



# Memo

**Date:** 7/31/2019

**To:** Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee

**From:** Therese Casper, Accessible Mt Baker Project Manager

**Subject:** Levy program update

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**Purpose:** Provide the Levy Oversight Committee with an update on the Accessible Mt Baker program and keep the group informed on program progress.

**Action needed:** None; awareness only

**Reference:**

The enclosed presentation packet provides a detailed update on the program goals, status, and next steps. For reference, the table below lists details from the Move Seattle levy ordinance, which appropriates a total of \$6M for portions of the Accessible Mt Baker project through three Levy programs:

Levy program	Levy Category	Ordinance	Levy Investment
5) Bicycle Safety	Safe Routes	Of the funds identified in this element, \$2M will be reserved for implementing bicycle improvements as part of the Accessible Mount Baker project.	\$2M
24) Accessible Mt Baker	Congestion Relief	Implement early portions of the accessible Mt Baker.	\$2M
25) New Sidewalks	Safe Routes	Of the funds identified in this element, \$2M will be reserved for implementing pedestrian improvements as part of the Accessible Mount Baker project.	\$2M

**Next steps:** Any questions should be directed to [Therese.Casper@seattle.gov](mailto:Therese.Casper@seattle.gov). The Levy Oversight Committee is responsible to request an in-person briefing for a future meeting, if desired.



**Accessible Mt. Baker**  
Levy deliverables

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# Presentation overview

- Accessible Mt. Baker Plan purpose and concept
- Levy deliverables:
  - Possible transit center relocation
  - Walking/biking connections
- Next steps



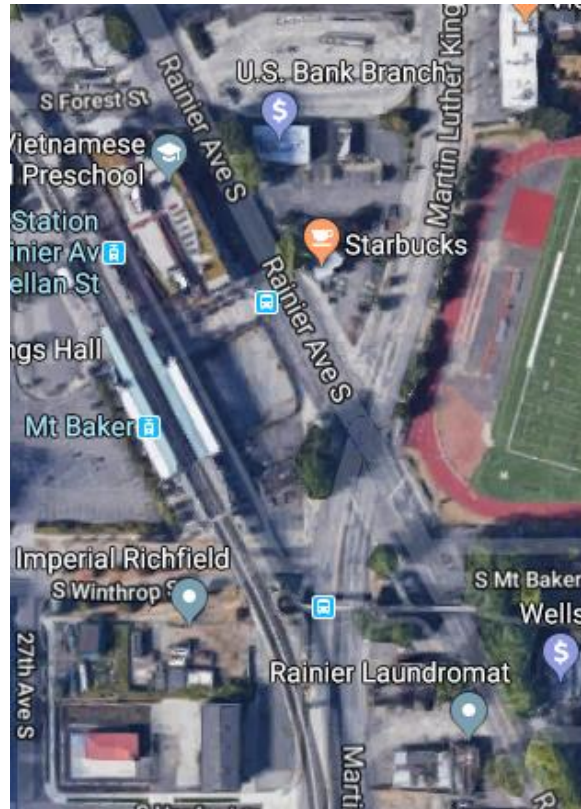
# Accessible Mt. Baker Plan purpose

- Reduce crashes and support connections for people walking and biking
- Facilitate better bus operations and transfers between bus and rail
- Contribute to public space and community town center



# Plan vision

- Reconfigure intersection
- Re-locate transit center
- Public plaza
- Reconnect Olmsted Blvd
- Connections to bike network



# Steps to reach plan vision

- Redevelopment of Mt Baker Town Center
- Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) brought together various agencies (i.e. Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Sound Transit, King County Metro, King County Wastewater Treatment & SDOT) to recommend actions to take towards implementing the community's vision
- Early implementation of AMB Plan (\$2 M in Levy funding & \$900,000 from state in 2021)
  - Possible relocation of transit center



# Why relocate Transit Center?

- Better transit connections between Link Light Rail Station and Transit Center
- Shorten pedestrian crossings
- Reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts
- Collisions in project area (2014-2016):
  - 232 total crashes, 134 injuries, 1 serious injury, 1 fatality
  - 13 pedestrian and 4 bike collisions
  - 45 inattention collisions, 8 DUI crashes



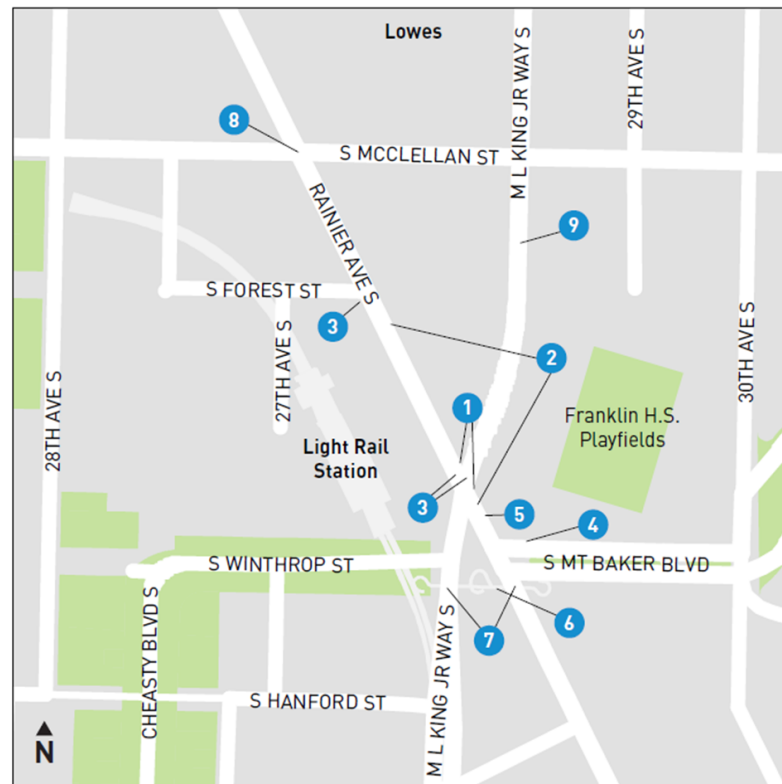
# Near term improvements under review

- \$4 M Levy commitment to improve to walking/biking connections that come from #5 Bike Safety & #25 New Sidewalks (\$2 M earmarked for each)
- Map shows what we're reviewing this year (to narrow down and build by 2024)

## Accessible Mt Baker Potential Walking/Biking Improvements

These improvements are under review to be built by 2024

July 2019



- 1 Shorten existing crossing distances and add sidewalk space
- 2 Increase sidewalk width and repair sidewalk
- 3 Increase crosswalk width from 10' to 20'
- 4 Change north lane of Mt Baker Blvd to walk/bike only
- 5 No right on red heading north from MLK to Rainier
- 6 Clean and repair pedestrian bridge
- 7 New crosswalks (includes relocating existing signal)
- 8 Improve pedestrian crossing
- 9 Study protected bike lane on MLK between I-90 trail and S Alaska St

Review leading pedestrian intervals for all major intersections



# Next steps

Date	Activity
This year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with King County Metro/Sound Transit on developing transit center relocation concept</li><li>• Design team reviews near-term improvements for cost and feasibility; prioritizes what to implement</li><li>• Outreach team collects input on near-term improvements to inform on what to implement</li></ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bring selected near-term improvements to final design</li></ul>
By 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build near-term improvements</li></ul>
Timing TBD based on funding and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocate transit center</li><li>• Work with partner agencies and developers to secure funding for designing and building plan vision</li></ul>

# Questions?

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