

2000

# SeaTran Implements Neighborhood Plans

IMPROVING  
THE STREETScape

ADDING  
GREENSPACE

SUPPORTING  
ECONOMIC  
VITALITY

MAKING  
PEDESTRIAN  
AND  
BIKE CONNECTIONS

CALMING  
TRAFFIC

MANAGING PARKING


ENHANCING MOBILITY



Implementing Neighborhood Plans and community priorities is vitally important to Seattle Transportation (SeaTran). In 1999, SeaTran spent more than \$10 million for Neighborhood Plan Implementation. In 2000, SeaTran was able to implement neighborhood transportation improvements valued at over \$21 million. Major projects included:

- \$6 million for the Galer Street Grade Crossing
- \$2.5 million for South Spokane Street Viaduct improvements
- \$1 million dollars on the King Street Multi-Modal Project
- \$2 million on bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety projects

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 City of Seattle

Dear Seattle Citizens:

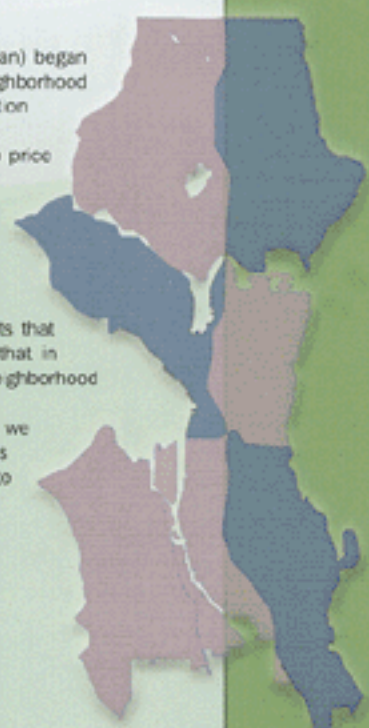
Over three years ago, Seattle Transportation (SeaTran) began implementing the neighborhood plans. The 38 neighborhood plans include requests for thousands of transportation improvements – from traffic circles to pedestrian improvements, to major street reconstruction. The price tag for all of the transportation requests is in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

While funding for transportation improvements has always been tight, SeaTran has made a strong commitment to implement the transportation elements of neighborhood plans. This document provides highlights of different neighborhood projects that were accomplished in 2000. I'm pleased to say that in 2000 alone, SeaTran spent over \$21 million on neighborhood plan projects.

In addition to funding many neighborhood projects, we work closely with the Department of Neighborhoods to ensure that our department can be responsive to neighborhood concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with the community on implementation and to reporting our 2001 accomplishments next year.

Sincerely,

Daryl Grigsby, Director, Seattle Transportation



**Northwest Sector****N 87<sup>th</sup> St. Walkway**

The original scope of the project was to construct an asphalt walkway. Later, an opportunity arose to enhance the project by using stamped/colored asphalt, provided free of cost, by StreetPrint, the originator of the product/process.

N 87<sup>th</sup> St.**NW 45<sup>th</sup> Street Paving Project**

This paving project was undertaken in partnership with the Ballard Terminal Railroad Company which installed concrete railroad ties to allow SeaTran to pave the street, including the area between the tracks. The project enhanced the movement of goods from Shiishole Bay to destinations along the adjacent industrial corridor, and provided a better roadway surface for both bicycle and vehicular traffic.

**West Sector****2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S Paving Project**

This well-received paving project brought together a unique public-private funding partnership to rehabilitate a deteriorated gravel street, primarily used by large trucks. Because of the success of this pilot project, other projects of this nature will be possible throughout the Greater Duwamish.



Mercer Portal

**Mercer Portal Project**

The first phase of the Mercer Portal Project involved a unique level of cooperation between the community and government to clean up an area taken over by blackberry bushes, weeds, and trash. Landscape preparation was financed by SeaTran and WSDOT, who also resurfaced the ramps. South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors are committed to acquiring donations from local businesses, community groups, and individuals that will be combined with public grants to make it possible to improve and maintain the area far into the future.

**Southwest Sector****Cesar Chavez Planting Strip Restoration Project**

This alternative sidewalk concept consists of laying down a series of wheel stops to physically separate pedestrian traffic from at-grade vehicular traffic. The project helped to eliminate the dilapidated vehicles being parked on the planting strip, which had over time, ruined the greenery and park-like surroundings of the area. South Park and other West Seattle communities were delighted with the outcome, and are hoping to see more projects of this type throughout their community.

7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S (Cesar Chavez)**California Avenue SW Capital Improvement Project**

This project in the West Seattle Junction began as a typical paving and signal improvement project. With additional funding from multiple sources obtained by the community, SeaTran was able to undertake a complete reconstruction of the sidewalks. This reconstruction included many pedestrian amenities such as curb bulbs, sitting walls, pedestrian lighting, and numerous art elements.

# tion Highlights

There are many more projects than those highlighted in this report. These projects illustrate the breadth of transportation projects and depth of community involvement that made them possible.

## Northeast Sector

### Blakely Sidewalk Improvement

This project was made possible by a comprehensive public/private funding package including a \$100,000 contribution by the Seattle Seahawks to help mitigate their use of Husky Stadium, and SeaTran and community matches. The project installed sidewalk and landscaping along four blocks of Blakely, and curb along two blocks. This is one of several projects testing innovative soil mixes designed to meet stormwater management goals while enhancing growing conditions for trees.



NE Blakely St.

## East Sector

### S Jackson Street Multi-Modal Project

This pedestrian improvement project included textured concrete crosswalks, median island, and pedestrian lighting. The project provides a protected crossing between both parts of the Promenade 23 shopping center, which is a key neighborhood commercial center.



S Jackson St. & 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S

## Central Gateway

This project is the result of an extensive community involvement process and partnership with SeaTran. The project, at 12<sup>th</sup> Ave./Boren Ave., includes a large landscaped island to channel traffic and provides entry treatment to the neighborhood, new sidewalks, and pedestrian lighting.

## Southeast Sector

### Courtland Pl S Street Improvements

A partnership involving SeaTran, DCN and the community developed this project which utilized concrete wheel stops to form landscaped tree pits and establish a curb line. The project beautified the street and slowed traffic, and sets an example for neighborhoods with similar conditions.

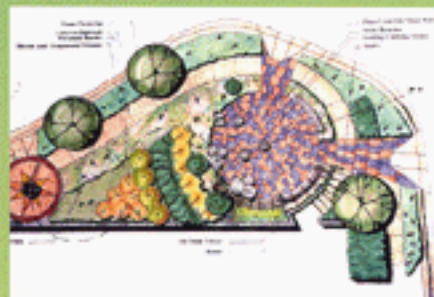


Courtland Place S

### S Columbian Way Walkway

Utilizing Cumulative Reserve Sub-fund support, SeaTran installed an asphalt walkway with curb and made extensive repairs to an adjacent sidewalk to create a continuous walkable surface from SHA's Rainier Vista housing development to Beacon Ave. S.

# What to expect in 2001



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## Construction

- Low-cost/alternative curbs and walkways in the north and south sectors
- NE 50<sup>th</sup> and NE 65<sup>th</sup> multi-modal projects
- Mapes Creek Walkway curb bulbs
- Traffic calming on S Roxbury Street
- Construction of portions of the Linden Street and E Union Street Concept Plans
- Intersection improvements at 22<sup>nd</sup> and NW Market St.
- Phase I of the Lake City Way (SR522) project
- Sidewalk repair in all sectors

## Vital Resources

### Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Sub-Fund

\$1.5 million is available each year and is awarded on a competitive basis for projects recommended by individuals and community groups. To learn more about this program you may contact the SeaTran Geographic Representative for your area.

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## Planning and Design

- Transportation planning efforts in Northgate, Ballard, Greenwood, University, South Lake Union
- Sound Transit Station Area Planning
- 15<sup>th</sup> NW Avenue Project planning
- Feasibility of proposed E Roy Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue E improvements

### Neighborhood Matching Fund

Citizens can provide labor, materials or cash to match City dollars to implement a wide range of neighborhood transportation projects. For more information on becoming involved in such a partnership, you may contact Seatran's Matching Fund specialist, Mike Morris-Lent at 386-1288.

### Capital Improvement Program

SeaTran annually applies for grant funding to construct large-scale transportation projects to improve safety and relieve congestion. Often, these projects provide an opportunity to include additional improvements important to neighborhoods such as curb bulbs and wider sidewalks. For more information on how to integrate these objectives, please speak to the Geographic Representatives in your area.

**Landscaping** is often an integral part of neighborhood street improvement projects. The Geographic Representatives work closely with the community, SeaTran's Landscape Architect and Tree Steward Program Manager to maximize opportunities for landscaping and landscape volunteerism, drainage control, and water conservation.

