



City of Seattle

Transportation Levy Proposal









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- ✓ For the last 18 years, Seattle voters have supported transportation levies that make improvements to our streets, sidewalks, bridges, and traffic signals.
- ✓ The Levy to Move Seattle, which expires at the end of 2024, represents roughly 30% of the Seattle Department of Transportation's budget for core services and new projects.
- ✓ The levy proposal is for \$1.45 billion over 8 years, reflecting the safety, maintenance, and modernization needs of our transportation infrastructure and community input.
- ✓ The 9-year, \$930 million Levy to Move Seattle passed in 2015 costs the owner of a median-priced Seattle property (valued at \$804,000) about \$23 per month.
- ✓ The proposed levy would cost the median-value Seattle homeowner about \$39 per month, approximately \$16 more per month than the current levy.
- ✓ This levy would pave roads, repair bridges, build sidewalks and safer streets, improve connections to light rail stations and transit, and build safe walking, rolling, and biking routes.

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The Mayor's proposal calls for an 8-year, \$1.45 billion levy to renew the current levy expiring this year.

-  Implement safety projects on 12 or more corridors that have the highest number of crashes.
-  Repave at least 15 of our busiest streets, improving them for people to walk, roll, bike, and take the bus.
-  Start a preventative bridge maintenance program for the City's 134 bridges.
-  Support construction of 280 blocks of new sidewalks.
-  Complete access projects to 3 Link light rail stations to make it easier to walk, bike, roll, or take the bus.
-  Improve lighting and walking and biking connections to public schools and light rail stations.
-  Repair 34,000 urgent sidewalk defects and replace sidewalks.
-  Build 16 neighborhood-initiated and co-created safety projects.



Safe
Seattle



Reliable
Seattle



One
Seattle

The expiring Levy to Move Seattle represents roughly 30% of SDOT's budget for core services and new projects. Learn more about the levy proposal at



www.seattle.gov/transportation/levy



Repave and reconstruct 38% of the busiest blocks where streets are in poor condition.



Upgrade mechanical systems to keep moveable Ship Canal bridges working reliably.



Remark up to 3,600 crosswalks and refresh pavement markings on at least 2,100 miles of roadway.



Contribute to 10,000 new accessible curb ramps.



Upgrade 30% of existing protected bike lanes with better barriers.



Improve the bike network by increasing protection, enhancing maintenance, and closing gaps.



Install head-start pedestrian walk signals at 280 intersections.



Create or expand 5 or more neighborhood greenways connecting to schools.



Update signal timing on 40 corridors.



Improve up to 4 streets with high ridership bus routes with a focus in equity priority areas.



Work with partner agencies to create or improve east-west transit corridors providing access to Link light rail stations.



Implement 160 projects citywide to improve bus reliability, access, equity, and safety with a focus on performance “pinch points” affecting multiple routes.



Partner with community to install electric vehicle charging options and low-pollution neighborhoods.



Install 10 new traffic signals that improve flow and safety for people and goods.



Expand tree canopy cover and tree species diversity.



Improve public spaces and pedestrian lighting so people can walk, play, and enjoy outdoor activities safely.











Invest in maintenance, lighting, wayfinding, and activation to support Downtown revitalization.



Repair 20% of Major Truck Streets in poor condition.

Investments at a Glance

This levy proposal reflects the safety and maintenance needs of our transportation infrastructure. The \$1.45 billion, 8-year proposal would cost a Seattle homeowner with a median-price home about \$16 more per month than the expiring Levy to Move Seattle, for a total of \$39 per month. It would fund investments in every neighborhood and business district to help build a safe, reliable, and connected Seattle.

The proposed levy would benefit Seattle in many ways:	 Safety	 People Walking and Rolling	 People Biking	 Transit Riders	 Climate	 Neighborhoods	 Downtown	 Freight
Repave arterial streets that carry the most buses, trucks, and cars, and improve infrastructure for people walking, rolling, biking, and taking transit (\$423M)	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Keep bridges in reliable working condition and prepare for future bridge projects (\$221M)	●	●	●	●				●
Make targeted and community-requested improvements to streets, sidewalks, intersections, and crossings to reduce traffic collisions, severe injuries, and fatalities (\$162M)	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Connect people safely to transit hubs , including Link light rail stations and bus stops, and reduce delays on bus routes (\$145M)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Build and repair sidewalks, crossings, and curb ramps so people walking and rolling can safely get to where they need to go (\$135M)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Expand Seattle's protected bike lane network ; connect schools to bike lanes, paths, and neighborhood greenways; and maintain and upgrade existing bike lanes (\$114M)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Install new and maintain and upgrade existing traffic signals for safe, reliable movement; improve pedestrian and bike accessibility; and support traffic operations during large events and for trips in and out of the port (\$100M)	●	●	●	●			●	●
Activate public spaces and improve lighting in partnership with business districts and community organizations so people can enjoy unique and vibrant, activated spaces (\$66M)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Address climate change directly , reducing air pollution and making sustainable transportation options more available (\$59M)		●	●	●	●	●		●
Make freight improvements to support trucks delivering goods and providing services (\$25M)	●						●	●