

BRIDGINGtheGAP



SDOT: Keeping Seattle Moving

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

Message from the Director



Building on the momentum of the first six years of Bridging the Gap, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) set aggressive goals for the program in 2013. I am happy to report that we achieved these goals.

Last year, SDOT installed 45 pedestrian crossing improvements, replaced 3,259 regulatory signs, completed 233 bridge repair requests, installed 874 linear-feet of new guardrail and maintained 1,024 traffic signals. These accomplishments, and others, are highlighted in the 2013 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.



Scott Kubly, Director
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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 seven 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, 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 seven years of Bridging the Gap. The committee looks forward to more years 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.

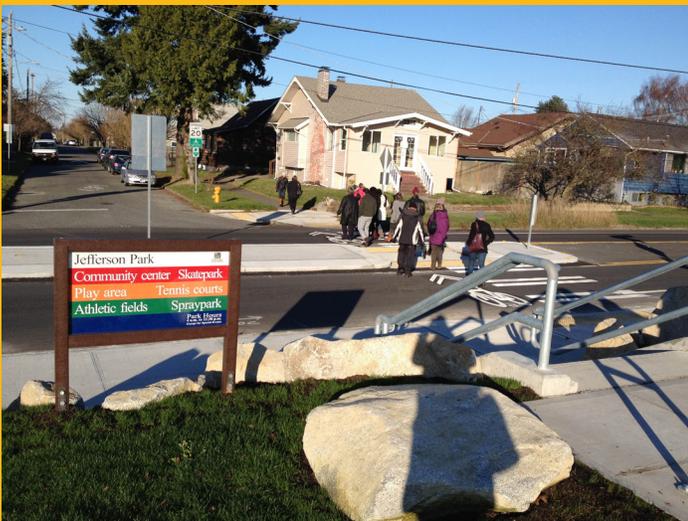
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BTG Oversight Committee

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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 was 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, create a Safe Routes to School Program, improve transit connections and help neighborhoods get larger projects built through the Neighborhood Street Fund large project program.



BTG 9-Year Goal

Promised	Accomplished-to-date
MAINTENANCE	
Resurface or replace approximately 200 lane-miles of arterial streets	205 lane-miles have been completed
Rehabilitate or replace 5 bridges	6 bridges have been completed
Seismically retrofit 5 bridges	7 bridges have been completed
Rehabilitate 40 stairways	33 stairs have been completed
Prune 25,000 street trees to prevent safety and security hazards	23,086 trees have been pruned
Plant 8,000 new street trees	5,569 trees have been planted
Replace over 50,000 small, faded street and regulatory signs	83,931 sign have been replaced
Replace street name signs at all 12,300 arterial intersections	9,873 intersections have new street name signs
PEDESTRAIN/BIKE/SAFETY	
Build 117 blocks of new sidewalks	100 blocks have been constructed
Restripe 5,000 crosswalks	4,729 crosswalked have been restriped
Create "safe routes to schools" near 30 elementary schools	40 Safe Routes Projects have been completed
Support implementation of both a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan	PMP has been developed and is being implemented
Add 4 miles of new multi-use paths	4 miles have been completed
Repair or restore 144 blocks of sidewalks	169 blocks have been repaired
Provide funding for neighborhood-identified street improvements - NSF program	28 NSF projects have been constructed
TRANSIT	
Enhance transit and safety improvements 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
MAJOR PROJECTS	
King Street Station and Spokane Street Viaduct	Both projects complete
Mercer East Corridor	Will be completed in 2014



2013 BTG Financial Overview



Each year, funding for the BTG work program is a combination of SDOT general fund 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.

- 2013 BTG Adopted Budget:** \$97.05 million (this includes \$34.46M of 2012 BTG carry forward)
- 2013 Other City Funding Allocation:** \$137.55 million (this includes \$114.17M of 2012 non-BTG carry forward)
- 2013 Total Program Budget:** \$234.6 million
- 2013 Spending Plan:** \$112.48 million (to spend 100% of their funds each year)
- 2013 Actual Expenditures:** \$120.57 million

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

2013 Levy Breakout		
	Levy Requirement	2013 Actual Levy Spending
Maintenance is...	No less than 67%	68% of total 2013 Levy
Pedestrian/Bike Safety is...	No less than 18%	21% of total 2013 Levy
Transit & Major Projects is...	No more than 15%	11% of total 2013 Levy

Cumulative Levy Breakout (2007-2013)		
	Levy Requirement	Cumulative Actual Levy Spending
Maintenance is...	No less than 67%	72% of total Levy
Pedestrian/Bike Safety is...	No less than 18%	18% of total Levy
Transit & Major Projects is...	No more than 15%	10% of total Levy

BTG Accomplishments

2007 - 2013

BTG Project	2007 Results	2008 Results	2009 Results	2010 Results	2011 Results	2012 Results	2013 Results	Total to Date
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT								
Pedestrian countdown signals installed (intersections)	26	27	40	40	26	25	26	210
New sidewalk block faces built	13	15.4	25.85	15.1	10	12.2	8.65	100.2
Walking routes to schools improved for safety	1	7	6	5	6	6	9	40
Crosswalks remarked	789	1,082	810	631	308	501	608	4729
Neighborhood projects selected	17	-	-	11	-	-	12	40
Neighborhood projects designed	-	17	-	-	11	-	-	28
Neighborhood projects constructed	-	-	17	-	2	8	1	28
Speed watch trailers deployed	68	68	73	61	51	50	51	422
Curb ramps designed and constructed	-	-	-	270	295	161	133	859
Bike lanes and sharrows striped (in miles)	20.7	36.07	35.32	20.23	15.02	15.21	7.68	150.23
Bike lanes and sharrows restriped (in miles)	-	-	48.07	35.01	26.27	40.03	71.6	220.98
Bike routes signs installed (in miles)	3.6	11.15	19.6	31.54	31.5	32.57	26.7	156.66
Bike trail segments built	2	4	2	1	1	-	-	10
Trail inspection (in miles)	0	26.63	20	26.72	27	35.5	40	175.85
Urban trail and bikeway spot improvements	25	24	47	47	10	10	10	173
Bicycle Parking spaces	-	-	-	351	210	612	420	1593
School zones with safety signs improved	26	76	52	10	10	11	11	196
Regulatory street signs replaced	7,365	9,770	8,315	7,604	5,145	2,981	3,259	44439
Street-name signs replaced (intersections)	1,044	1,097	1,716	1,701	1,156	1,584	1,575	9873
Number of corridors with signs replaced	5	5	1	1	-	-	-	12
Directional signs replaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Arterial lane-miles restriped	1,578	1,351.42	1322.77	1148.11	1151.1	945.11	867	8363.51
Crash cushions replaced	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	22
Guardrail replaced (in feet)	3,562.50	2,899.50	2,086	2,023	1,891	1,934	874	15270
New traffic signal requests evaluated	88	73	64	53	53	55	59	445
New signals installed	8	5	4	3	3	2	2	27
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	7234

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (continued)								
Signal Major Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Traffic control cabinets replaced	20	20	10	10	8	8	6	82
Electrical traffic control devices evaluated	211	291	296	257	241	257	292	1845
Electrical traffic control devices installed, modified or removed	121	127	50	60	79	96	86	619
Traffic control concerns evaluated	393	564	502	635	1005	1478	1581	6158
Left turn signal improvements evaluated	34	30	20	24	40	39	37	224
Left turn signal improvements installed	6	6	3	5	2	3	3	28
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	333
Crossing improvements implemented	-	-	-	42	51	47	45	185

CAPITAL PROJECTS & ROADWAY STRUCTURES								
Road lane-miles paved - AAC	28.8	41.5	28.7	33.3	37	16.4	19.7	205.4
Road lane-miles paved - AMM	-	-	-	-	-	11	14	25
Bridge repair requests completed	170	415	424	294	230	281	233	2047
Stairways rehabilitated	5	7	5	3	3	3	7	33

STREET MAINTENANCE								
Sidewalk block faces repaired	14.07	24.21	30.13	25.13	25.1	24.33	26	168.97

STREET USE & URBAN FORESTRY								
Trees planted	681	923	818	854	822	815	656	5569
Trees pruned	2,520	3,190	3,569	3,781	3,412	3,099	3,515	23086
Landscape maintained (square feet)	0	43,596	44,011	-	-	-	-	87607
Landscape maintained (maintenance events)	-	-	-	1,530	912	970	1,088	4500

POLICY & PLANNING								
Transit hours secured	0	20,000	8,800	14,200	-	-	7,000	50,000
Transit hours maintained	-	-	-	-	43,600	43,600	50,000	50,000
Transit corridor project implementation	0	3	0	3	3	3	7	19

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