



# Transit Spot Improvement Program

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Levy Oversight Committee

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# Purpose: Transit Spot Improvement Program Presentation

- Overview of the Transit Spot Improvement Program
- Goals and Highlights
- 2023 Priorities

# Overview of the Transit Spot Improvement Program



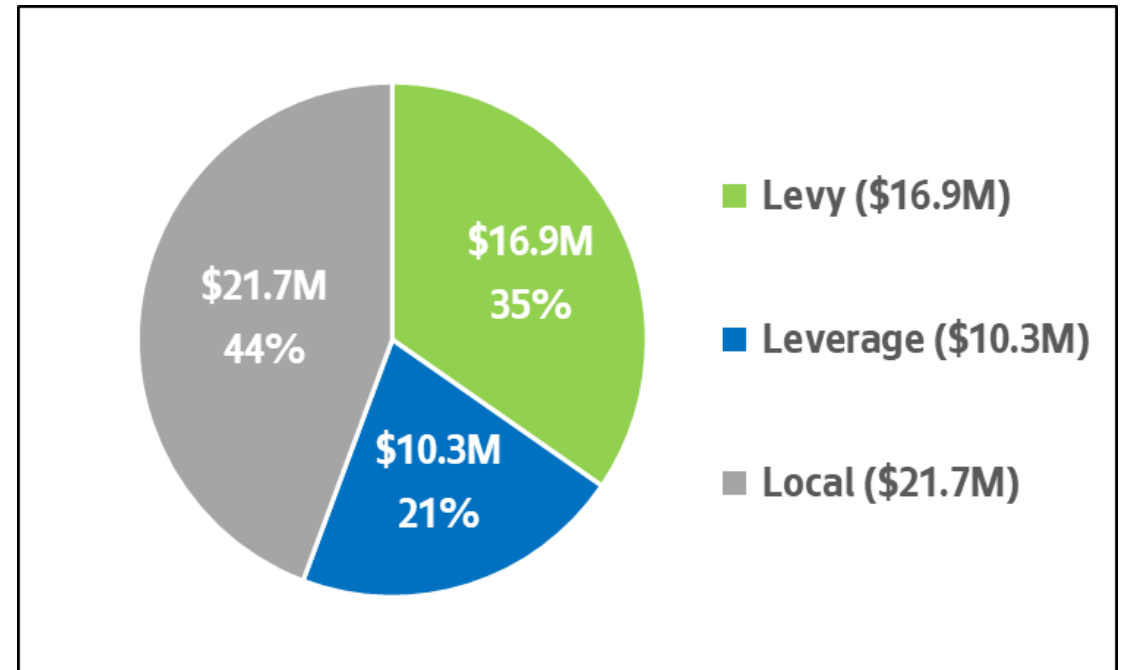
# Background

- Started in 2010 as a partnership with King County Metro to reduce transit travel time
- Expanded to include bus zone upgrades and safety improvements
- Included in Levy to Move Seattle under Congestion Relief (*category focused on increasing transportation choices throughout the network*)
- Purpose: Build smaller scale transit capital investments that improve the operating environment for transit, making trips faster, safer, and more reliable for transit riders.
- Successful partnerships have been established to leverage funding
- **Levy Commitment: Make bus service more reliable through a comprehensive transit improvement program to eliminate bottlenecks in key locations and contribute to the transit improvements on seven transit-plus multimodal corridors, including planning for access and egress improvement in West Seattle.**
  - *Target: Complete 20 spot projects annually*

# Program Funding: Transit Corridor Improvements (\$48.9M)

Figures represent actual expenses from 2016-2021 and budget from 2022-2024.

- Levy to Move Seattle: \$16.9M
- Leverage: \$10.3M
  - Sound Transit: \$8.1M
  - King County: \$1.8M
  - Other: \$0.4M
- Local: \$21.7M
  - VLF: \$16.8M
  - Other: \$4.9M



Note: Includes data for MC-TR-C029 Transit Corridor Improvements CIP

# Equity Considerations

- The transit spot improvement program contributes to the goals of the Transportation Equity Program by seeking to make transit safe, attractive, and reliable
- Equity is one of three key considerations in project selection, along with transit benefit and safety and feasibility
- The transit spot improvement program prioritizes investments in historically underserved or currently disinvested areas



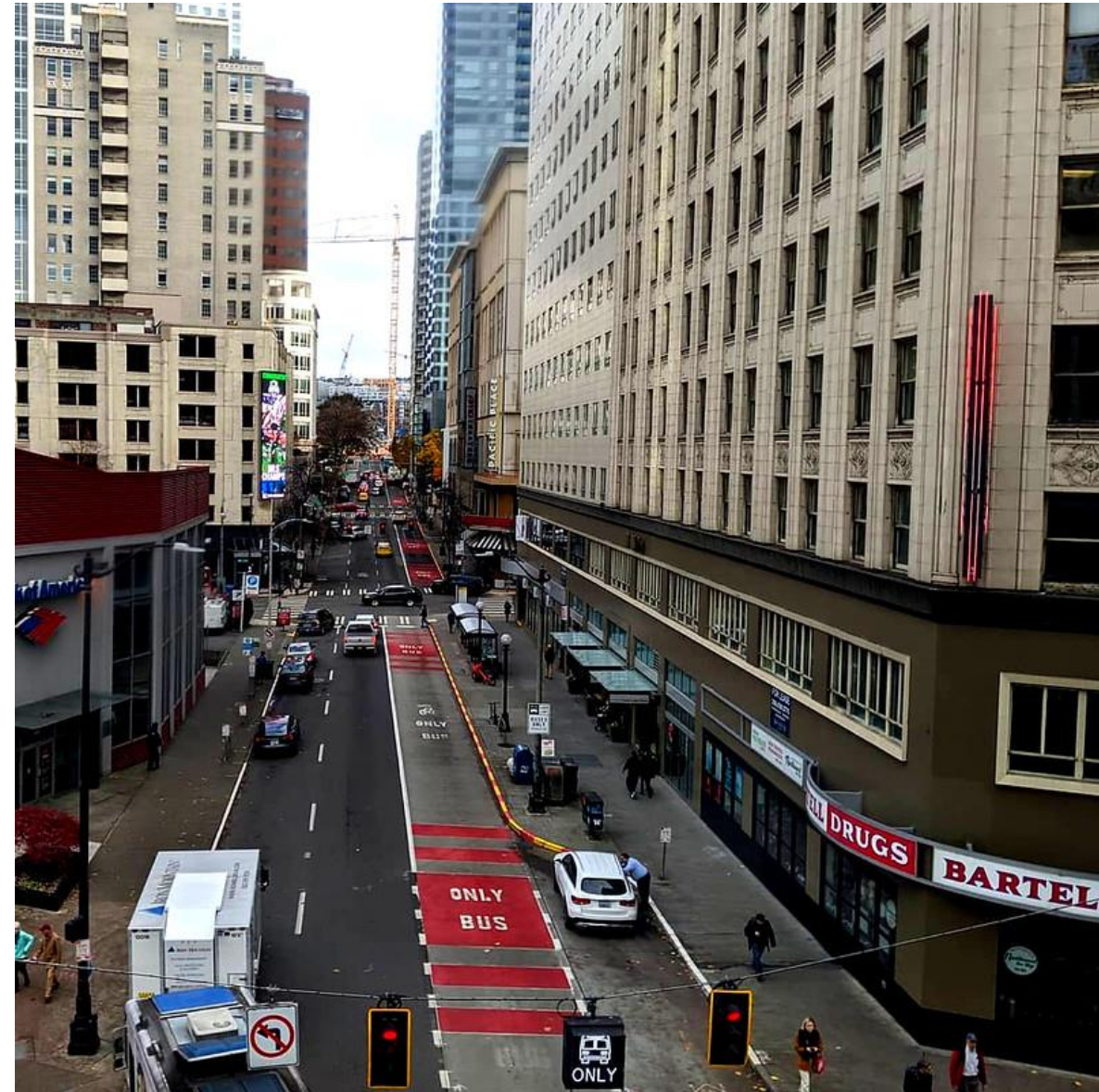
# Program Goals

1. Reduce travel delay and increase reliability for buses.
2. Improve safety for transit riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.
3. Improve passenger experience by making passenger facilities better.



# #1: Reduce Travel Delay and Increase Reliability for Buses

- Red bus lanes
- Transit queue jumps
- Transit signal priority





# Westbound Pine St (between 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave)



# 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 65<sup>th</sup> St



# #2: Improve Safety for Transit Riders, Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and Drivers

- Protected bike lanes (to separate bicyclists from Streetcar tracks)
- Streetcar platform upgrades
- Safety railings



# Westbound Yesler Way and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave



# Jackson St and Occidental Ave



## #3: Improve Passenger Experience by Making Passenger Facilities Better

- Expanded waiting areas
- Rear door landing pads
- Bus benches
- Bus shelter footings
- Leaning rails



Southbound  
Roosevelt Way  
(between NE  
67<sup>th</sup> St and NE  
66<sup>th</sup> St)





## Southbound Beacon Ave and Othello St



Northbound  
15th Ave E and  
E Harrison St



# 2022 Highlights

Transit Spot Type	Total Completed
Bus-only Lanes	1
Bus Stop Upgrades	10
Traffic Signal Upgrades	2
Roadway Operations	2
Streetcar Safety	6

# Transit Spot Improvement Accomplishments

Year	Transit Spot Improvements
2016	26
2017	23
2018	24
2019	32
2020	47
2021	45
2022 through Q3	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>

*Annual target outlined in 2018 Workplan: 20 spot improvements per year*

# 2023 Priorities - Looking Ahead

- East Link Restructure
- RapidRide C Line Upgrades
- King County Partnership Projects
- Streetcar Safety Improvements and Performance Audit



# Questions?

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