

# SODO Reconnect West Seattle

Community Check in  
8/13/20



City of Seattle

# Meeting Purpose

- Share information collected through the Neighborhood Prioritization Ballots
- Confirm the communities' priorities
- Present and get feedback on SDOT's implementation plan

# Agenda

- Reconnect West Seattle update
- What we've heard from your community
- Initial neighborhood ballot results
- Top 10 projects
- Discussion

# Reconnect West Seattle

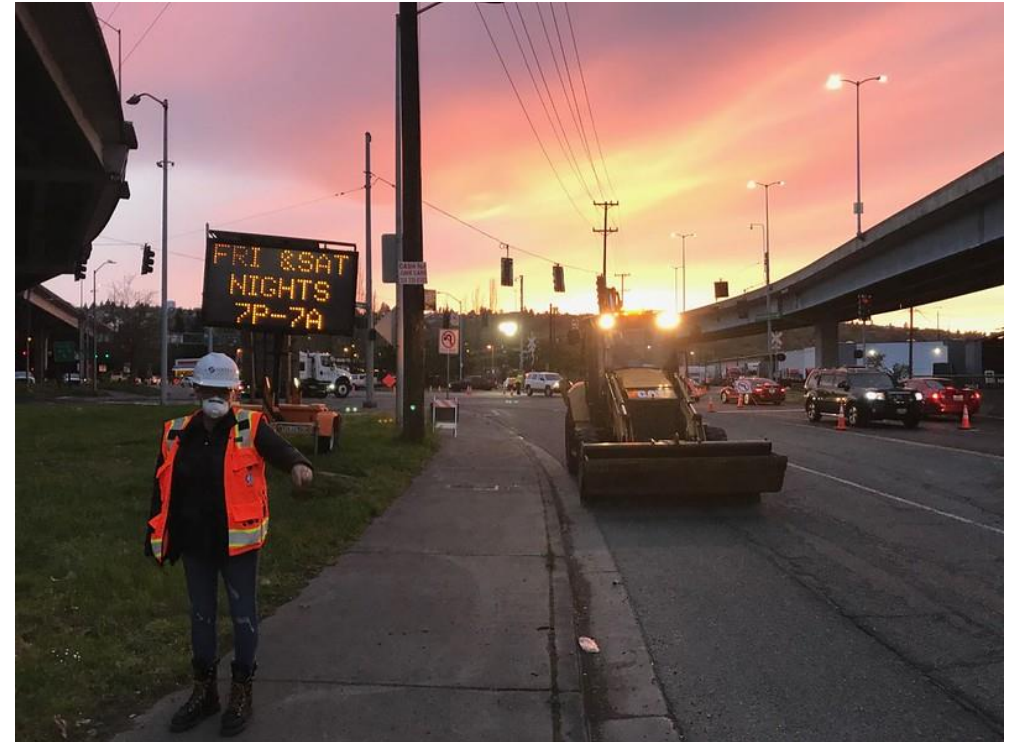
## A plan to:

1. Allow similar levels of travel across the Duwamish to those seen before the closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge
  2. Reduce the impact of environmental injustice in the Duwamish Valley
- Surveys and neighborhood ballots were open from July 10-31



# Neighborhood Prioritization Process

- Uses a racial equity lens to prioritize those areas disproportionately impacted by the closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge and corresponding detour routes:
  - Highland Park, Roxhill, S. Delridge, Riverview
  - South Park
  - Georgetown
  - SODO
- Neighborhoods prioritize projects that will cost less than \$100,000 and under 12 months to build
- Objective: identify, prioritize, and then implement actions and projects to improve safety and traffic outcomes in these specific areas



# Neighborhood Prioritization Process

- Looking at prioritization holistically: looking at other factors besides online survey votes
- Prioritization helps determine which projects get done first
- Projects will be presented in three categories:
  - In progress
  - Can be done in 2020
  - Advancing to project development / 2021 implementation
- SDOT will be looking at the overlap between neighborhood lists with bike and freight lists
- Will need continued neighborhood input and discussion on projects' designs

# Reconnect West Seattle- Timeline

- **Between August 5 & 19:** Analyze data and develop recommendations
- **August 19:** Share draft Reconnect West Seattle Implementation Plan with Task Force
- **Neighborhood Check-Ins:** Confirm priorities with community
  - Georgetown: August 11
  - SODO: August 13
  - South W Seattle: August 13
  - South Park: August 17
- **September:** Reconnect West Seattle implementation will commence, with focus on fast and easy projects first
- **Beyond September:** Ongoing discussions and additional project implementation

# Reconnect West Seattle - Ballots and Surveys

- Mobility Action Plan Surveys: 15,194  
(127 surveys completed in language)
- Neighborhood Ballots: 1,750
  - Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 1,074
  - Georgetown: 209
  - South Park: 398
  - SODO: 69(97 ballots completed in language)



In language/paper surveys received:

- Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 2
- Georgetown: 2
- South Park: 93
- SODO: 0



# Reconnect Themes - Neighborhood Ballots Overall

- Paper ballots vs online ballots
  - Online ballot breakdown –
    - 73% White
    - Majority above age 40
  - Paper ballots - non-English speakers and POC
- Most people that filled out ballots live in the neighborhoods and learned about it through social media
- In the following order, most people are concerned about:
  - Traffic & Congestion
  - Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility
  - Speeding
  - Environmental Impacts & Pollution

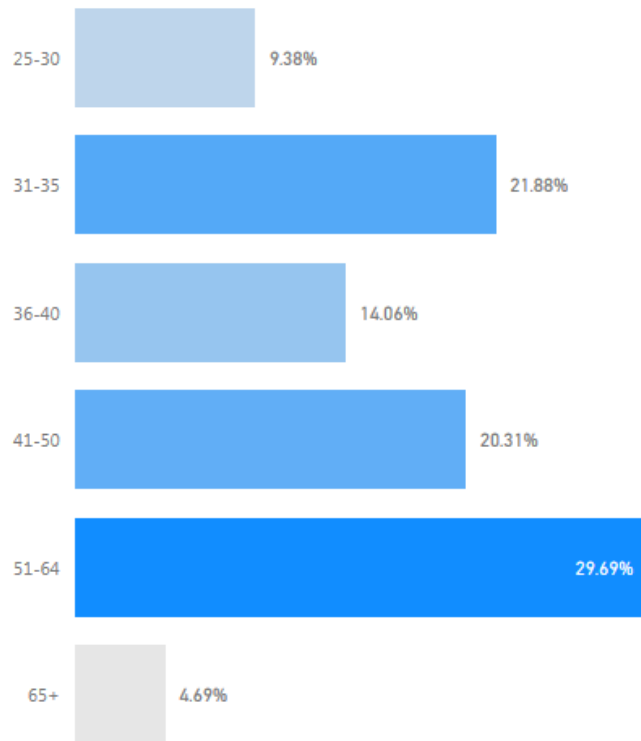
# Targeted Outreach

- Community Liaisons conducted outreach in multiple forms:
  - virtual meetings
  - posting on social media platforms
  - door-to-door business outreach
  - face-to-face meetings
- Ethnic Media ads (print and digital)
- Interviews with Univision, Salaxley TV, El Rey
- SODO materials in languages (online and paper versions):
  - Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese

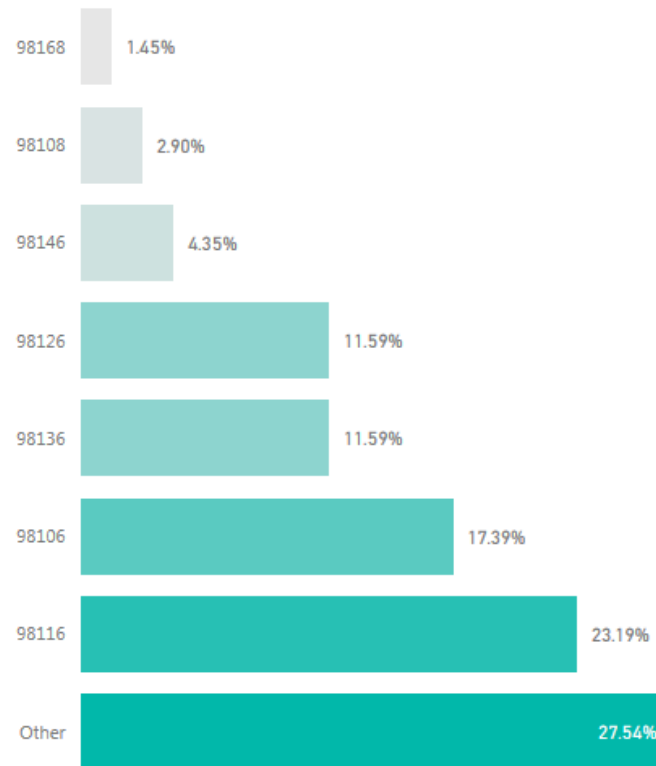


# Ballot Results- SODO

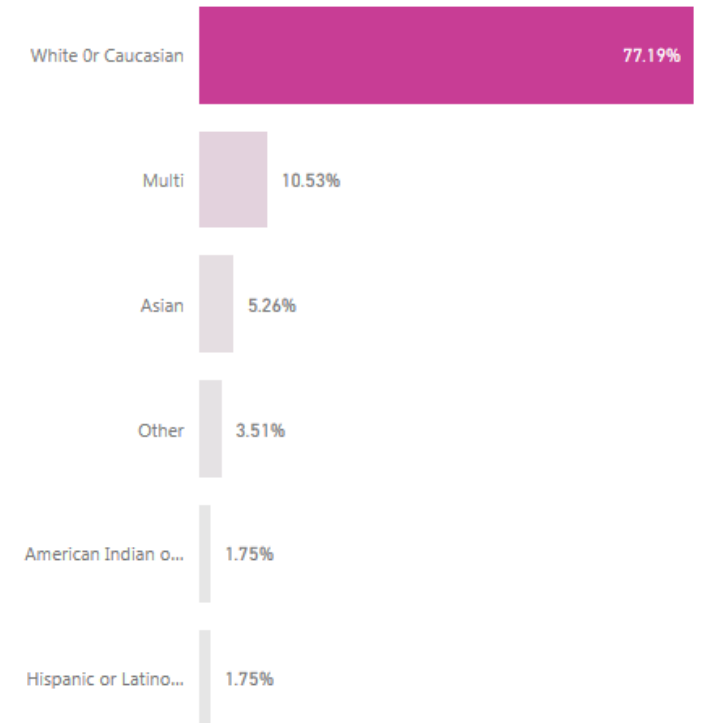
Surveys by Age Range



Surveys by Zip Code of Primary Residence

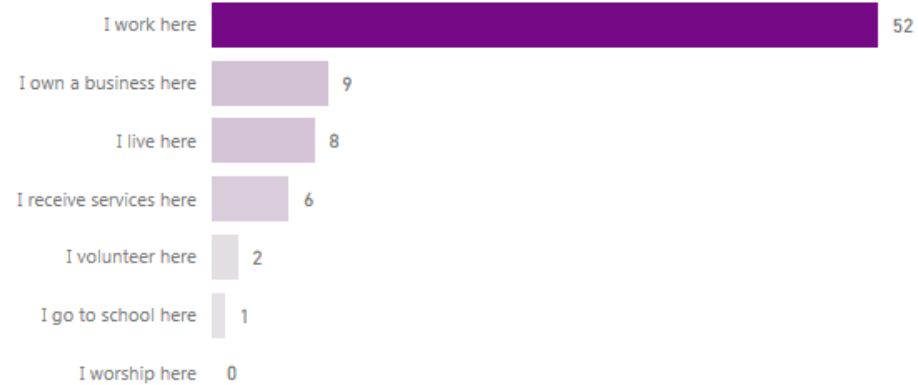


Surveys by Identified Race

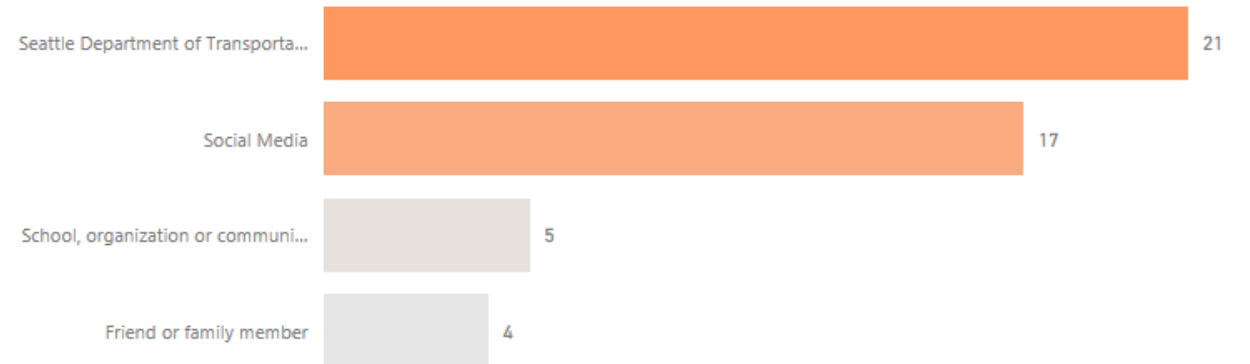


# Ballot Results- SODO

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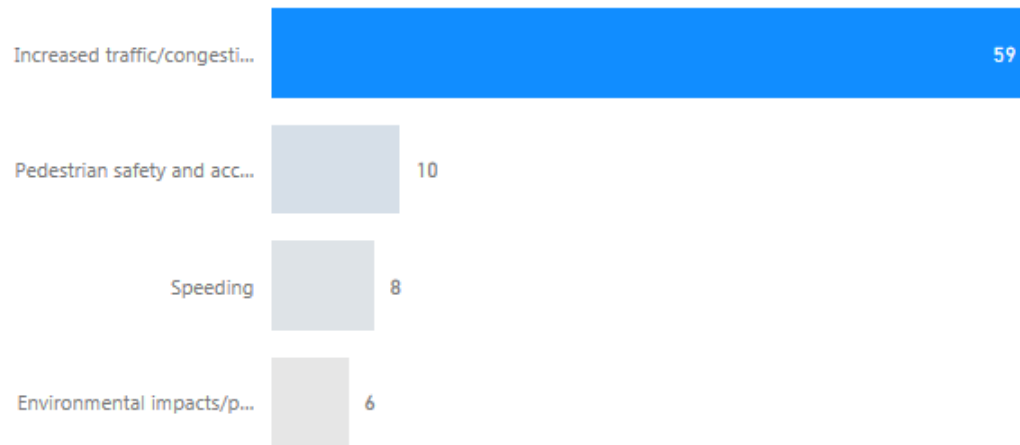


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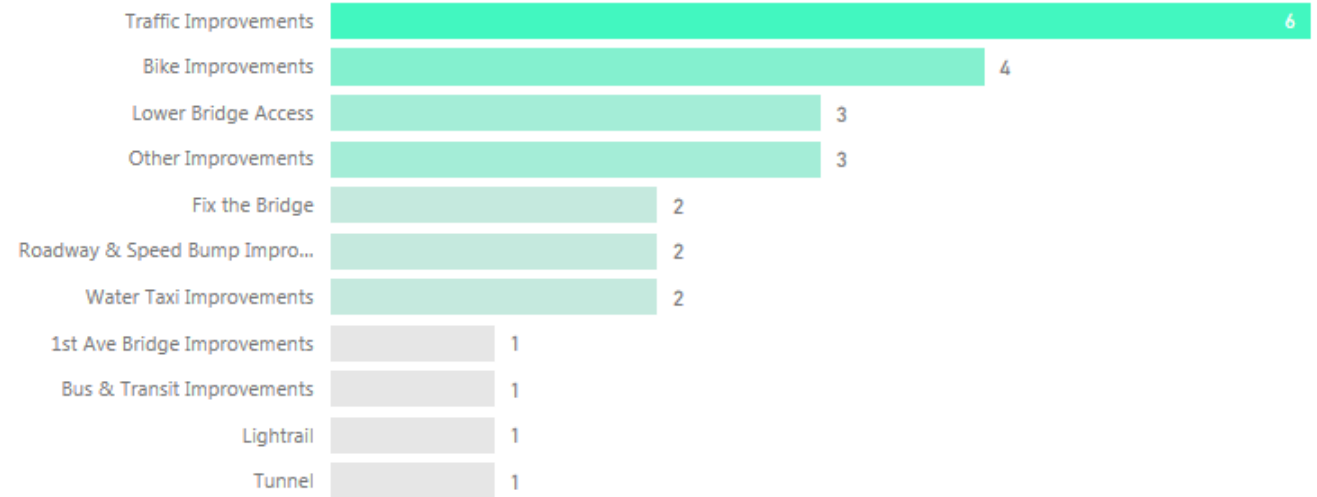


# Ballot Results- SODO

## Concerns



## Other Comments & Suggestions



# What we've heard from SODO

- **Ferries.** Individuals expressed an interest in more frequent water taxis as well as car ferries
- **E-Bikes.** Increase access to storing and charging e-bikes in public places
- **Respondents suggested:**
  - Better coordination between rail and traffic times, specifically around Utah Ave
  - Adding a bus stop for the Vashon express at 4th and Lander (Northbound)
  - Bike routes between SODO Beacon Hill.
- **Project Ideas Not Mentioned by Survey Choices:**
  - Improvement at Dawson Street and East Marginal Way South
  - Create/ provide four lanes of traffic over 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue rail lines

# Top projects ranked (1-10)

[36] Access improvements Utilize the ramp that comes down West of fs 36 to have elevated roadway that bypasses most of the expected congestion once travel picks up	49.28%	34
[20] Access improvement Keep S Holgate St open for all modes between 1st and 4th Avenues and improve S Horton St	47.83%	33
[26] Maintenance Repair potholes along the detour routes and then on routes that will be impacted by additional traffic; Consider a two-pass strategy for roadway maintenance with initial work as soon as possible and a second pass ahead of the rainy months	46.38%	32
[207] Lander St Bridge project Accelerate the Lander St Grade Separation detour route reconstruction as much as able	43.48%	30
[24] Drainage Address ponding in SODO and repair vulnerable points along detour routes before the rains make those fixes difficult or impossible	27.54%	19
[7] Bike improvement Rehabilitate bike paths along Alaskan Way S between the Central Business District and S Spokane St	26.09%	18
[47420] Bike improvement Add a bike lane on S Spokane St	26.09%	18
[91] Intersection improvement Rechannelize East Marginal Way at Duwamish Ave and SW Klickitat Way intersection to better organize turning movements	26.09%	18
[6] Transit improvement Improve transit service on 1st Ave S and seek other transit improvements throughout SODO	26.09%	18
[164] Bike improvement Add a protected bike lane on E Marginal Way (between S Atlantic St to West Seattle Bridge Trail)	23.19%	16

# Project Status

<span style="color: blue;">■</span> In Progress
<span style="color: green;">■</span> 2020
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> 2021

Rank	Project number	Project	Original Request	Status
1	36	<b>Access improvements</b> / Utilize the ramp that comes down West of fs 36 to have elevated roadway that bypasses most of the expected congestion once travel picks up	SDOT staff	More discussion needed to explore opportunities to use the ramp west of FS 36 to facilitate access to the low bridge
2	20	<b>Access improvement</b> / Keep S Holgate St open for all modes between 1st and 4th Avenues and improve S Horton S	Community request, SODO Action Agenda	Keep S Holgate St open for all modes and upgrade signs and markings at rail crossings to enhance safety for all users (2020 Implementation)
3	26	<b>Maintenance</b> / Repair potholes along the detour routes and then on routes that will be impacted by additional traffic; Consider a two-pass strategy for roadway maintenance with initial work as soon as possible and a second pass ahead of the rainy months	Community request, BIA letter	2020 Implementation
4	207	<b>Lander St Bridge project</b> / Accelerate the Lander St Grade Separation detour route reconstruction as much as able	Community request, BIA letter	2020 Implementation (schedule accelerated to as soon as next month instead of October due to contractor availability shifted from other projects)
5	24	<b>Drainage</b> / Address ponding in SODO and repair vulnerable points along detour routes before the rains makes those fixes difficult or impossible	Community request	2020 Implementation



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- In Progress
- 2020
- 2021

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6	47420	<b>Bike improvement</b> / Add a bike lane on S Spokane St	SDOT staff	Bike improvements along West Seattle Bridge Trail (2020 Implementation)
7	6	<b>Transit improvement</b> / Improve transit service on 1st Ave S and seek other transit improvements throughout SODO	Community request	More discussion needed with Metro (2021)
8	7	<b>Bike improvement</b> / Rehabilitate bike paths along Alaskan Way S between the Central Business District and S Spokane St	Community request, Street Smart	2020 Implementation as part of E Marginal Way improvements
9	91	<b>Intersection improvement</b> / Rechanelize East Marginal Way at Duwamish Ave and SW Klickitat Way intersection to better organize turning movements	SDOT staff	Advance to project development to design rechanelization (2021)
10	164/205/ 61211	<b>Roadway improvement</b> / Improve pavement conditions for freight, general transportation and bicycles	Community request, SODO Action Plan	2021 Implementation as part of E Marginal Way improvements

Freight		
#	Project	Implementation Recommendation
F06	West Marginal Way: between Highland Drive and the 5-way intersection, consider options for do-not-block the box hatching at major driveways used by large trucks, and for restriping WMW so that large trucks can use a center turn lane to insert themselves into moving traffic. Ensure business access and traffic flow. Port, NWSA request	2020 Implementation
F09	Alaskan Way around Madison and Marion: Check signal timing for progression. Trucks are stopping at every signal. SFAB	2020 Implementation
46920	S Michigan St between 1st Ave and I-5: Check signal timing and progression to accommodate WSB detour traffic. SFAB	2020 Implementation
F03	14th Ave S at S Cloverdale St: Relocate the STOP bars and signal detection, expand the width of the crosswalk on S Cloverdale St approach. Community Request, 2020 Traffic Spot Improvement	2020 Implementation
F08	Harbor Island Contingency Access: 16th Ave SW, 13th Ave SW, SW Hanford St and 11th Ave SW. Port, NWSA Request	Advancing to project definition, coordination regarding contingency access and scope determination (2021 Implementation)
F23	E Marginal Way S between S Spokane and S Atlantic St: Begin thinking about what would be required to be able to extend the Freight/bus/EMV/bike/local access only restrictions to EMW between Spokane at Atlantic. Port, NWSA Request	Advancing to project definition, coordination regarding access restrictions, and scope determination (2021 Implementation)
W16	16th Ave SW b/n SW Holden St and SW Austin St: Rechannelize southbound 16th Ave SW between SW Holden St and SW Austin St to include a left-turn only and a thru/right lane. Port, NWSA Request	Done
F10	SW Spokane Place at T18 entrance: Refresh crosswalk markings for the W Seattle Bridge Trail. Install trail crossing signs. SFAB	2020 Implementation
F01	2nd Ave SW at Highland Park Way SW: Review and refresh any faded pavement markings at the intersection. Replace any damaged signs near the intersection. SODO Request Tracker	2020 Implementation
F02	Exit from southbound SR-509 / 2nd Ave S / 1st Ave S: Please trim the vegetation at the intersection so drivers can more easily merge onto northbound 2nd Ave S. SODO Request Tracker	2020 Implementation

# Opportunities and Constraints

- Each neighborhood has prioritized top projects for implementation
- Can get multiple projects done quickly this fall
- More projects will be done in 2021
  
- Limited crew capacity
- Need to complete projects before rainy season
- Limited funding for projects due to pandemic

# Considerations

- In addition to online survey, we will be looking at:
  - In- language and paper ballots vs. online survey
  - Project overlap and with other areas
  - Comments from community meetings, emails, and voicemails
  - Input from the WSB Community Task Force

# Discussion

- What questions do you have about specific projects?
- Did anything surprise you about the list?
- Is there anything that you think is missing from the list?

# Discussion

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleBridge](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleBridge)



# Appendix

## SODO Neighborhood Prioritization Process Ballot

# RECONNECT WEST SEATTLE: Neighborhood Prioritization Process



## SODO

Your opinion matters, please fill out neighborhood prioritization process ballot by July 31st.

The unexpected closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge has had major traffic and environmental impacts on the SODO neighborhood. To deal with rapidly changing community needs, we need your help to prioritize transportation projects that will be most helpful in the short term and in the long term. The list of potential projects was generated from ideas we have received from community, along with some of our own ideas, and projects from existing transportation and neighborhood plans. The list you'll see shows all identified potential projects that could be implemented quickly within a year and an estimated cost of \$100,000 or less per project.

After we receive your priorities, SDOT will work with the West Seattle Bridge Community Task Force to look at the ideas presented to us through the lens of budget restrictions, potential transportation-related conflict, equity, safety, mobility, sustainability, livability and community support. To be straightforward, the City's resources and capacity are limited. We will make every attempt to honor the neighborhoods' feedback and suggestions; however, not all projects will be able to move forward. Once the plans are developed, we will hold a follow-up meeting with your neighborhood to discuss and create a plan for action.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit our website at [www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle](http://www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle). To request paper ballots in other languages contact us at [WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov) or 206-400-7511. Online ballots are also available on the project website: [www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle](http://www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle).



# SODO BALLOT

## What is your primary connection to this neighborhood?

- I live here
- I work here
- I go to school here
- I worship here
- I receive services here
- I own a business here
- I volunteer here
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## What concerns you most about the impacts from the West Seattle Bridge Closure?

- Environmental impacts/pollution
- Increased traffic/congestion
- Speeding
- Pedestrian safety and accessibility
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you identify as: (Check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (please specify):  
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## Zip code of primary residence:

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## What is your age?

- 11-17       36-40
- 18-24       41-50
- 25-30       51-64
- 31-35       65+

## How did you hear about the neighborhood prioritization process ballot?

- Seattle Department of Transportation newsletter or website
- Social Media
- Friend or family member
- School, organization or community group:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick up to 10 projects that you would prioritize to help reduce the impacts of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge closure. **NOTE: Not all potential projects are mapped and there may be duplicates due to overlaps with other potential projects.**

Map ID	Project

If you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please write in your email address below:

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## Please let us know if you have other ideas, comments or suggestions:

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Thank you for your input. Please visit the West Seattle Bridge website for more information: [www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle](http://www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle).

## RETURNING MY BALLOT:

To return your completed ballot, you may do it in one of the following ways:  
E-mail a scanned copy of your ballot to: [WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov)  
Contact us at [WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov](mailto:WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov) or 206-400-7511 for neighborhood drop-off locations  
Mail to City Hall: PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA, 98124-4649



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Map ID	Title	Description
2	Pedestrian improvement	Improve pedestrian experience and streetscape. Important features of the design will be addressing vending activities during event times, and creating a shared (pedestrian/vehicle) street.
3	Pedestrian improvement	Enhance pedestrian connections across 4th Ave S and the rail lines to heavy and light rail station entrances
6	Transit improvement	Improve transit service on 1st Ave S and seek other transit improvements throughout SODO
7	Bike improvement	Rehabilitate bike paths along Alaskan Way S between the Central Business District and S Spokane St
9	Bike improvement	Continue use of existing 1st Ave S bike sharrows already designated for north-south travel
10	Bike improvement	Provide sharrows on both sides of Airport Way S where right of way allows from S Spokane to S Royal Brougham Way
13	Signage improvement	Improve signage on S Lander St along these non-arterials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado Ave S</li> <li>• Utah Ave S</li> <li>• S Occidental St</li> <li>• 3rd Ave S</li> </ul>
15	Safety and communications improvement	Develop safety education for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians at 1st Ave S and 4th Ave S
16	Pedestrian improvement	Implement pedestrian safety enhancements to railroad crossing areas between 1st Ave S and 4th Ave S, at S Occidental St
17	Lighting improvement	Install properly scaled lighting along major arterials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Ave S</li> <li>• 4th Ave S</li> <li>• S Lander St between 1st Ave S and the railroad tracks</li> </ul>
19	Signal improvement	Improve signalization to ensure crosswalks provide enough time for crossing at critical connections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Ave S and S Lander St</li> <li>• 1st Ave S and S Stacy St</li> <li>• 4th Ave S and S Lander St</li> <li>• 4th Ave S and S Holgate St</li> </ul>
20	Access improvement	Keep S Holgate St open for all modes between 1st and 4th Avenues and improve S Horton St
24	Drainage	Address ponding in SODO and repair vulnerable points along detour routes before the rains make those fixes difficult or impossible
26	Maintenance	Repair potholes along the detour routes and then on routes that will be impacted by additional traffic; Consider a two-pass strategy for roadway maintenance with initial work as soon as possible and a second pass ahead of the rainy months
27	Roadway improvement	Arterial Asphalt and Concrete should review detour routes for maintenance needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th Ave S (north and south of S Lucile St)</li> <li>• 6th Ave S (between S Spokane St and S Industrial Way)</li> <li>• S Industrial Way &amp; 6th Ave S</li> </ul>
31	Signage improvement	Replace the damaged sign west of 2nd Ave SW on Highland Park Way “To SR-509 Burien” for eastbound traffic.
32	Trees and landscaping	Trim the vegetation so drivers can more easily merge onto northbound 1st Ave S and then access West Marginal Way.
35	Safety improvement	Automated enforcement on Lower Bridge for transit lane enforcement
36	Access improvements	Utilize the ramp that comes down West of fs 36 to have elevated roadway that bypasses most of the expected congestion once travel picks up

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37	Roadway, access, and transit improvements	Make capital improvements to underused Park and Ride located underneath the West Seattle Bridge including: creating new curb ramps for access to drivers coming from West Seattle, restriping the lot for new entry and exit points, replacing bridge lighting with brighter LED bulbs, a marked crosswalk, and relocating the bus zone closer to the park and ride lot.
38	Safety improvement	Install new speed limit signs all along detour routes and impacted areas, especially East Marginal Way S
91	Intersection improvement	Rechannelize East Marginal Way at Duwamish Ave and SW Klickitat Way intersection to better organize turning movements
164	Bike improvement	Add a protected bike lane on E Marginal Way (between S Atlantic St to West Seattle Bridge Trail)
45919	Pedestrian improvements	Add curb ramps throughout the neighborhood
47420	Bike improvement	Add a bike lane on S Spokane St
47421	Bike improvement	Add a bike lane on S Industrial Way
61069	Utility improvement	Improve the right of way for utilities at 3215 4th Ave S
63035	Pedestrian improvement	Install an ADA Curb Ramp upgrade for the southwest entrance ramp at 4th Ave S & S Industrial Way
200	Pedestrian and bike improvement	Improve pedestrian and bicycle pathways through strategies including wayfinding, quality streetscapes with ample sidewalks, and pedestrian amenities. Add facilities to encourage bicyclists include bicycle parking or bike share stations in addition to existing and planned bike routes.
201	Safety improvement	Increase intersection traffic enforcement
202	Traffic improvement	Promote carpools, vanpools and other CTR options to compensate for limited transit availability.
203	Public education	Implement a public marketing / education program to inform event goers of non-motorized access to events
204	Safety improvement	Improve safety conditions on key non-motorized routes
205	Roadway improvement	Improve pavement conditions for freight, general transportation and bicycles
206	Freight Improvement	Pilot project to determine feasibility of installing freight-only lanes on Lower Spokane St; and if deemed feasible, would implement modifications to roadway channelization, install traffic signal ad signing modifications and provide detection and variable message signs.
207	Lander St Bridge project	Accelerate the Lander St Grade Separation detour route reconstruction as much as able
208	Traffic control	Modify traffic control plans for detour routes for longer configuration. Existing TCP is temporary and needs long-term establishment. (In progress)
209	Carpool and vanpools	Carpool and HOV incentives, perhaps a pilot with Scoop or Waze, partnership with key employers with workers in West Seattle
210	Scooter share	Increase scooter share access
211	Bike share	Bike and scooter parking hubs near transit
212	Signage improvement	Review locations for NO TURN ON RED signage at signalized intersections along detour routes
213	Safety improvement	Review crash data for emerging trends on detour routes and implement spot project
214	Pedestrian improvements	Utilize Ped Gap Analysis tool to implement arterial pedestrian crossing treatments in areas with long distances between comfortable pedestrian crossings
215	Speed sign improvements	Review locations for radar speed feedback sign installation along WSB detour routes

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216	Signage improvements	Review locations for Left Turn Arrow implementation at signalized intersections along WSB detour routes
217	Pedestrian improvement	Add leading pedestrian intervals along the West Seattle Bridge detour routes
218	Transit improvement	Increase local transit service, including to the 1st Ave S corridor
219	Bike improvement	Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities from transit, to improve safety and to create a sense of personal comfort
220	Mobility study	Develop a SODO mobility study for all modes.