

# SDOT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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## OUTCOME:

*The Seattle Department of Transportation builds and maintains a safe, reliable, and sustainable transportation system that protects the environment while simultaneously improving quality of life through livable neighborhoods, economic productivity, and social equity.*

## OBJECTIVES:

*The Seattle Department of Transportation will:*

- **Comply** with environmental laws and regulations
- **Conduct** business in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner
- **Reduce** its use of natural resources
- **Prevent** pollution and reduce waste generation
- **Continually improve** its environmental performance, and
- **Lead** by example

## POLICY:

*To achieve its environmental objectives, the Seattle Department of Transportation will:*

- **Work proactively** to comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations
- **Plan and implement** a multi-modal transportation system that reduces greenhouse gas emissions from transportation
- **Factor** economic, social equity and environmental considerations into its decision making
- **Design, construct, operate and manage** its facilities and assets so as to minimize environmental impacts by incorporating energy efficiency, water conservation, waste minimization, pollution prevention, and the use/reuse of resource-efficient materials
- **Manage operations** to avoid or minimize impacts to the ecosystems we depend upon
- **Seek the commitment** to environmental stewardship of all employees through communication, training, and support for employee leadership
- **Involve our citizens** in improving SDOT's environmental performance
- **Collaborate** with other city departments to achieve shared environmental goals
- **Continually improve** its environmental performance

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