



# Making the Best Use of Our Transportation System

## TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

### *Increase transportation choices.*

Strive for a more balanced transportation system by offering people viable alternatives to driving alone, including transit, bicycling and walking. Strategies include:

- educating the public about the benefits of choosing transit, bicycling and walking for as many trips as possible;
- implementing projects and programs that give Seattle's citizens viable alternatives to driving alone including car sharing, carpooling, and transportation demand management options; and
- including trip reduction tools as a part of all major transportation projects in Seattle and the region.



### *Make transit a fast, reliable, safe & convenient choice.*

Connect transit systems to each other and to other modes—such as biking and walking—to increase the usefulness of the whole transportation system for Seattle and the region. The TSP Transit strategies are a subset of the information included in the Seattle Transit Plan and describe necessary actions to make transit a viable choice for Seattle's citizens including:

- supporting a network of transit connections to connect our urban village neighborhoods and to support growth; managing our streets so that in combination, King County Metro buses, monorail, light rail, and streetcars provide frequent and reliable service at least every 15 minutes, 18 hours a day, seven days a week;
- keeping transit reliable using all available tools, including transit signal priority, exclusive bus lanes, & parking restrictions;
- developing key transit hubs that offer seamless transit connections and support livable, walkable neighborhoods;
- reducing reliance on the car by having reliable transit 18 hours a day, including weekends; and
- encouraging access to transit stops and stations by walking and bicycling.



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TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS, *continued*

## Encourage walking and biking—they're the easy, healthy way to get around.

Construct transportation improvements that make bicycling and walking safe and attractive, and convenient forms of transportation and recreation for people of all ages and abilities. Strategies in these elements focus on:

- implementing projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle safety;
- encouraging more walking and bicycling by planning for and building accessible facilities such as crossings, walkways, and bicycle parking; and
- providing routine accommodation for pedestrians and bicycles throughout the transportation network.

## Price and manage parking wisely to support the needs of residents and businesses.

Price and manage parking to support healthy business districts and transit use. Strategies focus on:

- coordinating citywide parking efforts such as planning, infrastructure and enforcement;
- implementing new pay station technology;
- managing on- and off-street parking supplies to support the needs of adjacent businesses and residents; and
- increasing enforcement and making better use of off-street parking and transportation demand management tools.

## Improve our environment.

Incorporate environmental considerations into every decision to affect a positive change in the environment, Seattle's neighborhoods and public health. Strategies in this element include:

- programs that support sustainable roadway design and maintenance; and
- achieving and exceeding compliance with environmental requirements.



You can download a copy of the TSP or any of its companion documents from the SDOT Web site at: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/tsphome.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/tsphome.htm). Copies of the TSP are also available at Seattle Public Libraries and Neighborhood Service Centers.

