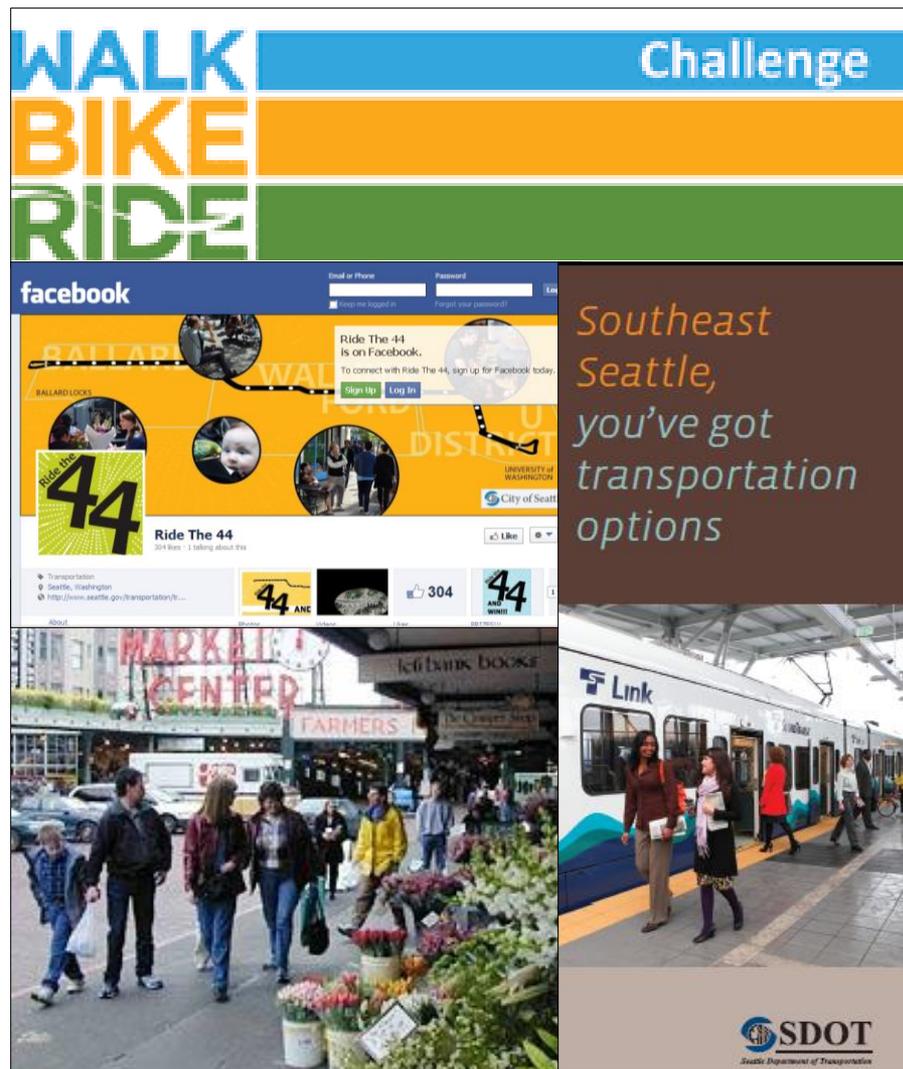
- Ensure wide knowledge and distribution
- Continue to produce 3 maps: north, central, south
- Include new Greenways and additional trail segments in 2014 update



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Way to Go Program

- Develop programming to support car-lite living with a focus on multifamily properties
- Support the Walk Bike Ride Challenge and encourage more Seattleites to try walking
- Provide information about new facilities and services and how to use them



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