

Welcome to the Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC)

June 17, 2025



Agenda

5-5:15pm: Welcome; Public Comment

5:15-6:05pm: Introductions

- Welcome Address by Deputy Mayor Jessyn Farrell, Councilmember Rob Saka, and SDOT Director Adiam Emery
- LOC Member Introductions
- SDOT Staff Introductions

6:05-6:45pm: SDOT Presentation and Q&A

- Transportation Levy Development & Commitments
- Levy Oversight Committee's Role
- Levy Highlights To-Date

6:45-7pm: Networking & Connection Time

Welcome



Mayor's Office Leadership
Deputy Mayor Jessyn Farrell



City Councilmember
Chair of Transportation
Committee
Rob Saka



SDOT Director
Adiam Emery

LOC Member Introductions

Please share (about 1 minute each):

- Your name
- What motivates you to serve on the LOC
- Favorite neighborhood in Seattle and why

LOC Members (in alphabetical order by first name)

NAME	POSITION
Alex Hudson	Mayor's Office Appointee
Chase Kitchen	Mayor's Office Appointee
Donna McBain Evans	Bicycle Advisory Board representative
Geri Poor	Freight Advisory Board representative
Jack Brand	Mayor's Office Appointee
Jack Whisner	District 5 Appointee
Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton	Mayor's Office Appointee
Leonard (Harrison) Jerome	Get Engaged Member
Lisa Bogardus	District 6 Appointee
Lucy Sloman	<i>District 4 Appointee (absent today)</i>
Lynda Firey-Oldroyd	District 2 Appointee
Nafiso Samatar	Mayor's Office Appointee
Councilmember Rob Saka	Chair of Council Transportation Committee
Saroja Reddy	City Budget Director representative
Steven Pumphrey	District 1 Appointee
Tyler Vasquez	District 3 Appointee
Wes Mills	<i>Pedestrian Advisory Board representative (absent today)</i>
Zach Burton	Transit Advisory Board representative

**District 7 appointee is pending*

SDOT Staff Introductions



Francisca Stefan
Deputy Director;
Capital Project
Delivery



Meghan Shepard
Interim Director;
Policy & Planning



Serena Lehman
Manager; Portfolio and
Asset Manager



Kalen Carney
Strategic Advisor;
Seattle Transportation
Levy (Finance)



Bill LaBorde
Council and Government
Relations Manager



Brian Sperry
Levy Portfolio
Manager



Emily Reardon
Senior Policy Advisor,
Director's Office



Katie Olsen
LOC Liaison & Levy
Communications Lead



Chip McElearney
Deputy Portfolio
Manager



Alex King
Levy Equity
Coordinator

Thank you, Levy Oversight Committee

We are looking forward to collaborating with you!

You provide value to the City of Seattle in many ways by:

- Serving as a key partner to SDOT in bolstering public trust in how levy funds are spent
- Providing a public platform to communicate levy challenges, successes, and updates
- Serving as part of a network of communication among public, Mayor's Office, City Council, City Budget Office, and SDOT
- Representing Seattle taxpayers
- Enhancing transparency to community
- As needed, supporting, validating, and/or raising important questions when difficult decisions need to be made
- Helping SDOT better explain levy achievements, challenges, and complexities to community



SDOT's plan for engagement with you, the LOC

- Provide timely, digestible information
- Provide transparency about current/future work & related spending
- Administer meetings, with regular cadence for sharing meeting materials prior to each meeting
- Answer specific questions about Levy delivery
- Provide support, trainings, and overall guidance as needed
- Build collaborative relationship
- Support LOC in using auditing resources as needed



Safe Routes to School project funded by last levy;
project located at 49th Ave SW & SW Hinds St



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What we ask of you:

- Communicate openly with us in whatever way works best for you – use us as a resource!
- Participate in foundational onboarding
- Come to meetings, and review agenda and materials in advance as needed



Members of the community & SDOT on a bike ride in the Othello neighborhood.

Levy Oversight Committee

Key Roles (per legislation)

- Annually review levy program and project priorities, spending, & financial plans
- Monitor Levy revenues, expenditures, and program and project implementation
- Advise the City Council, the Mayor and SDOT on the spending of Levy Proceeds and the performance of Levy programs

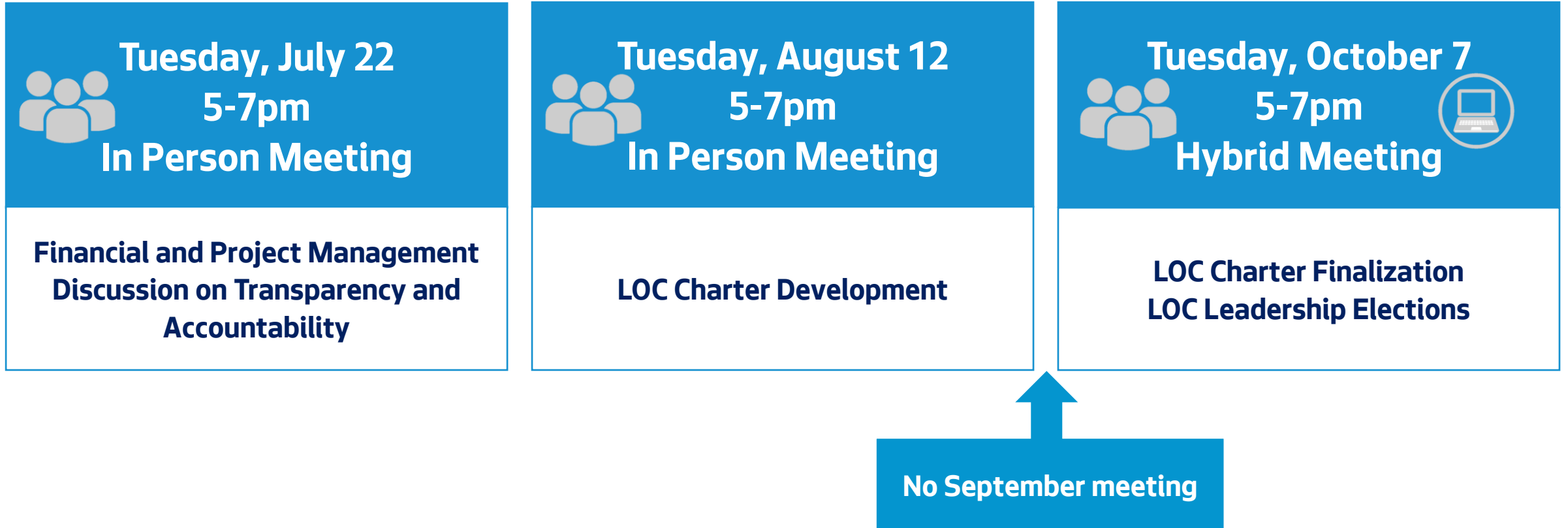
**In the past,
this has
looked like:**

LOC may also:

- ✓ Audit Levy-funded programs
 - ✓ Make recommendation to the Mayor and City Council regarding the advisability of proposing to Seattle voters a replacement levy after this one expires
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- ✓ Reviewing annual plans for levy delivery
 - ✓ Reviewing annual reports (LOC meeting presentations, dashboard, and/or written reports)
 - ✓ Writing annual reflection letters
 - ✓ Visiting Levy-funded projects/programs
 - ✓ If we need to shift funding between programs to meet levy commitments, LOC provides comments/recommendations

What you can expect over the next few months

(Individual meeting topics may change as needed)



Weekly Onboarding Tasks & Reflections for 1 hour per week through August

We will be over-communicating to you during this time!

What you can expect after initial onboarding

Meetings

- **6-10 meetings** annually depending on need
- Meetings will mainly be on the **first Tuesday of the month** from 5-7pm
- Meetings will be mostly **hybrid** with some site visits

Ongoing Work Outside of Meetings

- **2-4 hours per month** outside of meetings
- LOC may decide to develop **subcommittees** & meet with those subcommittees

Meeting Minutes

- As of now, SDOT will take **meeting minutes** & provide to LOC for approval in future meetings

Reflection: What questions do you have?

Seattle Transportation Levy Overview



Transportation Levies in Seattle

- Since 2006, Seattle voters have supported transportation levies:
 - **2006 Levy** - Bridging the Gap: \$365M collected from 2007-2015
 - **2015 Levy** - Levy to Move Seattle: \$930M collected from 2016-2024
 - **2024 Seattle Transportation Levy**: \$1.55B to be collected from 2025-2032
- Levies help fund maintenance and improvement of our streets, sidewalks, bridges, traffic signals, and more
- Historically, levies have provided about 30% of the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) budget for core services and new projects
- We have many lessons learned from past levies that are informing the new Seattle Transportation Levy



The Levy to

MOVE SEATTLE

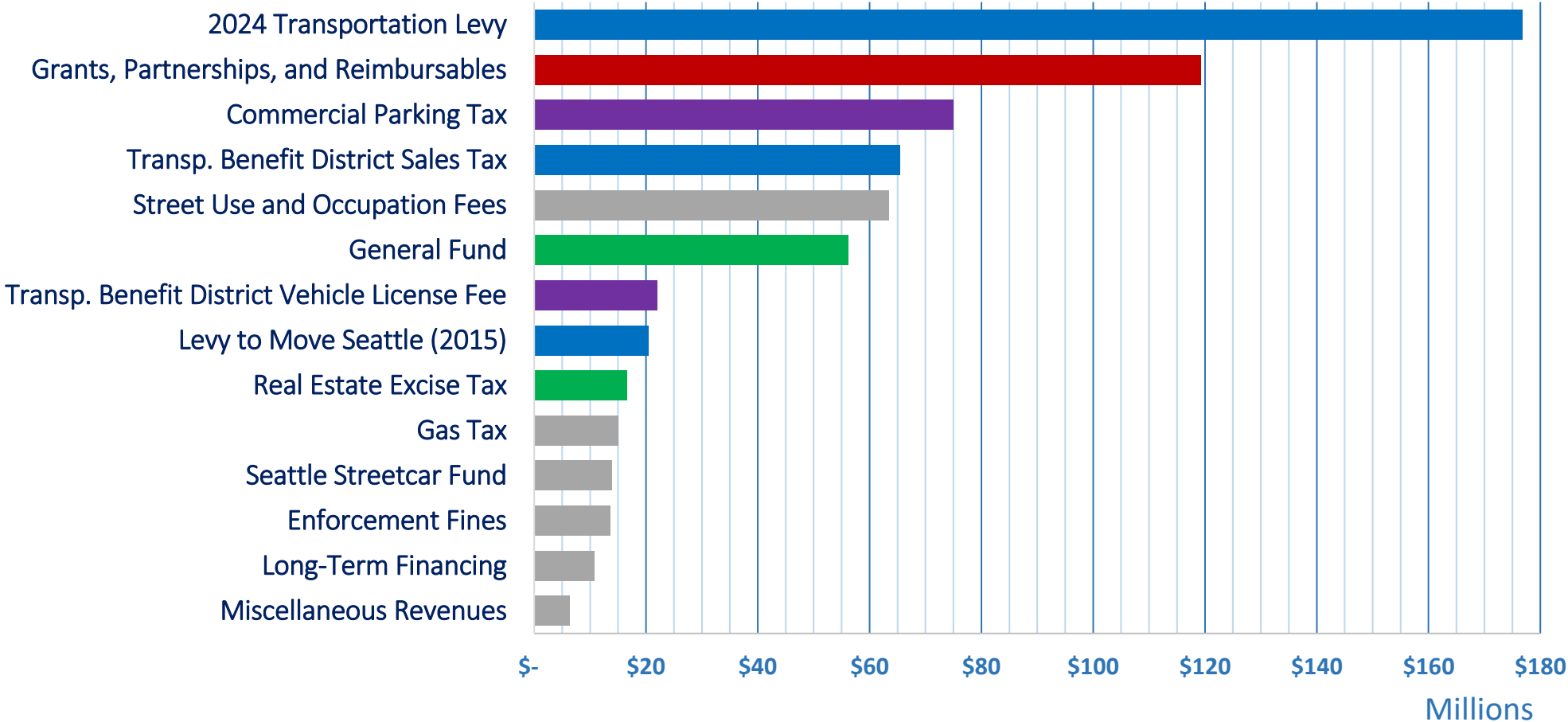


Your tax dollars at work



How SDOT is funded

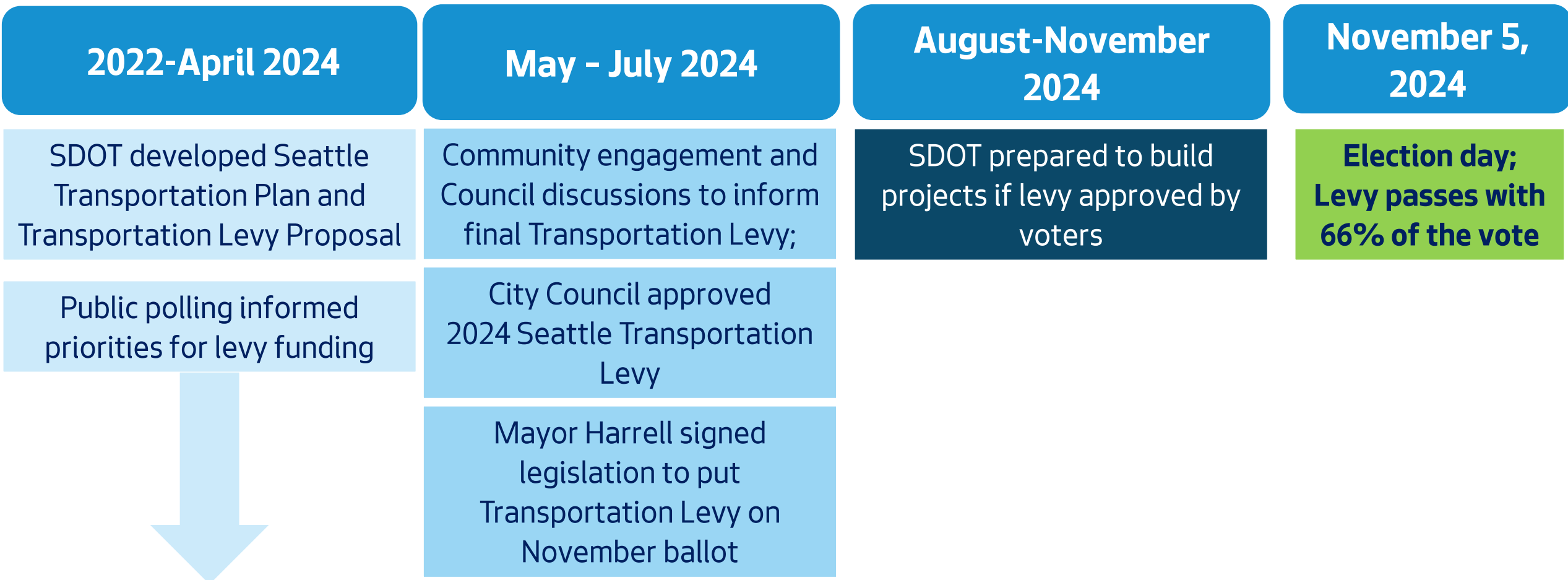
SDOT's 2025 Budget by Funding Source



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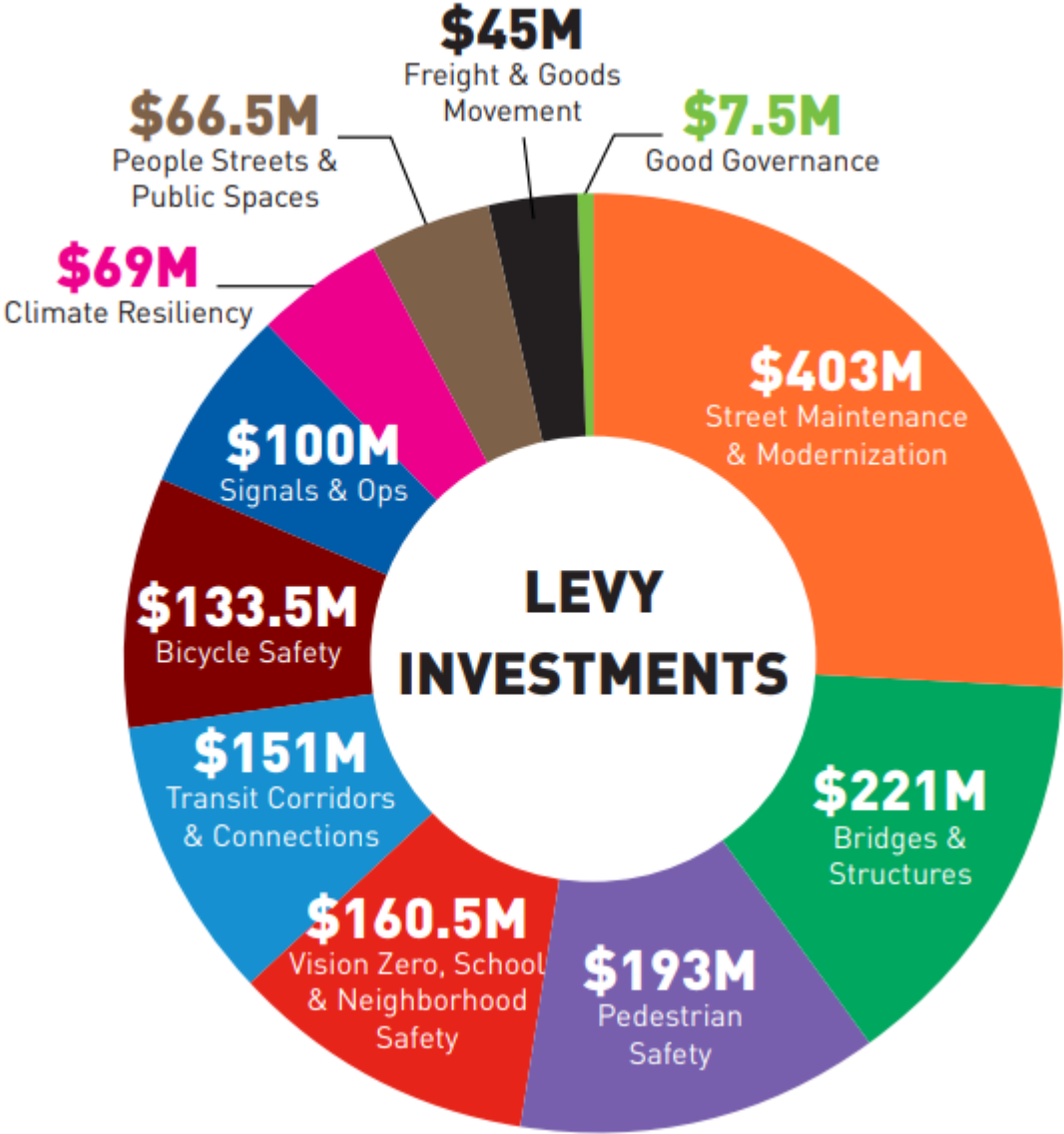
- Voter-Passed Measures**
- Council-Passed Sources**
- Central City Resources**
- Grants, Partnerships, and Reimbursables**
- Other**

Seattle Transportation Levy Timeline

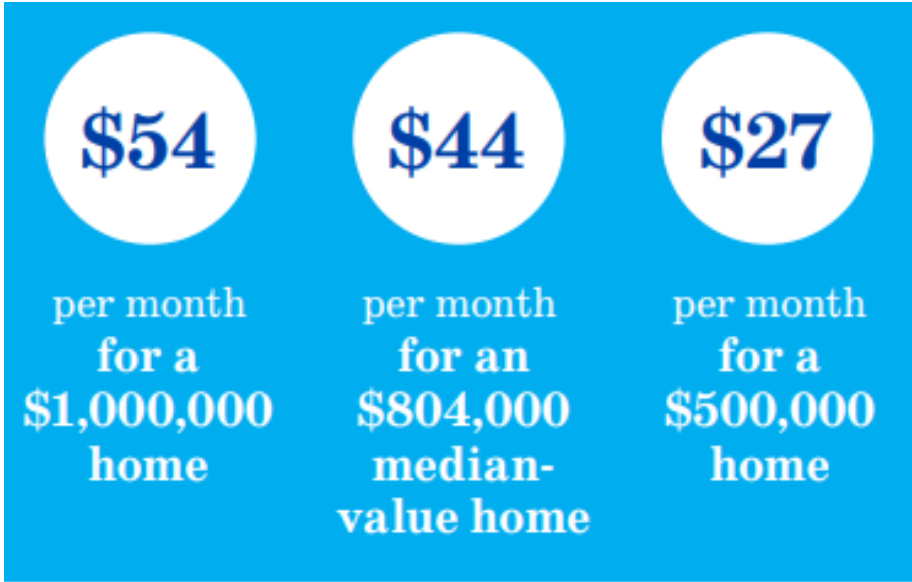


- Early polls showed support renewing/expanding levy at both amounts tested (\$1.2B and \$1.7B), with about 2 in 3 supporting a \$1.2B levy
- Top public priorities included maintain and repair bridges, repave streets in poor condition, fix potholes, expand tree canopy, and safe routes to schools
- Close to half recognized need for additional transportation funding in Seattle

Seattle Transportation Levy Overview



Estimated costs to taxpayers:



2024 Seattle Transportation Levy Overview



Vision Zero, School & Neighborhood Safety (\$160.5M):

Make targeted and community-requested improvements to streets, sidewalks, intersections, and crossings to reduce traffic collisions, severe injuries, and fatalities.



Street Maintenance & Modernization (\$403M): Repave arterial streets that carry the most buses, trucks, and cars, and improve infrastructure for people walking, rolling, biking, and taking transit.



Bridges & Structures (\$221M): Keep bridges and structures in reliable working condition and prepare for future bridge projects.



Transit Corridors & Connections (\$151M): Connect people safely to transit hubs, including Link light rail stations and bus stops, and reduce delays on bus routes.



Pedestrian Safety (\$193M): Build and repair sidewalks, crossings, and curb ramps so people walking and rolling can safely get to where they need to go.



Signals & Operations (\$100M): Install, maintain, and upgrade existing traffic signals for safe, reliable movement; improve pedestrian and bike accessibility signals; and support traffic operations during large events, incidents, and for trips in and out of the port.



Bicycle Safety (\$133.5M): Expand Seattle's protected bike lane network; connect schools to bike lanes, paths, and neighborhood greenways; and maintain and upgrade existing bike lanes.



People Streets & Public Spaces (\$66.5M): Activate public spaces and improve lighting in partnership with business districts and community organizations so people can enjoy unique and vibrant neighborhoods and business districts.



Climate & Resiliency (\$69M): Address climate change directly, reducing air pollution and making sustainable transportation options more available.



Freight & Goods Movement (\$45M): Make freight improvements to support trucks delivering goods and providing services.



Good Governance & Equitable Implementation Initiative (\$7.5M): Maintain accountability and transparency for Seattle taxpayers and the public.

More information about each of these programs and commitments is in the Transportation Levy Document, which you have reviewed as part of your onboarding.

Types of projects to be funded by 2024 Seattle Transportation Levy



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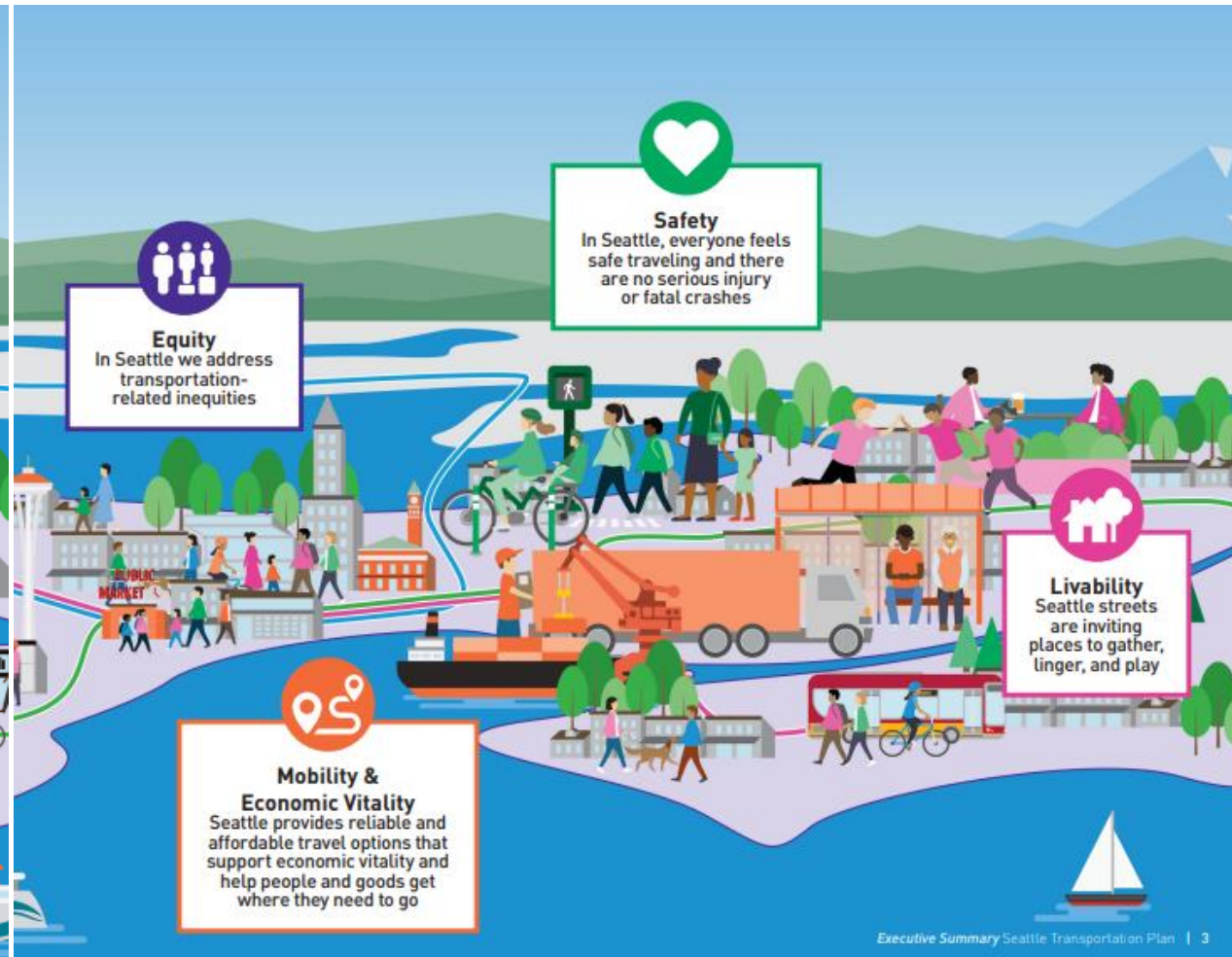
Seattle Transportation Plan

VISION AND GOALS

Seattle is an equitable, vibrant, and diverse city where moving around is safe, fair, and sustainable. All people and businesses can access their daily needs and feel connected to their community.



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Reflection: What questions do you have?

Levy Highlights To-Date

Administering the Transportation Levy



Views from our first neighborhood new sidewalks walk in Pinehurst on Jan. 25.

Hitting the ground running on January 1 with crew-delivered levy projects, new sidewalk walks, etc.*

Recruiting for and establishing new **Levy Oversight Committee**

Developing plan for **Transportation Funding Task Force** & interviewing consultants

Working on **confirming life-of-levy targets** for programs without defined numerical deliverables in levy legislation*

Responding to **new funding realities** & problem-solving within affected programs*

Working with City Council to **lift proviso** on levy spending; delivered 2025 Workplan

Levy Highlights To-Date

- N 130th St Vision Zero Project
- 450 crosswalks remarked*
- 3,019 sidewalk repairs*
- 161 bike lane posts replaced*
- 115 trees planted*
- 28 transit spot improvements
- Bitter Lake Traffic Calming project
- And more!

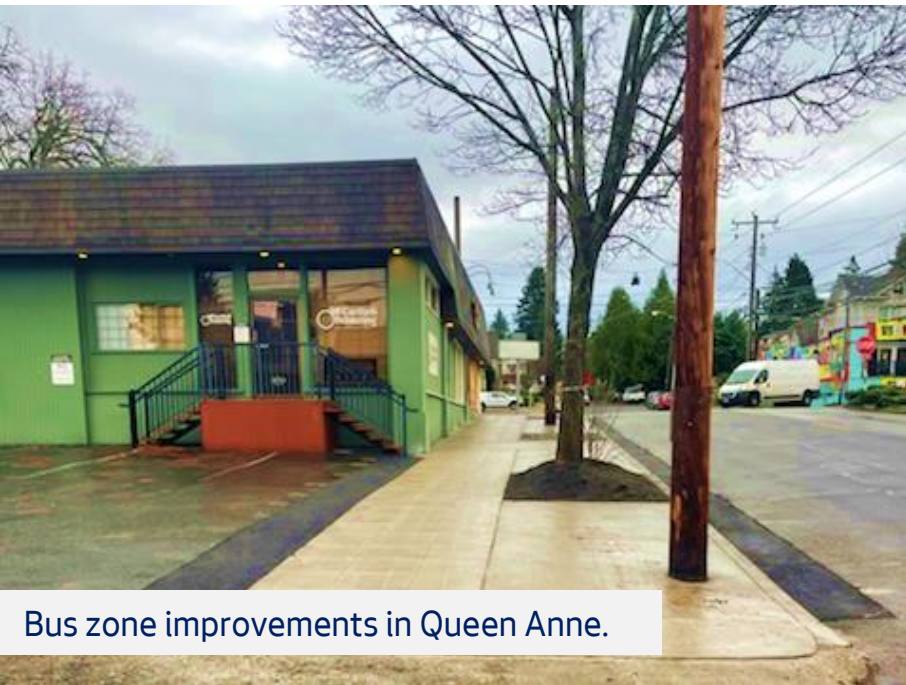
**Through March 2025*



Bike lane/re-channelization on N 130th St.



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Bus zone improvements in Queen Anne.



Bus zone improvements in Queen Anne.



BEFORE

Sidewalk repair on California Ave SW & SW Edmunds St



AFTER



Installing landscaped center medians on Rainier Ave S.



Thank you!

See you on July 22.