

# Reconnect West Seattle & STBD Emerging Needs

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# Reconnect West Seattle Update


Sara Zora



# Reconnect West Seattle

 **15,000+** survey results to inform 2021 mobility plan to allow similar levels of travel across the Duwamish

 **1,700+** neighborhood ballots to prioritize projects that reduce impacts on detour route neighborhoods

 **190+** traffic improvements and **22** neighborhood ballot projects built since March 2020 bridge closure

 **33+** projects planned for 2021

## Goals:

Allow similar levels of travel across the Duwamish to those seen before the closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge

Reduce the impact of environmental injustice in the Duwamish Valley



# Reconnect West Seattle

## 2020 / 2021 Implementation Plan

- Project dashboard
- Capital projects:
  - 22 RWSIP 2020 projects completed
  - 33 RWSIP 2021 upcoming projects
- 5 transit spot improvement 2021 projects

<https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bridges-stairs-and-other-structures/bridges/west-seattle-high-rise-bridge-safety-program/reconnect-west-seattle->

Project Name  
Sylvan Way Speed Radar

Project Year  
2020

Project Description  
Radar speed signs on Sylvan Way S

Request Origin  
Detour Route Planning

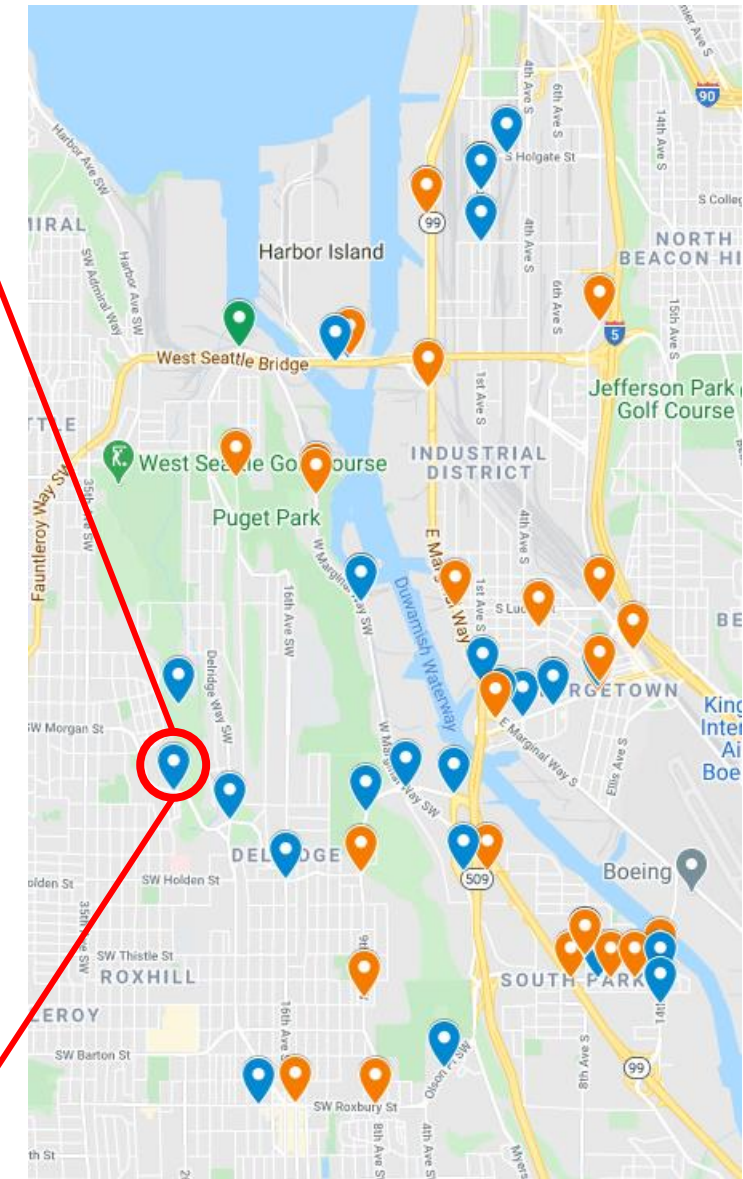
Status  
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Project Site or Extents  
Sylvan Way S

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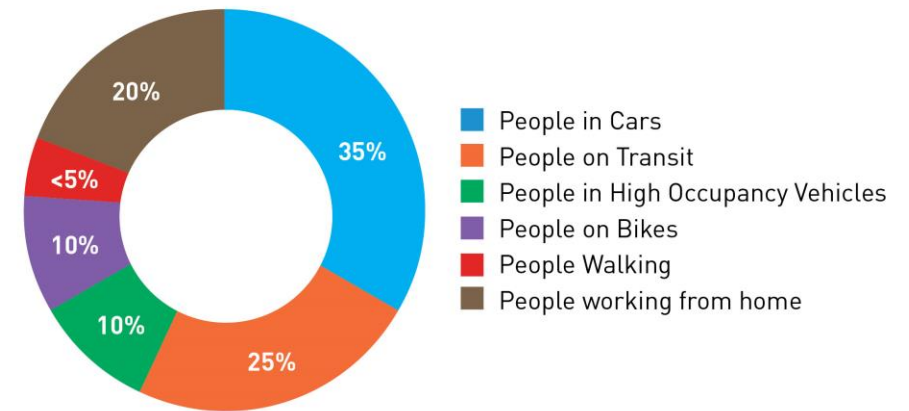


# Mobility Action Plan

*Mode share targets are within our reach*

- Drive alone trips will decrease to 36% mode share after social distancing (2021 Goal: 35%)
- Work from home will represent a 23% mode share (2021 Goal: 20%) indicating that people want to continue remote work in some capacity after social distancing
- Buses see the most significant mode share decrease (from 17% in pre-social distancing to 11% after social distancing); compare to 2021 Goal: 25%
- Increased interest in carpool, vanpool, employer shuttles after social distancing
- Bike and water taxi mode shares show increase to 6% each, but shy of the 10% mode share goal for 2021

**Modified Mode Share Goals  
(September 2020)**



**How People Get Around - Change Needed**



# Top Surveyed Transit Barriers

- Surface: Service (frequency/schedule), Stop Proximity (1st/last mile), Affordability
- Water: Service (frequency/schedule), Shuttle Service (1st mile), Parking, Affordability
- Vanpool: Faster Trips, Van Matching; Affordability
- Bike: Safety, Affordability of e-bikes and bikes; Training/Route Finding; end of trip facilities



# Mobility Action Plan Items in RWS Imp Plan

Project Name	Project Description	Delivery Year	Status
Transit Service	Revised bus service to accommodate High Bridge closure. Metro published a West Seattle Bridge Closure Transit Action Plan.	2020	Complete
Low Bridge Access	Expand access to Low Bridge	2020	Complete
Transit Lanes and signal priority	Installed bus lanes on Spokane Street and Delridge Way	2020	Complete
Water Taxi Service	King County Metro issued RFP for additional boat; funding source needed	2020	Complete
Additional transit service (Metro)	Metro adding back routes 55, 56, 57 to better serve Admiral (September 19, 2020); March 2021 service add (ADD)	2020	Complete
Low Bridge Access	Evaluate continued access to Low Bridge	2020	Ongoing
Employer Coordination	Work with employers to maintain and support work-from-home options	2021	Ongoing
Expand shared employer shuttles	Through King County Metro's Shared Employer Shuttle Program expand access to shuttles for smaller employers	2021	Ongoing
HOV Access	Explore HOV priority to/from West Seattle on detour routes	2021	Planning
Connections to Water Taxi	Evaluate improved parking and transit connections to/from water taxi	2021	Planning
Ride-matching for carpools	Increase awareness of carpool options and help with ride matching	2021	Planning
Evaluate New/Revised Transit Connections	Evaluate new/revised routes to reflect new trip patterns	2021	In partnership with KCM
Ride-matching for vanpools	Promote better awareness of vanpool option to employers/employees; assist in ride-matching	2021	In partnership with KCM



# Mobility Action Plan - transit

- SDOT and King County Metro work together very closely on transit service analysis, data and performance monitoring, spot improvements, and low bridge access policy for transit and vanpools
- King County Metro's West Seattle Bridge Closure Transit Action Plan
  - 5 big ideas
  - COVID bus capacity constraints and economic impact of COVID to Metro; systemwide suspensions with longer-term uncertainty
- SDOT Mobility Action Plan
  - Survey showed lower post-COVID preference for transit use, from 17% pre-COVID distancing to 11% post-COVID; compare to 2021 RWS Goal of 25% transit mode share
  - Bike and scooter share first-last mile connection to transit

# Current Metro Vanpool Promotion

- Start a new Metro Vanpool with two or more commuters and get the first TWO months FREE and access to the Low Bridge
- Available 3-5 days per week
- Promotion is until March 31

More information at:

[www.Kingcounty.gov/VanpoolSavesTime](http://www.Kingcounty.gov/VanpoolSavesTime)

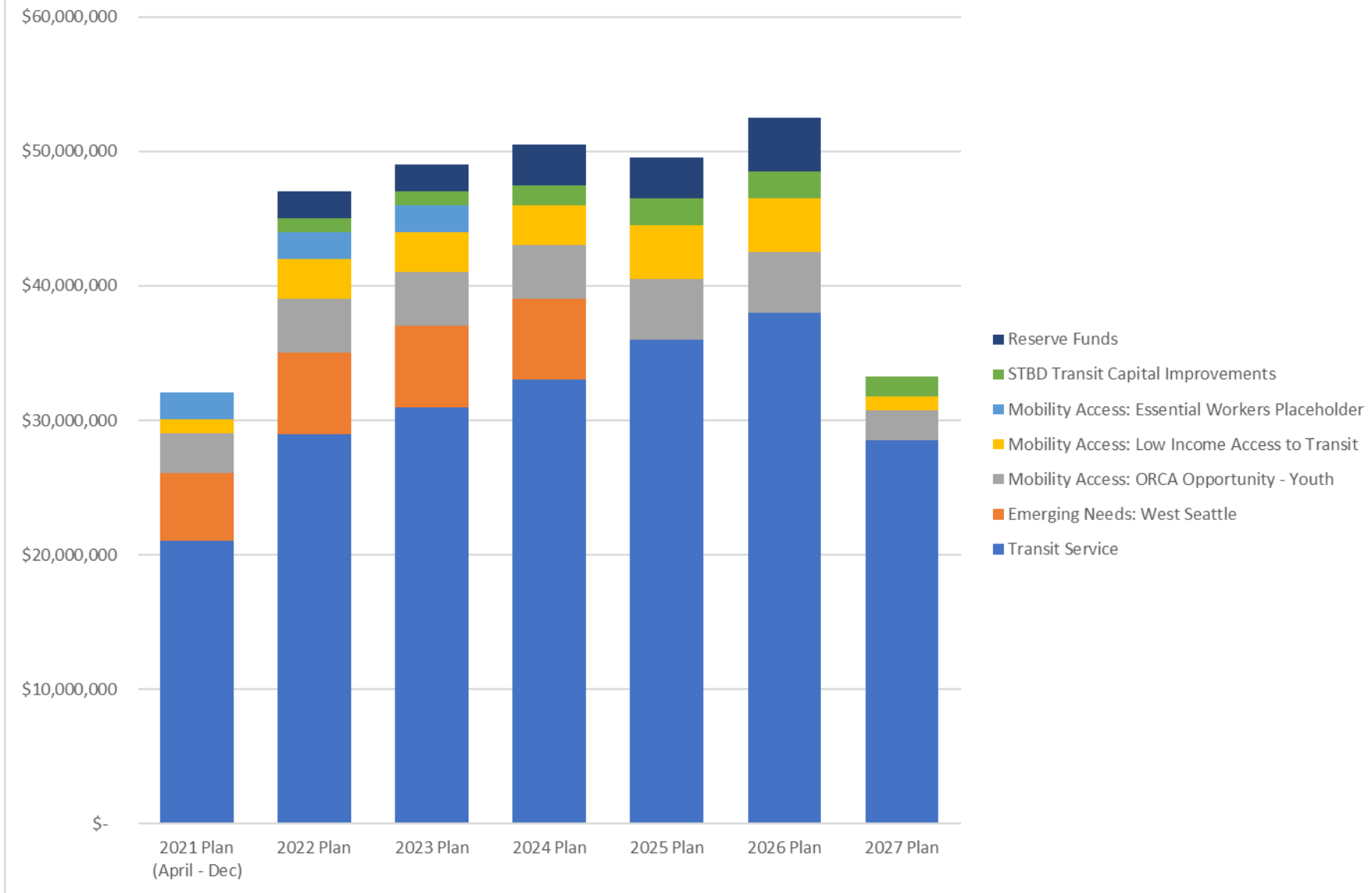


# STBD Emerging Needs

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STBD Draft Spend Plan (2021 - 2027)



# Overview

- New element of STBD 2.0
- “...Proposition 1 revenues may be used annually to support emerging mobility needs related to **COVID-19 response and recovery**, and **closure of the West Seattle High Bridge**.”
- Draft STBD spend plan assumes spending for first four years:
  - \$5M in 2021
  - \$6M annually from 2022-2024.
  - Total of \$23M in Emerging Needs





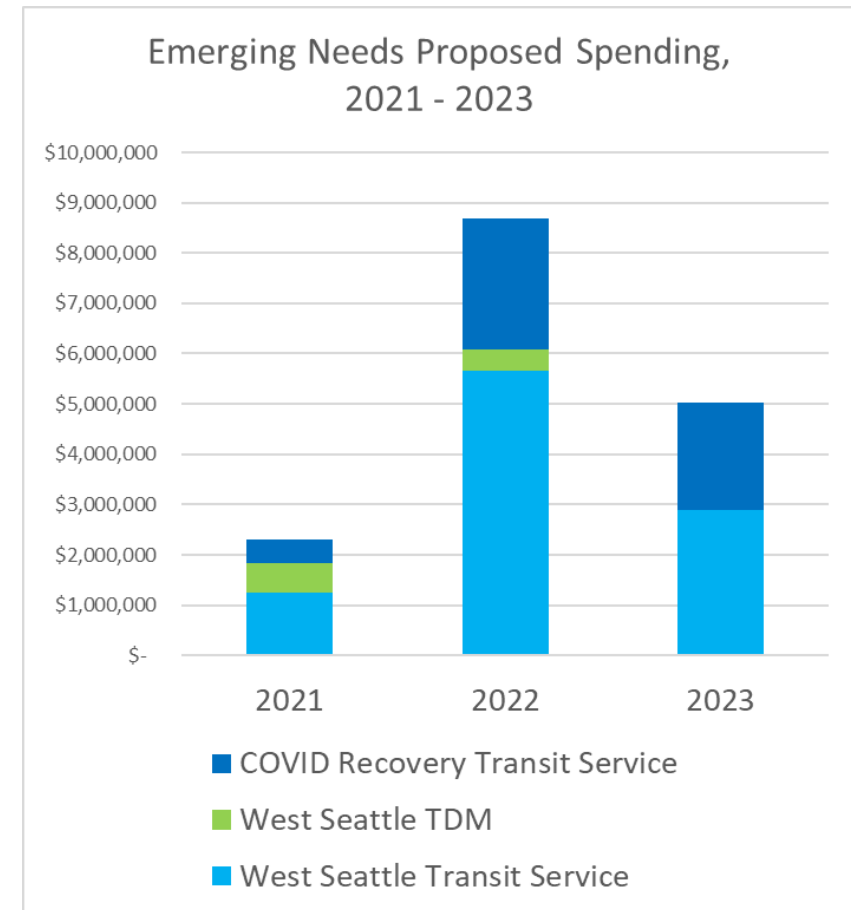
# Emerging Needs Uses Per STBD Ordinance

- “Emerging Needs” may include spending for:
  - Transit service
  - Speed and reliability improvements
  - First-last mile transit connections
  - Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies described in the community-driven Reconnect West Seattle plan
  - To support or pilot innovative partnerships with King County Metro.



# Emerging Needs Proposal: 2021 - 2023

- Focus on additional transit service in West Seattle and on COVID priority routes (~94%)
- Help fund TDM efforts in West Seattle (~6%)
- (2024: We'll be back!)



# Emerging Needs: West Seattle Transit Service

- Add 25,000 Hours in September 2021, and 5,000 in March 2022
- STBD focus: Increase service frequency on all-day routes serving the peninsula
  - Routes 21, 50, 60, 120, and RapidRide C Line, for example
- Specifics determined by productivity information, TAB engagement, and results of forthcoming Racial Equity Toolkit
- Additionally, small frequency increases on Water Taxi shuttles (773 and 775)



Current West Seattle Network

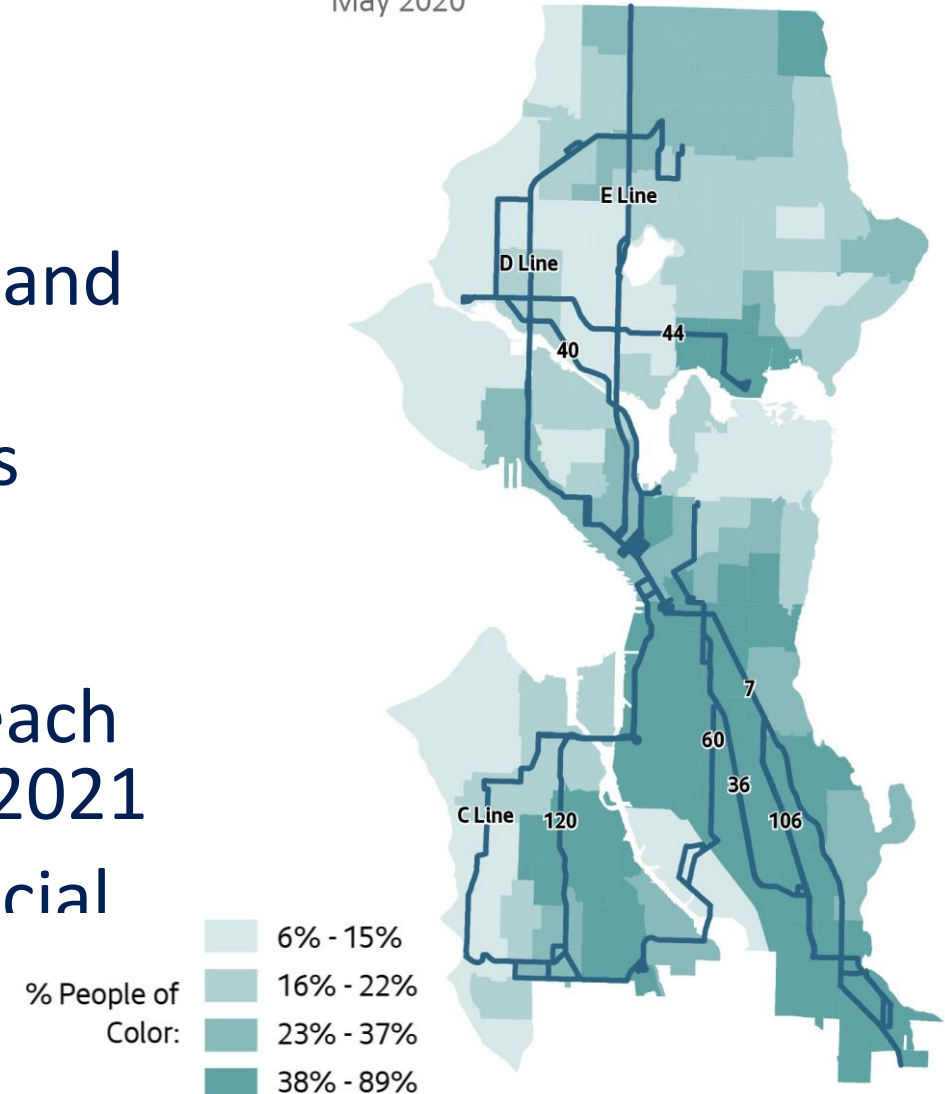
# West Seattle Transportation Demand Management

- A suite of efforts funded by existing resources, federal grants, and STBD Emerging Needs funds
  - Travel options website and upcoming portal
  - Exploring opportunities to encourage micromobility (bike and scooter) use to access transit (first-last mile) throughout the peninsula
  - Partnership with King County Metro on vanpool promotion



# COVID Recovery Service

- Add 10,000 Hours in September 2021, and 5,000 in March 2022
- Targeted frequency increases on routes with continuing high ridership during COVID, in coordination with Metro
- Influenced by service restoration outreach that Metro will be conducting in early 2021
- Also informed by forthcoming STBD Racial Equity Toolkit





# Next Steps

- Continue Racial Equity Toolkit work (late Q1 completion)
  - Targeting TAB conversation in March/April
- Finalize service investment package for September 2021 (late Q1 as well)
  - Targeting TAB conversation in March/April
- Monitor ridership trends to direct additional service in March 2022 and beyond
  - We'll be back!



# Questions?

Thanks!

