

BRIDGINGtheGAP



SDOT: Keeping Seattle Moving

Building and operating a transportation system that keeps people, goods and services moving.

Message from the Mayor



I am pleased to present the annual report on the Bridging the Gap transportation levy. 2014 was the program's seventh year of work and its accomplishments can be seen all across Seattle. The City met or exceeded all of its Bridging the Gap goals last year, a strong sign of our commitment to enhancing Seattle's transportation infrastructure and delivering on the promises made to voters.

This past year we paved 17 lane-miles of city streets, restriped 855 lane-miles of arterials, planted 566 trees and replaced faded street name signs at 1,264 intersections. Bridging the Gap, however, focuses on more than just roadway improvements. We also striped six lane-miles of bike lanes and sharrows, built seven blocks of new sidewalk, repaired 25 block equivalents of sidewalk, rehabilitated seven stairways, and worked closely with King County Metro to maintain the more than 50,000 service hours of transit service acquired through the levy.

The Seattle Department of Transportation and the Levy Oversight Committee continue to demonstrate their commitment to the levy and I commend them all for their work.

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor
City of Seattle

Message from the Director



Building on the momentum of the seven years of Bridging the Gap, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) set aggressive goals for the program in 2014. I am happy to report that we achieved these goals.

Last year, SDOT installed 46 pedestrian crossing improvements, replaced 3,144 regulatory signs, completed 366 bridge repair requests, installed 821 linear-feet of new guardrail and maintained 779 traffic signals. These accomplishments, and others, are highlighted in the 2014 BTG Annual Report and are the direct result of the hard work by SDOT teams and crews.

SDOT looks forward to continuing to work with the BTG Levy Oversight Committee and community members, to improve the citywide transportation infrastructure for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, freight and motorists.

Our SDOT crews will be busy at work, again this year, so expect to see them Bridging the Gap in neighborhoods throughout the city.

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Scott Kubly, Director
Seattle Department of Transportation

What is Bridging the Gap?

In 2006, Seattle voters passed a nine-year transportation levy for maintenance and improvements known as Bridging the Gap (BTG). The levy is complemented by a commercial parking tax and an employee hours tax, which has since been repealed. The levy funds programs to address the maintenance backlog for paving; sidewalk development and repairs; bridge repair, rehabilitation, and seismic upgrades; tree pruning and planting; transit enhancements; and other much needed maintenance work. Funding also supports projects that develop and implement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master plans, creates a Safe Routes to School Program, improves transit connections and helps neighborhoods get larger projects built through the Neighborhood Street Fund large project program.



Accountability - Levy Oversight Committee

The Bridging the Gap (BTG) Oversight Committee is responsible for providing accountability on the use of BTG funds, making sure that revenues and expenditures are used for program and project implementation consistent with levy requirements.

Over the last eight years, this committee reviewed BTG projects that serve all users: commuters, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the freight community. The committee actively focused on how BTG program and project funding is being integrated into other planning and programming at the Seattle Department of Transportation. During the last two large project selection processes, the committee reviewed applications for this Neighborhood Street Fund program and made project recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

The committee believes strongly that one way to assure accountability is to be accessible to the public. To help ensure accessibility, meeting materials are made available through the SDOT website and each of our quarterly meetings is open to the public, with time set aside for people to share their views on BTG issues.

As evidenced in this report, the committee believes excellent progress has been made by SDOT over the first eight years of Bridging the Gap. The committee looks forward to the concluding year of a well-run and highly accountable BTG program. The committee thanks Seattle voters for passing Bridging the Gap in 2006. The improvements highlighted in this report would not have been possible without this funding source and the support of Seattle voters.

For more information, please visit our webpage at www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_oversight.htm.

BTG Oversight Committee

Co-Chair Ann Martin, Co-Chair Kristen Lohse, Jeff Aken, Allegra Calder, Chisula Chambers, John Coney, Betty Spieth-Croll, Lydia Heard, Ref Lindmark, City Budget Director Ben Noble, Jessica Szlag, Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Jeremy Valenta and Barbara Wright

Key BTG 9-Year Goals and Status – 2014

Maintenance

Resurface or replace 200 lane-miles of arterial streets	225 lane-miles completed
Rehabilitate or replace 5 bridges and seismically retrofit 5 additional bridges	6 bridges rehabilitated, 7 bridges retrofitted
Replace over 50,000 small, faded street and regulatory signs	90,230 signs replaced
Rehabilitate 40 stairways	40 stairways completed
Prune 25,000 street trees to prevent safety and security hazards	26,226 trees pruned
Replace street name signs at all 12,300 arterial intersections	11,1137 intersections have new street name signs

Pedestrian/Bike/Safety

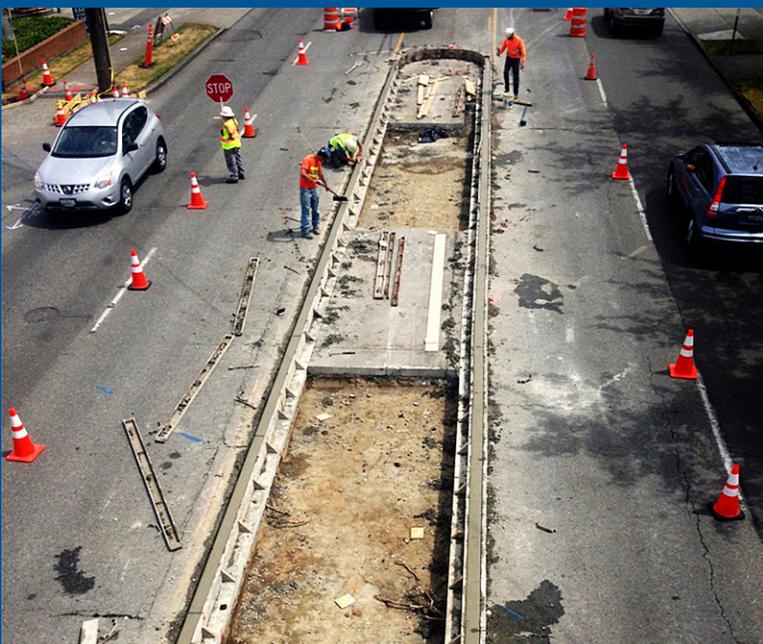
Create "safe routes to schools" near 30 elementary schools	48 Safe Routes Projects completed
Repair or restore 144 blocks of sidewalks	193 blocks repaired
Add 4 miles of new multi-use paths	4 miles have been completed
Restripe 5,000 crosswalks	5,241 crosswalks restriped
Construct 117 blocks of new sidewalks	107 blocks constructed

Transit

Enhance transit and safety on 3 key transit corridors	3 corridors enhanced – Ballard, West Seattle and Aurora
Secure up to 50,000 hours of new Metro Transit service	50,000 new hours secured

Neighborhood Street Fund

Provide \$1.5 million annually for neighborhood-identified projects	30 NSF projects completed
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Monitoring Levy Work

2014 BTG Financial Overview

Each year, funding for the BTG work program is a combination of other SDOT funds and BTG levy revenues to create a total budget. The spending plan represents the portion of the total budget that SDOT intends to spend in the year.

2014 BTG Adopted Budget: \$104.72M (this includes \$34.38M of 2013 BTG carry forward)

2014 Other City Funding Allocation: \$168.17M (this includes \$107M of 2013 non-BTG carry forward)

2014 Total Program Budget: \$272.89 million

2014 Spending Plan: \$108.79 million (to spend 100% of their funds each year)

2014 Actual Expenditures: \$104.42 million

The BTG levy approved by voters stipulated what percentage of levy revenues should be spent on certain categories of projects shown below:

2014 Levy Breakout	
	2014 Annual Levy Spending
Maintenance is...	60% of total 2014 Levy
Pedestrian/Bike Safety is...	25% of total 2014 Levy
Transit & Major Projects is...	15% of total 2014 Levy

Cumulative Levy Breakout (2007-2014)		
	Cumulative Levy Requirement	Cumulative Actual Levy Spending
Maintenance is...	No less than 67%	68% of total Levy
Pedestrian/Bike Safety is...	No less than 18%	19% of total Levy
Transit & Major Projects is...	No more than 15%	13% of total Levy



BTG Accomplishments

2007 - 2014

BTG Project	2007 Results	2008 Results	2009 Results	2010 Results	2011 Results	2012 Results	2013 Results	2014 Results	Total to Date
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT									
Pedestrian countdown signals installed (intersections)	26	27	40	40	26	25	26	45	255
New sidewalk block faces built	13	15.4	25.85	15.1	10	12.2	8.65	7	107.2
Walking routes to schools improved for safety	1	7	6	5	6	6	9	12	52
Crosswalks remarked	789	1,082	810	631	308	501	608	512	5241
Neighborhood projects selected	17	-	-	11	-	-	12		40
Neighborhood projects designed	-	17	-	-	11	-		12	28
Neighborhood projects constructed	-	-	17	-	2	8	1	1	29
Speed watch trailers deployed	68	68	73	61	51	50	51	54	476
Curb ramps designed and constructed	-	-	-	270	295	161	133	152	1011
Bike lanes and sharrows striped (in miles)	20.7	36.07	35.32	20.23	15.02	15.21	7.68	6	156.23
Bike lanes and sharrows restriped (in miles)	-	-	48.07	35.01	26.27	40.03	71.6	60.5	281.48
Bike routes signs installed (in miles)	3.6	11.15	19.6	31.54	31.5	32.57	26.7	25	181.66
Bike trail segments built	2	4	2	1	1	-			10
Trail inspection (in miles)	0	26.63	20	26.72	27	35.5	40	40	215.85
Urban trail and bikeway spot improvements	25	24	47	47	10	10	10	10	183
Bicycle Parking spaces	-	-	-	351	210	612	420	523	2116
School zones with safety signs improved	26	76	52	10	10	11	11	12	208
Regulatory street signs replaced	7,365	9,770	8,315	7,604	5,145	2,981	3,259	3,207	47646
Street-name signs replaced (intersections)	1,044	1,097	1,716	1,701	1,156	1,584	1,575	1,268	11141
Number of corridors with signs replaced	5	5	1	1	-	-	-		12
Directional signs replaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	5
Arterial lane-miles restriped	1,578	1,351.42	1322.77	1148.11	1151.1	945.11	867	855	9218.51
Crash cushions replaced/maintained	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	12	34
Guardrail replaced (in feet)	3,562.50	2,899.50	2,086	2,023	1,891	1,934	874	821	16091
New traffic signal requests evaluated	88	73	64	53	53	55	59	49	494

BTG Project	2007 Results	2008 Results	2009 Results	2010 Results	2011 Results	2012 Results	2013 Results	2014 Results	Total to Date
New signals installed	8	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	29
Signal beacons maintained	396	298	281	105	-	-			1080
Traffic signals maintained	1,001	1,012	1,041	1,040	1,055	1,061	1,024	781	8015
Signal Major Maintenance - re-build intersections	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	17
Traffic control cabinets replaced	20	20	10	10	8	8	6	12	94
Electrical traffic control devices evaluated	211	291	296	257	241	257	292	348	2193
Electrical traffic control devices installed, modified or removed	121	127	50	60	79	96	86	78	697
Traffic control concerns evaluated	393	564	502	635	1005	1478	1581	1417	7575
Left turn signal improvements evaluated	34	30	20	24	40	39	37	68	292
Left turn signal improvements installed	6	6	3	5	2	3	3	3	31
Left turns improved for pedestrian safety	2	6	-	-	-	-	-		8
Locations improved for pedestrian safety	12	10	11	10	-	-	-		43
Safety concerns evaluated	52	65	59	56	36	32	33	43	376
Crossing improvements implemented	-	-	-	42	51	47	45	46	231
CAPITAL PROJECTS & ROADWAY STRUCTURES									
Road lane-miles paved - AAC	28.8	41.5	28.7	33.3	37	16.4	19.7	17	222.4
Road lane-miles paved - AMM	-	-	-	-	-	11	14	17	25
Bridge repair requests completed	170	415	424	294	230	281	233	366	2413
Stairways rehabilitated	5	7	5	3	3	3	7	9	42
STREET MAINTENANCE									
Sidewalk block faces repaired	14.07	24.21	30.13	25.13	25.1	24.33	26	25	193.97
STREET USE & URBAN FORESTRY									
Trees planted	681	923	818	854	822	815	656	566	6135
Trees pruned	2,520	3,190	3,569	3,781	3,412	3,099	3,515	3,151	26237
Landscape maintained (square feet)	0	43,596	44,011	-	-	-			87607
Landscape maintained (maintenance events)	-	-	-	1,530	912	970	1,088	1,137	5637
POLICY & PLANNING									
Transit hours secured	0	20,000	8,800	14,800	-	-			43,600
Transit hours maintained	-	-	-	-	43,600	43,600	43,600	43,600	43,600
Transit corridor project implementation	0	3	0	3	3	3	7	10	29

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