

## COST AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

### Cost

The City of Seattle developed conceptual cost estimates for the recommended long-term improvements for the Mercer Corridor, South Lake Union neighborhood, and surrounding neighborhoods. The total cost of all of the recommended improvements in the study area is estimated to be \$245-258 million. Of that, \$131-144 million is for projects within South Lake Union, with the remaining cost allocated for improvements on Aurora Avenue and connections with other neighborhoods.

### Funding Sources

SDOT will explore funding options at the federal, state, regional and local level, including opportunities through a Local Improvement District and mitigation from development.

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The study's recommendations are a mix of near-term and long-term improvements. Some can be implemented quickly at relatively low cost and have immediate benefits, such as pedestrian crossing improvements. Others are more involved and will require more environmental review and design, such as the Mercer Corridor and Streetcar projects. For a full priority ranking of each recommendation, please see the South Lake Union Transportation Study Final report on our Web page [www.seattle.gov/transportation/southlakeunion.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/southlakeunion.htm).

## NEXT STEPS

- Complete an environmental review process for the Mercer Corridor Project.
- Begin design and preliminary engineering for the South Lake Union Streetcar.
- Incorporate other recommendations into the Capital Improvement Program as funding becomes available.
- Work with King County Metro and other partners to identify funding opportunities and a phasing plan for transit service improvements.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/southlakeunion.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/southlakeunion.htm)

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## BROAD COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Community members from these businesses and organizations attended informal working sessions at two key study milestones:

South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors (SLUFAN) • Cascade Neighborhood Council • Uptown Alliance • Seattle Center • Queen Anne Community Council • Eastlake Community Council • Seattle Parks Foundation • Ballard-Interbay-Northend Manufacturing and Industrial Council • Center for Wooden Boats • North Seattle Industrial Association • Seattle Times • Vulcan • Consolidated Works • Shurgard Storage • PEMCO • Fred Hutchinson • Trident Seafoods • Kenmore Air

Through interviews and an open house, we heard from people who live, work, bike and walk in South Lake Union, and from those who travel through the neighborhood to get to Queen Anne, Fremont, Capitol Hill, and other areas.



# South Lake Union Transportation Study Summary

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*'One of my priorities is to get Seattle moving. I'm pleased to see strong community support for untangling Mercer. Step by step we will get the job done.'*

~ Mayor Greg Nickels

*'The recommendations presented in the study are all beneficial to the economic future of the Uptown Urban Center. Taken as a whole, the package of improvements will improve access to Uptown, Queen Anne, Interbay and Ballard.'*

~ John Coney  
President of Uptown Alliance

## BENEFITS

Study improvements call for a two-way Mercer Corridor, streetcar and a number of other transit, pedestrian and bicycle measures that, taken together:

- reconnect a growing neighborhood to the City;
- untangle streets that create barriers in the middle of Seattle;
- improve mobility for people in Queen Anne, Capitol Hill, Eastlake and surrounding neighborhoods that use this corridor;
- promote transit, walking and biking; and
- continue a smooth flow of freight and people through the corridor.



**SOUTH LAKE UNION TRANSPORTATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Strong community support emerged for the following:

**Road Improvements**

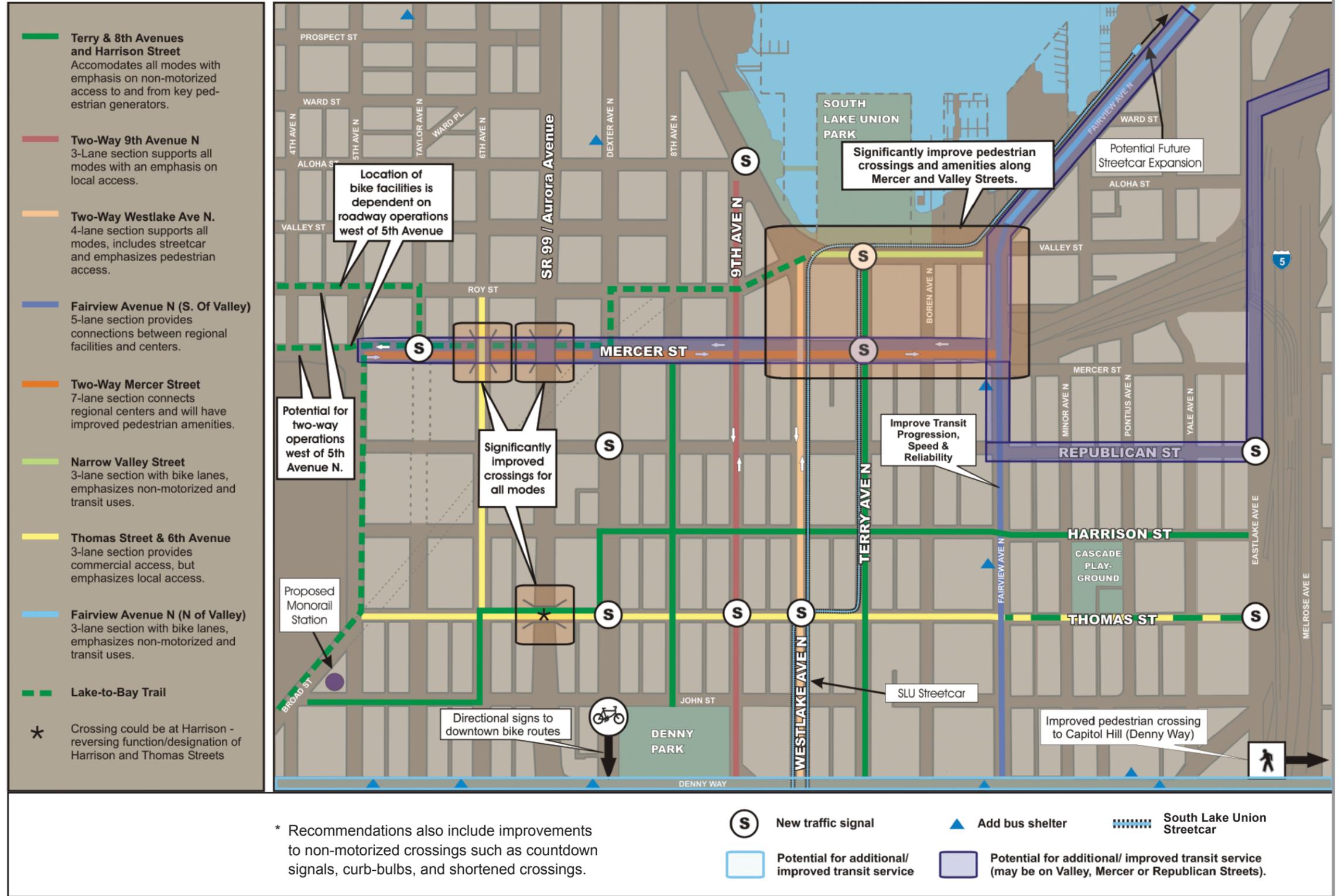
- Two-way, seven-lane Mercer Street
- Narrow Valley Street
- Aurora overpass at Thomas or Harrison Street
- Two-way Westlake and Ninth avenues

**Transit Improvements**

- Streetcar on Westlake and Terry avenues
- New bus route between Uptown and North Capitol Hill
- Increased frequency on Bus Route 8
- Transit Signal Priority reducing delays for buses on Fairview Avenue

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements**

- Wider sidewalks and more crossings on Mercer and Valley streets
- Bike path or lanes on Mercer Street across Aurora Avenue
- Bike lanes on Valley and Roy streets connecting to Fairview and Dexter avenues
- Bike route on Fairview Avenue north of Valley Street and on Ninth Avenue
- Sidewalk on north side of Denny Way across I-5
- Curb bulbs and pedestrian enhancements on Harrison and Thomas streets



\* Recommendations also include improvements to non-motorized crossings such as countdown signals, curb-bulbs, and shortened crossings.

- (S)** New traffic signal
- ▲** Add bus shelter
- ▭** Potential for additional/improved transit service
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- ▬** South Lake Union Streetcar