

Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee

September 1, 2026

Agenda

- **Public Comment**
- **Committee Business**
 - Meeting minutes approval
 - Modal Board report-outs
- **2026 Q2 Update**
- **Category 11 Program Presentations:**
Good Governance and Equitable
Implementation Initiative
- **Vision Zero Discussion Continued**

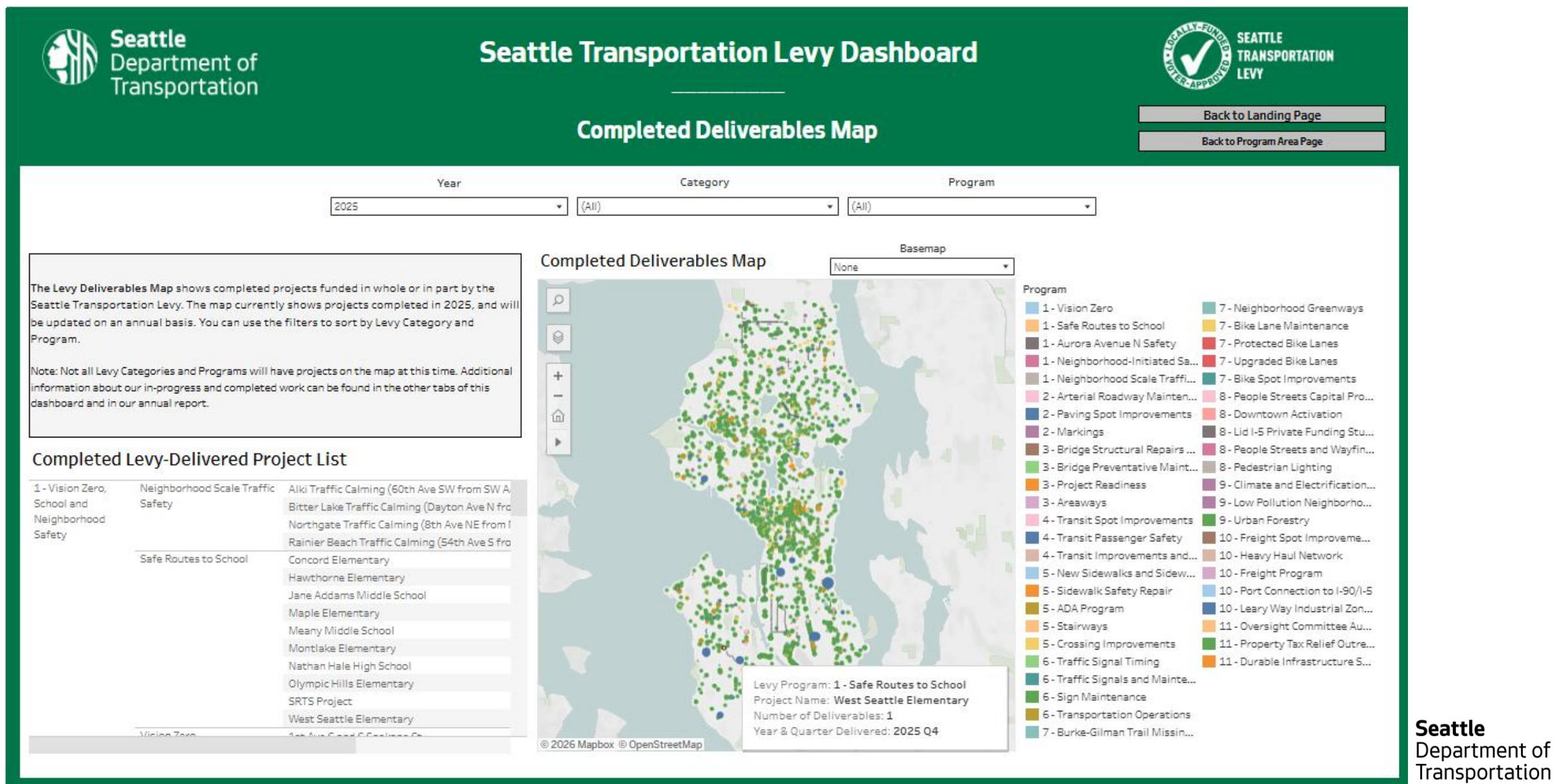


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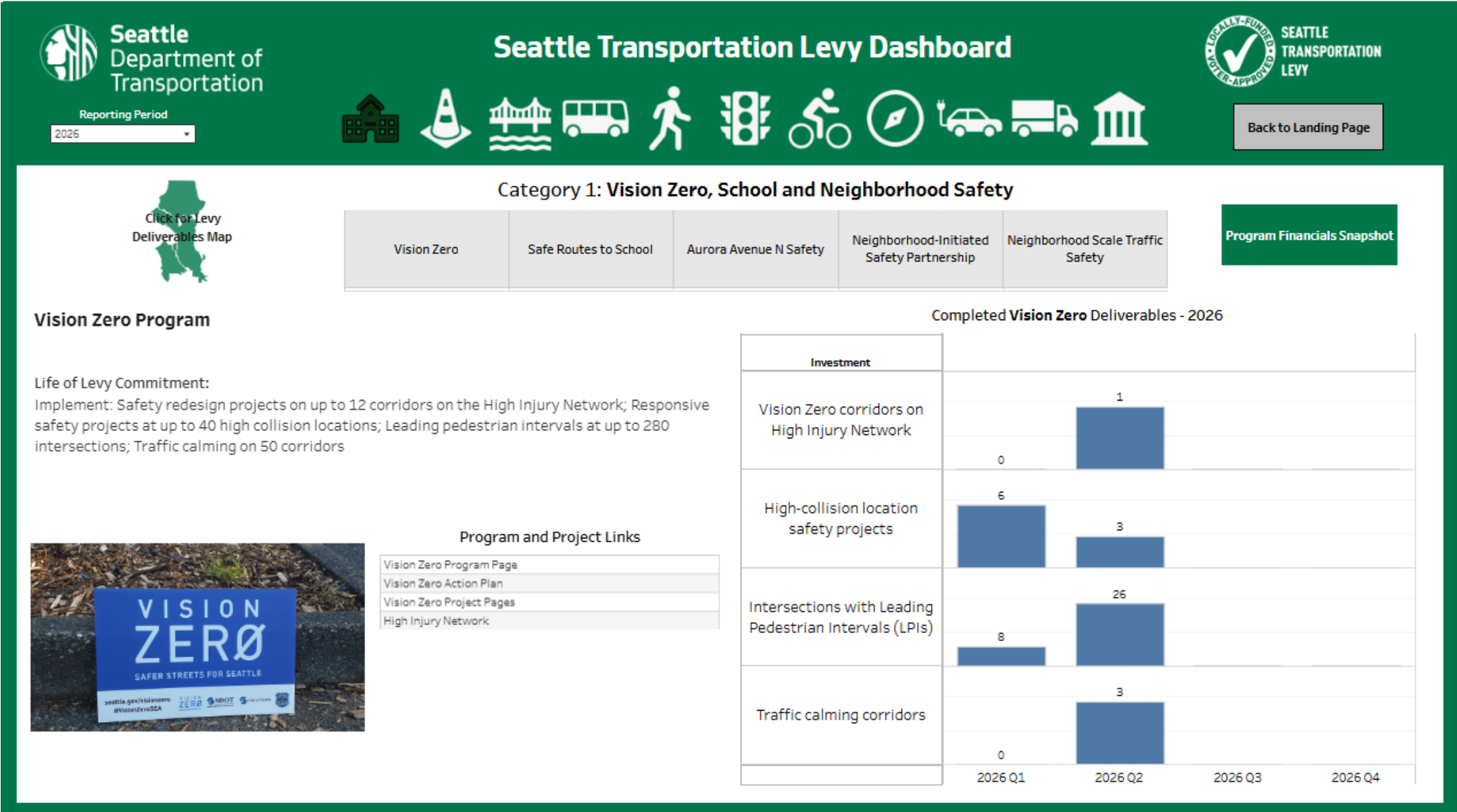
Committee Business

2026 Q2 Update

New – Map of 2025 Completed Deliverables



New – Q2 2026 Data on Levy Dashboard



Recent Levy Highlights – Q2 2026

Vision Zero Program

Completed Construction on Spring Street Safety Corridor Project

3 High Collision Safety Projects

- 2nd Ave and Stewart
- NE Northgate Way and 1st Ave NE
- Harvard Ave and Pike St

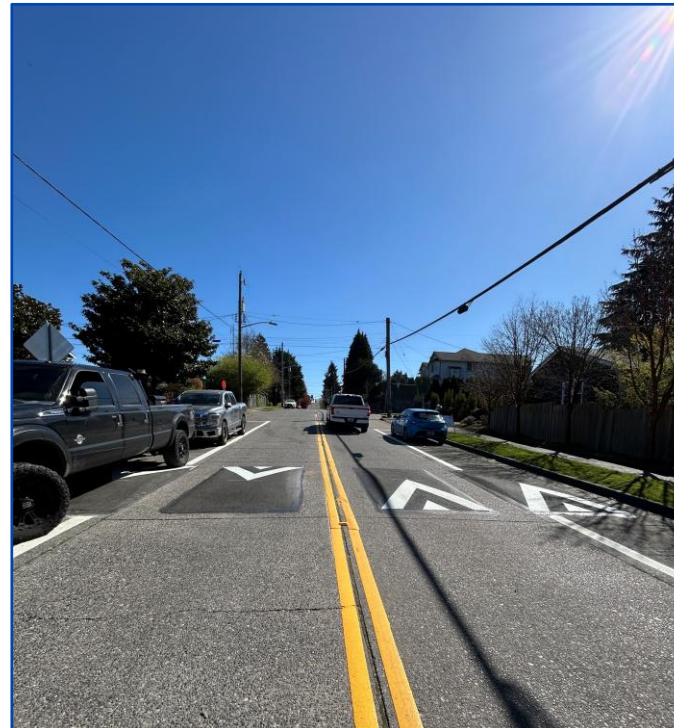
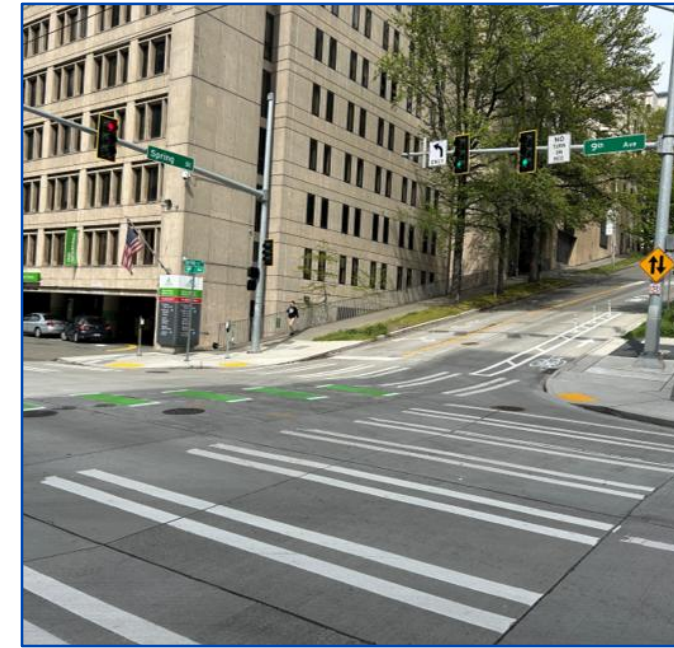
✓ 26 Intersections Updated with LPIs

✓ 3 Traffic Calming Corridors Completed

- S Roxbury St
- Sand Point Way NE
- SW Trenton St

✓ 2 Safe Routes to School Projects - Bertchi School & Rainier View Elementary

✓ 1 NISPP Project – Pinehurst – Roosevelt Way NE



Recent Levy Highlights

Q2 2026 – Part 1

- ✓ 150 Lane Miles Re-striped
- ✓ 1,045 Crosswalks Re-marked
- Reached final design for 1st Ave NE Shared Use Path
- ✓ 15 Transit Spot Improvements
- Phase 1 of high ridership bus route transit improvements along the Denny Way (Route 8)
- ✓ Hired two new staff to support our Freight Program



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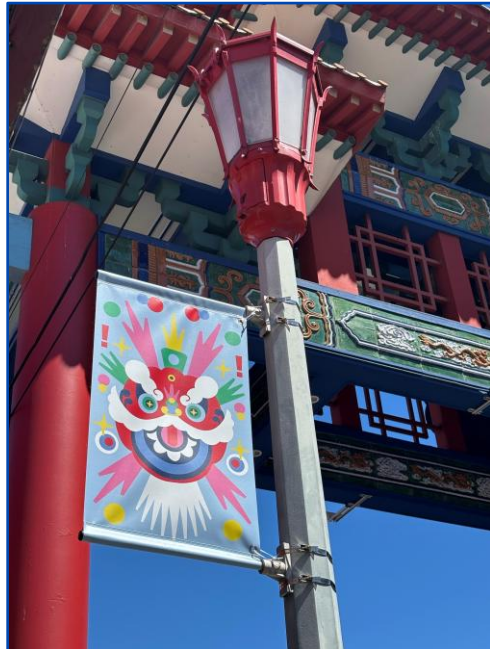
Q2 2026 – Part 2

9.5 Blocks of New Sidewalk

2 People Streets Projects

✓ 4 Bike Spot Improvements

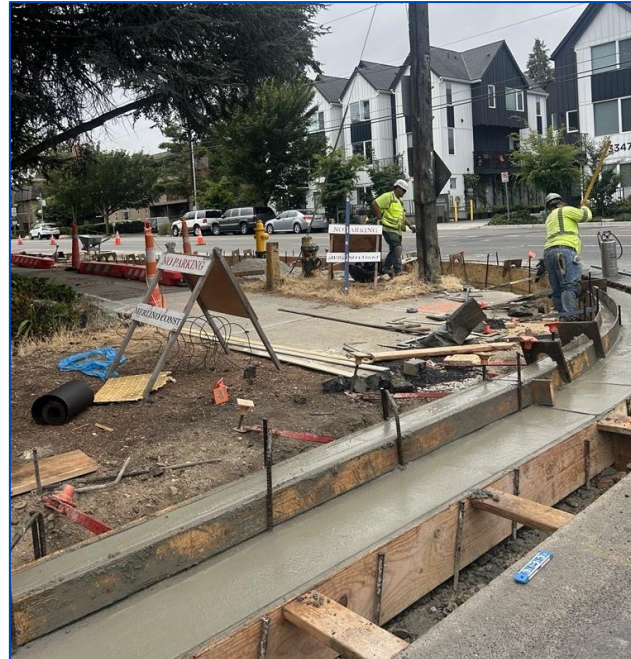
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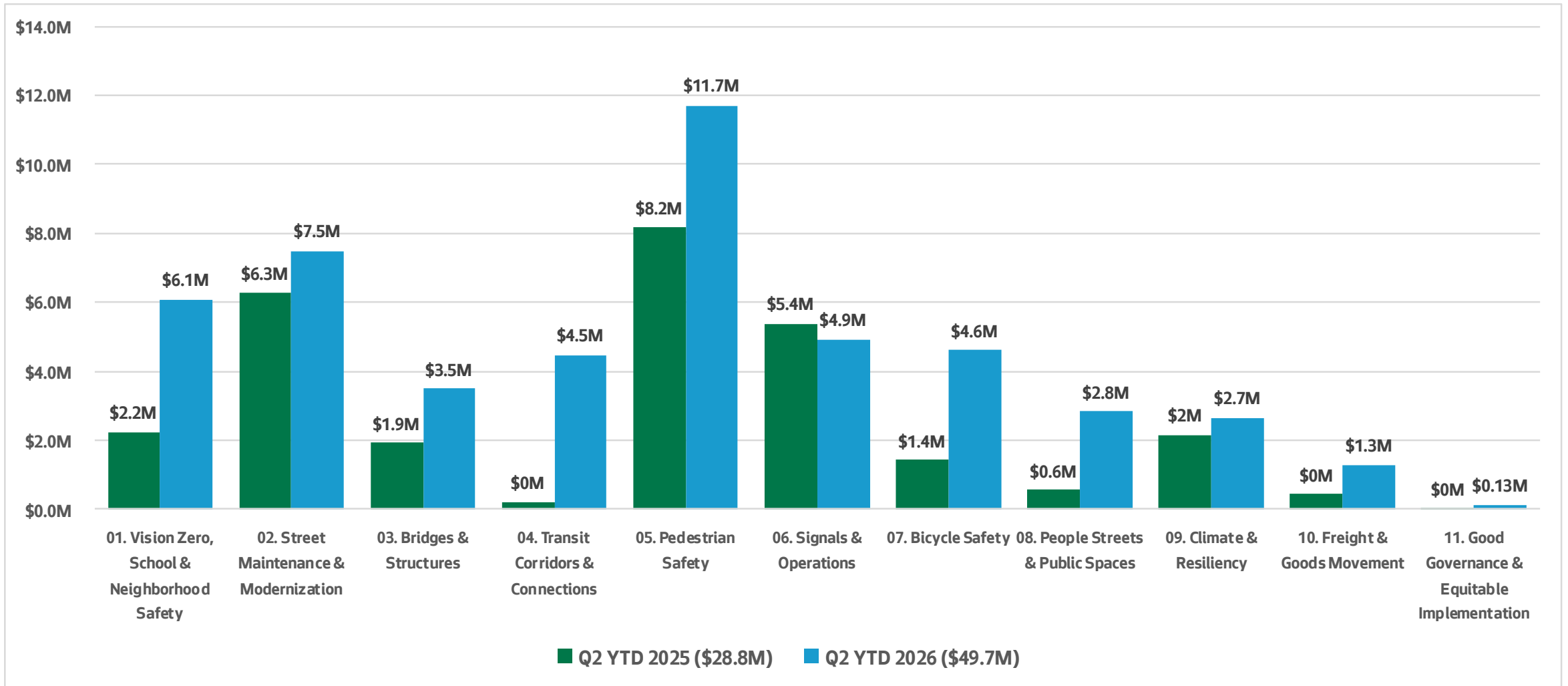
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Q2 2026 – Part 3

- ✓ 16 Areaways Inspected
 - Aurora Ave North Community
- ✓ Advisory Group Recruitment, Application Review and Interviews
 - 66 Curb Ramps
- ✓ Reached 60% Design on the Burke Gilman Trail Missing Link Project
- ✓ 18 Bridges Cleaned
- ✓ Had kickoff meetings for our Ballard and Magnolia Bridge Structural Repair Contracts

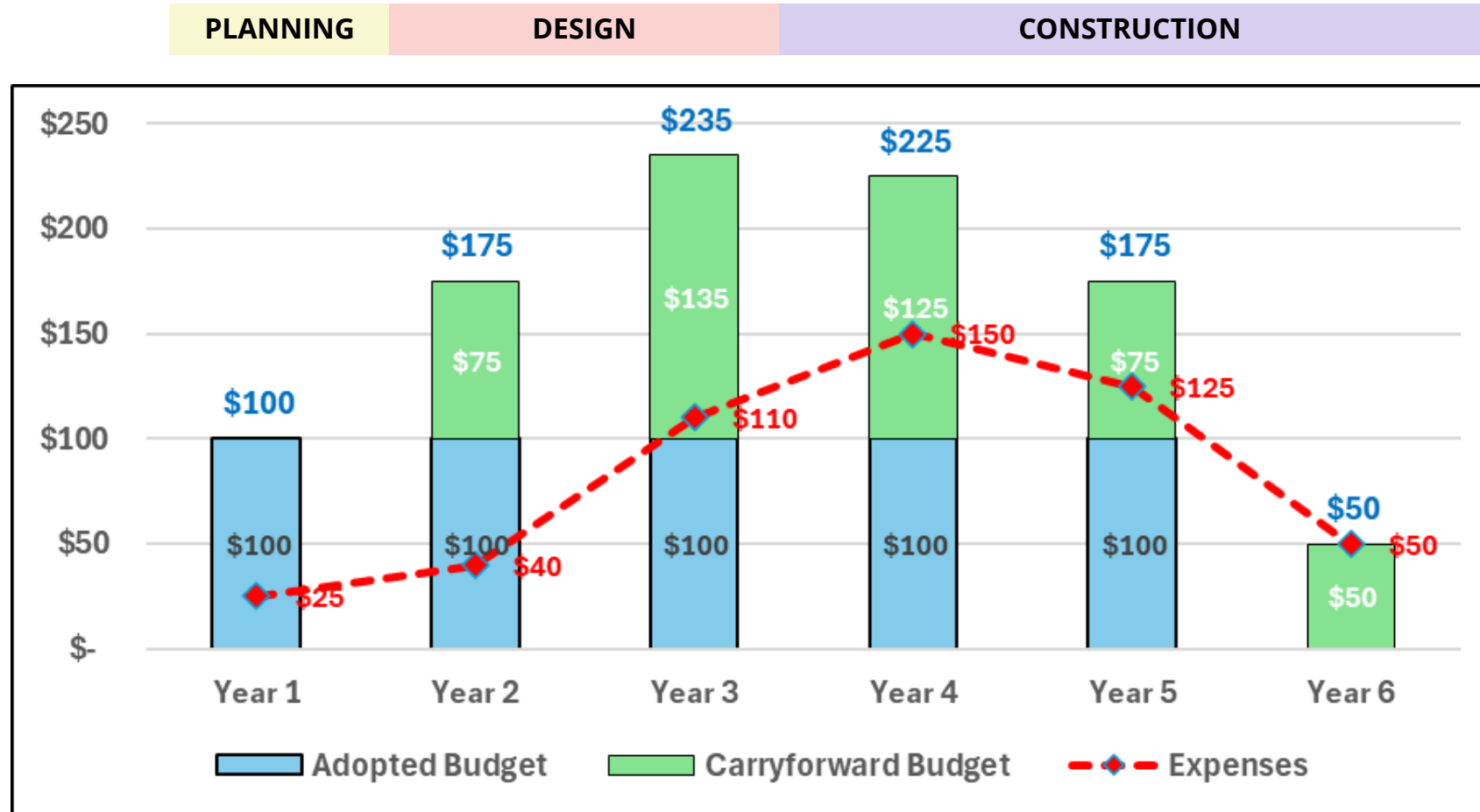


Spending Update – Q2 2026 (All Programs)



What if we have budget leftover at the end of the year?

Example of relationship between adopted/carryforward budget in a single project
Scenario – Program receives \$500 over 5 years (\$100/year)



Total Annual Budget =
Adopted + Carryforward

In years when expenses are **greater** than adopted budget (Years 3-6), carryforward **decreases** the following year.

In years when expenses are **less** than adopted budget (Year 1-2), carryforward **increases** the following year.

Program Overviews

Expected Spending Trends – Category 11

Oversight Committee Auditing and Professional Services (\$1M)

- Irregular spending year over year.

Property Tax Relief Outreach and Education (\$1.5M)

- Additional costs in 2027 to support program launch
- Consistent amount of planned spending year over year for three years of the pilot

Durable Infrastructure Solutions (\$5M)

- Annual spending amounts will vary.

Questions for the LOC

- Do you have any questions about the language in [Attachment A](#)?
- Are you clear on what the commitment and performance targets are?
- What flags do you have with regards to meeting the commitment(s) outlined for the program?
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11.1 – Oversight Committee Auditing and Professional Services

11.1 LOC Auditing and Professional Services

Levy Funding:

- \$1M in levy funds allocated over life of the Levy

Commitments to Voters:

- Provide auditing and professional services support for the Levy Oversight Committee

Progress through Q2 2026

- ✓ Facilitation Support for LOC Charter Development
- ✓ LOC Elected a Chair for the Finance Subcommittee

Note: To date there have been no LOC member compensation requests

Background

Levy dollars can be spent on support for the LOC related to:

- Auditing services
- Professional Services (e.g. Facilitation, LOC Member Compensation, Site Tour/LOC Meeting Support costs)

Per the LOC Charter, the LOC Finance Subcommittee is tasked with overseeing the use of this funding.

Key Program Contacts

- Alex King, LOC Liaison
- Eleen Trang, Boards and Committees Coordinator

11.2 – Property Tax Relief Outreach and Education

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Levy Funding:

- \$1.5M in levy funds allocated over life of the Levy

Commitments to Voters:

- Support public outreach and education on property tax relief programs

Progress through Q2 2026

- ✓ Developed program approach
- ✓ Identified partners and have started drafting Interagency Agreements

Program Approach

SDOT, Human Services Department, Office of Innovation, & King County Assessor's Office



Strengthen King County's ability to guide and process exemption applications/enrollment

- Staffing support , shared materials, and ongoing partnership



Collect better data to understand landscape

- Graduate Intern through Office of Innovation & Technology



Support targeted outreach and enrollment through HSD contracted CBO Partners

- CBOs to hold events, conduct targeted outreach, and integrate property tax exemption education into exiting efforts



Streamline digital experience for Seattle residents

Program Look-Ahead

2026:

- Finalize interagency agreements
- Work with partners to identify meaningful data points and performance metrics to track over time

2027 Launch: Begin program implementation & quarterly data collection

2027 - 2030:

- Ongoing programming with informal assessment opportunities
- Program & budget adjustments as needed

2030 Interim Assessment: Assessment of program & decision to proceed with funding for remainder of Levy

Key Program Contacts

11.2 Property Tax Relief Outreach and Education

Alex King, Strategic Advisor, Communications, SDOT

Miguel Jiménez, Affordable Seattle Program and Policy Lead,
Office of Innovation and Performance, Information
Technology Department

Eldad Mekuria, Planning and Development Specialist,
Human Services Department

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11.3 – Durable Infrastructure Solutions

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Levy Funding:

- \$5M in levy funds allocated over life of the Levy

Commitments to Voters:

- By January 1, 2029, investigate and propose a comprehensive long-range strategy to:
 - Achieve and maintain an FHWA rating of Good for at least 30% of vehicle bridges and a rating of Fair for at least 60% of vehicle bridges;
 - Achieve and maintain an average Pavement Condition Index of 80 for arterial streets; and
 - Complete the missing sidewalk network Tier 1 through Tier 5.
- Investigate Transportation Impact Fees as a funding strategy for meeting sidewalk, bridge, and pavement needs and make recommendations for a Transportation Impact Fee proposal.

Progress through Q2 2026

- ✓ Transportation Funding Task Force Recruitment & Appointments

Background

Resolution #32137 Defined Levy Programs

- Directed initial Task Force composition, scope, and schedule
- Called for follow-up legislation providing additional details

Resolution #32145 directs SDOT to establish a Transportation Funding Task Force to:

- Review current funding, policies, asset management approach
- Assess potential impacts/trade-offs of policy, funding, delivery tools
- Council updates every 6 months
- Recommendations Report to Council by Dec 31, 2027

Membership

- Representing diverse community, advocacy, business, accessibility, labor, development, and transportation expertise
- Council Resolution to confirm appointments

Scope & Outcomes

The Task Force will ...

- Develop **advisory policy and funding recommendations**, w/ tradeoffs and rationale, to support transportation infrastructure
- Focus primarily on **sidewalks, arterial pavement, and vehicle bridges** (per resolution).
- Recommend **revenue tools, financing strategies, policy and/or delivery changes** that improve asset outcomes.
- Review **asset conditions, lifecycle costs, funding gaps, revenue constraints, bridge/sidewalk audits, claims history**, etc.
- **Assess legal and political viability, potential equity impacts** and other criteria (safety, climate, etc.).

Member Recruitment

Public Call for Applications *Summer 2026*

- Advertised widely across web, social media, blog posts
- 3 virtual Q&A sessions
- City partners and leadership helped spread the word
- Additional outreach to networks aligned with resolution categories of representation

Written Applications *May*

Assessed on relevant experience, perspectives, and interest statements

Interviews *June*

30-minute virtual interviews to further evaluated how each candidate's interests, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and availability could support this work

Leadership Coordination *July*

SDOT coordinated with Mayor's Office and Council leadership to ensure alignment with resolution criteria and close gaps in underrepresented voices

Final Membership Slate *August*

Submitted for Council Consideration of Appointment

Getting to Work!

- **August:**
 - City Council Appointment of Members
 - One-on-One On-Boarding Meetings
- **September: Welcome Reception & Orientation**
- **October 2026 - December 2027: Monthly Working Meetings**
- **Q1 2027: 6-month City Council Update**



Key Program Contacts

11.3 Durable Infrastructure Solutions

Sarah Strand, Project Manager

SDOT Revenue & Capital Development, Policy & Planning

Ramandeep Josen, Deputy Project Manager

SDOT Asset Management & Performance

Annya Pintak, Deputy Project Manager

SDOT Transportation Equity Program

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Vision Zero Subcommittee Update & Discussion



Discussion

Briefly Journal and prepare for circle discussion (1 minute each)

Does the letter feel complete, or is there something else we need to address before we can confidently move to a vote?

Circle order (random)

1. Zach Burton
2. Jack Brand
3. Geri Poor
4. Lynda Firey-Oldroyd
5. Jack Whisner
6. Wes Mills
7. Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton
8. Lisa Bogardus
9. Saroja Reddy
10. Harrison Jerome
11. Louis Spanias
12. City Councilmember Rob Saka
13. Lucy Sloman
14. Tyler Vasquez
15. Steven Pumphrey
16. Nafiso Samatar
17. Timothy Chang
18. Chase Kitchen
19. Rafi Ronquillo

Upcoming

What you can expect over the next few months

(Individual meeting topics may change as needed)

October 6– 5- 7pm

- In-Person Meeting
- Downtown Walking Tour
- Budget 2027

November 3- 5 – 7pm

- Hybrid Meeting
- Tentatively Planned – Program Presentations (Transit, Signals, Bike Safety)

November – December

- Tentative: Optional Bridge Site Tours (Multiple Dates)

THANK YOU!

Additional Program Background Information

11.1 Oversight Committee Auditing and Services Support

Supporting Transportation Equity

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- Create **a consistent, transparent and equitable recruitment process for modal board members**; this includes recruitment outreach, eligibility criteria, application/interview process and a method to identify applicant's participation, especially on equity-mindedness, commitment to their own journey of racial equity and a passion for service. (TEF Tactic 26.2)

Additional Program Background Information

11.2 Property Tax Outreach and Education

Supporting Transportation Equity

11.2 Property Tax Relief Outreach and Education

- Identify and implement internal SDOT process to **include** equity and **anti-displacement** impact statements and **mitigations as part of transportation capital projects and other initiatives.**
(TEF Tactic 51.1)

Why Property Tax Exemption Outreach?

- **Levies place the greatest financial strain on low-income and disabled homeowners**, with displacement pressures most acute for BIPOC communities
- Reducing property tax burden helps **stabilize homeowners and supports aging residents** to remain in their homes with dignity
- **More people will soon qualify** as income thresholds rise and the region's aging population grows dramatically, **increasing applications and need for support**
- **Outreach ensures those least likely to hear about or navigate the exemption can access relief**
- This work **advances SDOT's TEF Tactics** anti-displacement and community engagement tactics by helping residents stay in place amid rising costs

Who Qualifies for Property Tax Exemption?

Senior/Veteran Exemption:

✓ Any one of the following:

☐ 62+ years old

☐ Disabled

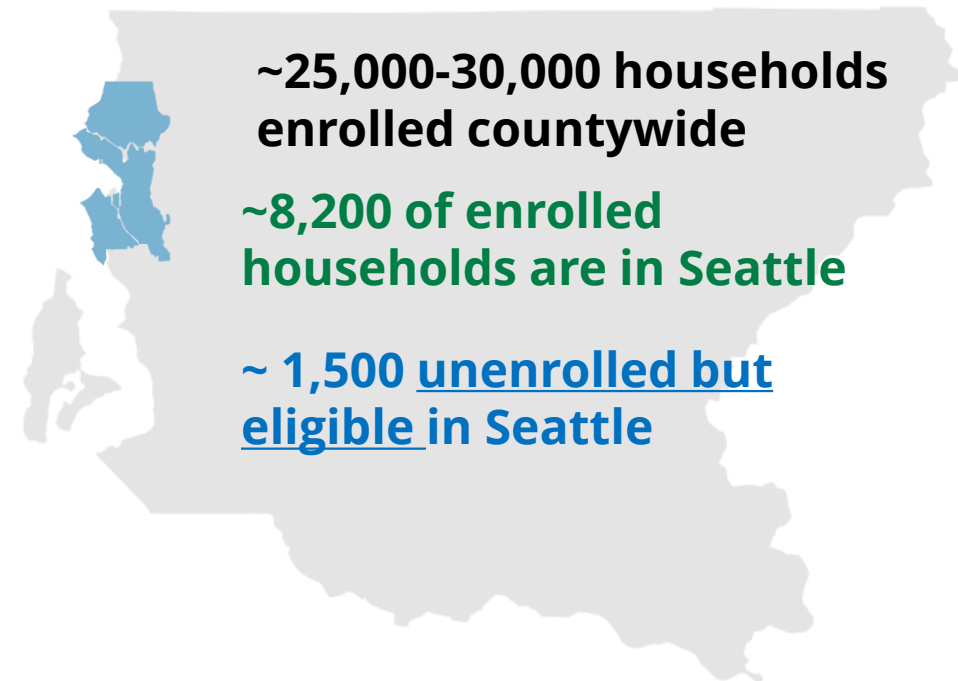
☐ A veteran with a qualifying disability rating

AND

✓ Own home

✓ Make under \$84,000 annually

Current Exemption Enrollment:



Desired Outcomes

Enrollment: Increase the number of people who are taking advantage of the property tax exemption, out of the population that qualifies

Equity: Reduce gaps in who takes advantage of exemption among most vulnerable populations

System: Strengthen long-term infrastructure that connects and enrolls eligible residents

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- **Identify**, pursue and implement **new progressive funding policies** that are equitable and includes values to address income inequality. (TEF Tactic 19.5)
- For stakeholder sessions related to **revenue spending and source for transportation investments, include and invite BIPOC and community-centered businesses and leaders** to participate in the process. (TEF Tactic 21.3)
- **Identify new and less regressive federal, state and City funding** and advocate to invest in pedestrian safety including crosswalks, **sidewalks**, traffic calming, lighting, signal operations, etc.; include analysis from the Pedestrian RET into this process (TEF Tactic 38.3)

Guiding Legislation

Resolution #32137

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- Called for follow-up legislation with more details

Resolution #32145

- **Establish a Transportation Funding Task Force**
 - Review current funding, policies, asset management
 - Assess impacts/trade-offs of potential policy, funding, delivery tools
 - Give particular focus to sidewalks, paving, and bridges (per Levy Attachment A)
- **Membership Composition**
- **Provide updates to City Council every 6 months**
- **Final Recommendations to Council (Dec 2027)**





Guiding Legislation: Membership

Per Resolution #32145:

The Council and Mayor will work together to appoint a Task Force that represents diverse perspectives of:

- Neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Accessibility Advocates
- Mobility Advocates
- Labor
- Development community
- Transportation project delivery and funding experts

Task Force appointments are required to be confirmed by City Council via Resolution.

SDOT Budget Process

