

# South Lake Union Transportation Study Frequently Asked Questions

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## **Why is the City of Seattle conducting the South Lake Union Transportation Study?**

Change is happening in South Lake Union. New jobs are coming to the neighborhood, as are new residents and a new park. Everyone experiences daily transportation problems in South Lake Union – the Mercer mess, limited access across SR 99, and limited bicycle and transit routes, to name just a few. This study will recommend ways to fix today’s problems and support new development.

## **What are the goals of the study?**

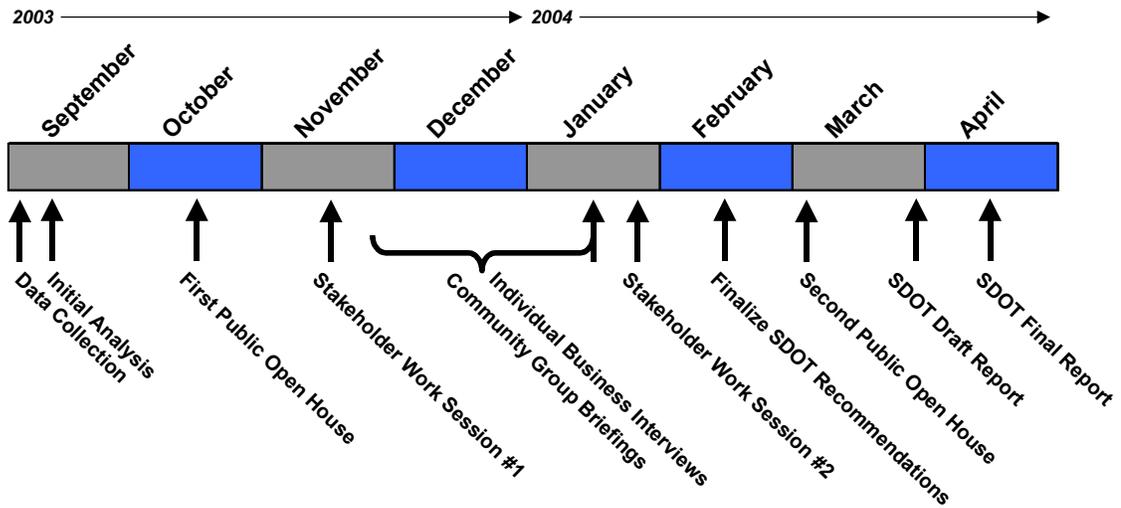
The goals of the study are to:

1. Improve mobility and access for pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles and transit within and between South Lake Union, surrounding neighborhoods and downtown.
2. Improve safety of all transportation modes.
3. Improve regional access to and through South Lake Union.
4. Promote economic vitality, sustainable development, neighborhood livability, and quality of life for current and future residents and businesses.
5. Work towards implementing Comprehensive Plan goals and other City policies and plans.

## **When will the study be finished?**

An accelerated timeline will allow much needed improvements to be made quickly. Draft recommendations will be presented to the public in March 2004 and a final report released in the spring.

**How does this study relate to the Mercer Corridor Project and other South Lake Union projects?**  
**South Lake Union Transportation Study Timeline**



Coordination between all South Lake Union projects is essential. The City is ensuring that each project works together by sharing analysis and coordinating improvements. For example, analysis conducted for the Mercer Corridor Project will be incorporated in the South Lake Union Transportation Study.

**What improvements are being considered?**

A wide range of improvements have been suggested by the public, businesses and residents in South Lake Union, and agencies, such as King County Metro. They include recommendations from the South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan. Potential improvements may include better pedestrian crossings of Mercer Street to reach South Lake Union Park; priority signalization on transit-focused streets; better signage at four-way intersections; and additional east-west transit connections.

**How is the study being paid for?**

The study is funded by money from the sale of City-owned properties in the South Lake Union area. These properties were originally purchased for the Bay Freeway project in the 1960s. A portion of the property proceeds is designated for transportation improvements in South Lake Union.

**How will improvements be funded?**

Funding sources may include federal funding, the Regional Transportation Improvement District, and other local funds. In addition, the City is developing a transportation mitigation program that will link development with needed transportation improvements. Some projects recommended in the South Lake Union Transportation Study may be funded in part through this program.

**How can I get involved?**

You can help the City shape South Lake Union. Input from property and business owners, residents, and people who work and play in South Lake Union is being incorporated into the South Lake Union Transportation Study.

We want to hear from you!

- Log onto the project web site for up to date information
- Fill out an online comment form.
- Attend the next open house in March 2004

**To Learn More about the South Lake Union Transportation Study**

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<http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/southlakeunion.htm>