Seattle Transportation Plan A Vision for the Future of Transportation in Seattle



Welcome!

Agenda for our meeting:

- Provide an overview of transportation and the STP
- Highlight the need for the STP
- Share the STP planning process & how you can get involved





Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the city of Seattle is on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people and their descendants. We honor their elders, past and present—and thank them for their ongoing stewardship of this land and surrounding waters.

We acknowledge the historical harm caused by local government and its policies and plans to the Indigenous community. Through our work, we will continue this legacy and join in the stewardship of the original people's land and recognize that our policy recommendations, proposed projects and programs impact the lives of all people who live, learn, and work on Indigenous land.

This acknowledgment only becomes meaningful when coupled with accountable relationships and informed action. We are committed to building public awareness and support of tribal sovereignty and advancing equity among tribal and urban Native communities through our actions.



What is the Seattle Transportation Plan?

The plan:

engagement

- Reimagines our collective transportation vision
- Plans for people first, connecting you to the places that matter most to you
- Is grounded in our steadfast values
 Meets the moment with inclusive





STP Vision

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

The STP Vision Statement is a result of a yearlong conversation with people throughout Seattle.



Why does Seattle need this plan now?



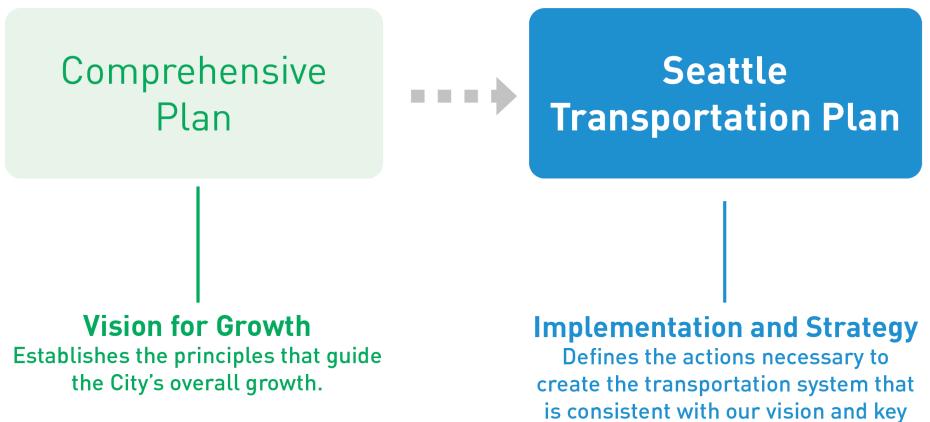
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How does the STP relate to other plans?



initiatives.



What is our transportation system?

SDOT is the steward of the City's street right-of-way, accounting for 27% of land in Seattle.

Right-of-way is public property in which paved streets, alleys and public stairways are located. Rights-of-way often include sidewalks, medians landscaped areas, and retaining walls.





What is our transportation system?





What is our transportation system? (continued)

600 retaining walls and sea walls



1,100 traffic signals



1,581 pay stations



41,000 SDOT street trees (600,000 in City right-of-way)



7,000,000 square feet of landscaped areas



What goals and strategies support our transportation vision?

Feedback from community engagement helped us establish a vision and goals for the STP.

The Key Moves are strategies that advance the STP's 6 goals.

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STP Goals

Shaped by the people of Seattle, these goals help us make decisions about our transportation future:



Safety

Prioritize safety for travelers in Seattle, with no serious injury or fatal crashes

Equity



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Co-create with community and implement restorative practices to address transportation-related inequities



Mobility

Provide reliable and affordable travel options that help people and goods get where they need to go



Livability

Reimagine city streets as inviting places to linger and play

Sustainability

Respond to climate change through innovation and a lens of climate justice



Maintenance & Modernization

Improve city transportation infrastructure and ready it for the future



Who is involved in the STP?

Led by the Seattle Department of Transportation in partnership with:

- City departments
- Transportation Equity Workgroup
- Community-based organizations
- Community liaisons (in the Department of Neighborhoods)
- SDOT modal advisory boards
- Stakeholders
- General public
- Agency Partners





How is the public involved?

- The STP is guided by you this includes people traditionally left out of the planning process
- Citywide online engagement
- Collaboration with Community Liaisons and Community-Based Organizations
- Events in target communities
- Meetings with community groups and other agencies





How are we creating this plan together?

WE ARE HERE

		Phase 1 May-Aug 2022	Phase 2A Sep 2022-Feb 2023	Phase 2B Dec 2022-Feb 2023	Phase 3 Mid-2023	
We asked you to		Tell us your transportation challenges	Review draft vision, goals, objectives; transportation futures; menu of actions	Review first draft of network maps	Review the draft Seattle Transportation Plan Review implementation strategies, including how we prioritize and fund improvements	
We used your input to		Inform draft vision, goals, and objectives	Refine draft policies	Refine first draft maps	Develop the final recommended Seattle Transportation Plan	



Phase 1 Outreach at-a-glance

Meetings/Briefings*

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Community Meetings

Board/Commission Meetings

Interagency Meetings

Transportation Equity Workgroup Meetings



Events*

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14 Festivals

15 Targeted community events

Bike-specific events

Markets

Listening Session

*Project Launch through August 2022



Phase 1 outreach at-a-glance

Collaborating Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Community Liaisons (CLs) have included:

- Khmer Community of Seattle King County
- Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance •
- Central Area Collaborative
- Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association

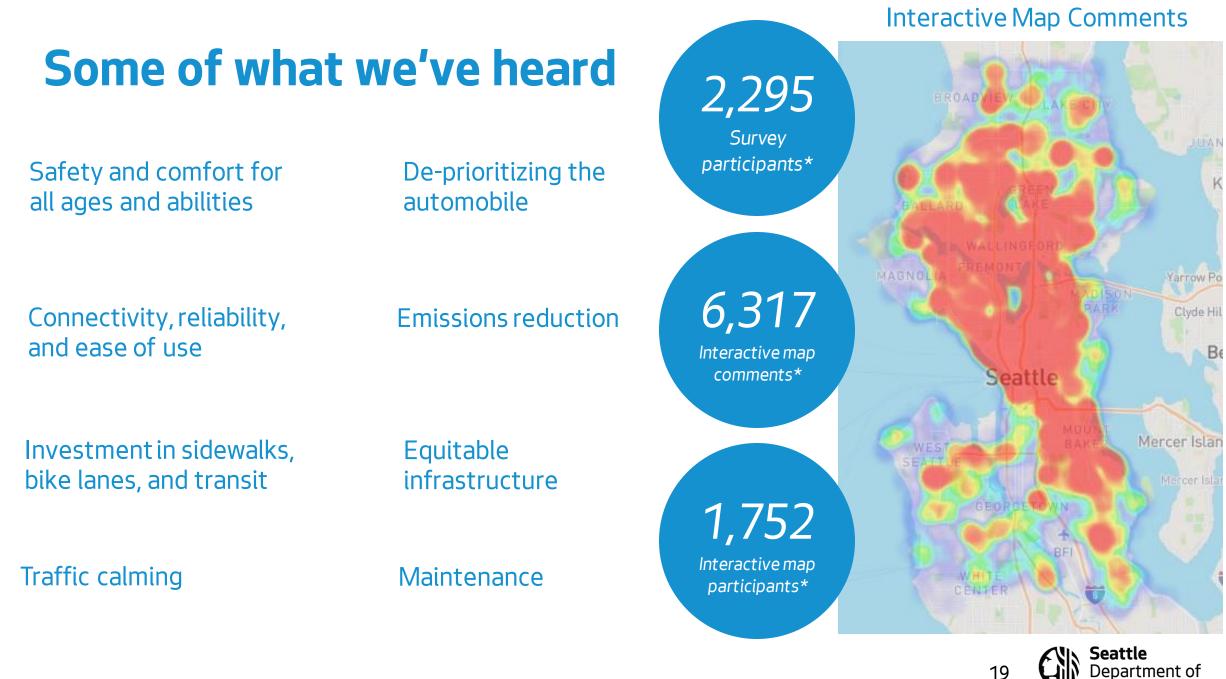
- Smash the Box
- Estelita's Library
- Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing
- Department of Neighborhood Community Liaisons

STP activities led by CBOs and CLs have included:

- Opportunities for youth and elders
- Custom surveys
- Neighborhood events with flyers and giveaways
- Interviews with community members







*as of September 1, 2022

Transportation

Phase 2 engagement

We wanted to know:

- a) Let's create our transportation maps together. Are we on the right track?
- b) Do the Seattle Transportation Plan draft vision, goals, and objectives feel right to you?
- What future of transportation in **C**) Seattle do you want to see?
- What actions should we take to **d**) achieve our goals?

First Draft Transportation Maps



CONSIDER THESE THREE "FUTURES OF TRANSPORTATION" FOR SEATTLE.

FUTURE A Stay the Course

transportation system

out of reach

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see?

We make progress towards

Is this the future you want to

our goals, but many remain

FUTURE B Moderate Pace



- We accelerate changes to our transportation system
- Some of our goals may be within reach

Is this the future you want to see?



FUTURE C Rapid Progress

Menu of Actions

- We make transformational changes to our transportation system
- We are best positioned to achieve our goals

Is this the future you want to see?

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Phase 2 Outreach at-a-glance

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Board/Commission Meetings

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*Sept 1, 2022 - Jan 18, 2023



Engagement Snapshot

Seattle Transportation Plan Engagement

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76K+	29K+	8 <mark>K</mark> ÷	7K+	9K+	100+	83	75
Total data points collected (Phases 1 & 2 to date)	Total visits to the STP online engagement hub	Comments on interactive maps	People engaged at outreach events	Responses to surveys	Social media posts	Community events	Meetings and briefings



What We Heard...

Phase 1 and Phase 2 engagement

- Increase **affordable** options
- Focus on **underinvested communities**
- Safety is a major concern
- Reallocate street space while keeping essential traffic moving
- Maintenance is key
- Need safer transit stops/stations and ways to access them
- Safety and affordability are key for BIPOC communities

- Design our transportation system around people
- Desire for quick and **transformational change**
- The draft STP vision, goals, objectives resonated with 90% of people
- Popular actions include making it easier to walk, roll, bike, and take transit
- Fix the gaps in our networks, especially in vulnerable areas
- Target our **climate goals** by increased walking, biking, and transit use

These are just a few of the key themes we heard. For more details, see the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Engagement Summaries on the STP website.



What is in the STP?



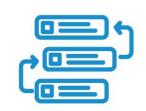
Policies Policy direction that reflects city values



Engagement Information on how we will conduct future community outreach



Investment Networks Maps that show us where to make improvements



Prioritization Guide for where and what we invest in first



Programs and Project Needs Projects and programs to improve the transportation system



Implementation Strategy Strategy for how we pay for and implement the plan



Performance Measures Targets that track progress







SAFETY Prioritize safety for travelers in Seattle, with no serious injury or fatal crashes



EQUITY

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SUSTAINABILITY

Respond to climate change through innovation and a lens of climate justice



MOBILITY

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LIVABILITY

Reimagine city streets as inviting places to linger and play



MAINTENANCE & MODERNIZATION

Improve city transportation infrastructure and ready it for the future

August 1, 2023 Seattle Transportation Plan



The Key Moves

- Strategies that help us achieve the STP Vision and Goals
- Known methods that work, and new ways to make change happen faster
- Rooted in what communities want to see in our transportation future

- Safety
- Equity
- Sustainability
- Mobility
- Livability
- Maintenance & Modernization



STP Goals and Key Moves



Lead with Safety

Goal: Prioritize safety for travelers in Seattle, with no serious injury or fatal crashes

- **S1:** Reduce vehicle speeds to increase safety
- **S2:** Concentrate safety investments at the most collision-prone locations
- **S3:** Make all journeys safer, from departure to destination
- **S4:** Provide safer routes to schools, parks, transit, community gathering spaces, and other common destinations



Transportation Justice is Central

Goal: Co-create with community and implement restorative practices to address transportation-related inequities

- **TJ1:** Center the voices of communities of color and underrepresented groups in planning and decision-making processes
- **TJ2:** Address inequities in the transportation system by prioritizing investments for impacted communities
- **TJ3**: Remove cost as a barrier so everyone can take the trips they need to make

SUSTAINABILITY

Climate Action

Goal: Respond to climate change through innovation and a lens of climate justice

- **CA1:** Improve neighborhood air quality and health outcomes by promoting clean, sustainable travel options
- **CA2:** Green city streets with landscaping and street trees to better handle changing climate
- **CA3:** Foster neighborhood vitality and improved community health
- **CA4:** Support the transition from fossil fuel to electric vehicles for personal, commercial, and delivery trips
- **CA5:** Advance mobility management strategies to encourage walking, biking, and transit trips



STP Goals and Key Moves (cont.)

MOBILITY



Goal: Provide reliable and affordable travel options that help people and goods get where they need to go

- **PG1:** Create seamless travel connections
- **PG2:** Make walking, biking, and rolling easy and enjoyable travel choices
- **PG3:** Create world-class access to transit and make service more frequent and reliable
- **PG4:** Enhance economic vitality by supporting freight movement and growth in deliveries
- **PG5:** Manage curb space to reflect city goals and priorities

LIVABILITY



Streets for People, Places We Love

Goal: Reimagine city streets as inviting places to linger and play

- **PP1:** Boldly reallocate street space to prioritize people while preserving access for goods delivery and emergency response
- **PP2:** Transform community and mobility hubs into welcoming places
- **PP3:** Co-create and enhance public spaces for playing and gathering to improve community health
- **PP4:** Activate and maintain public spaces to create a welcoming and age-friendly public realm

MAINTENANCE & MODERNIZATION



Streets that Work, Today and in the Future

Goal: Improve city transportation infrastructure and ready it for the future

- **MM1:** Transform city streets for safety and sustainable travel choices through optimal timing of asset maintenance and replacement
- **MM2:** Reduce neighborhood disparities in the quality of streets, sidewalks, public spaces, and bridges
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Connect People and Goods

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Modernization

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The STP Elements

- 8 elements for mobility options and essential street functions
- Long-term visions of what we aspire to achieve to support STP Goals and Key Moves

- Transit
- Bicycle and E-Mobility
- Freight and Urban Goods
- Pedestrian
- People Streets and Public Spaces
- New and Emerging Mobility
- Curbside Management
- Vehicle



8 Elements



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Freight and Urban Goods Element



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Pedestrian Element







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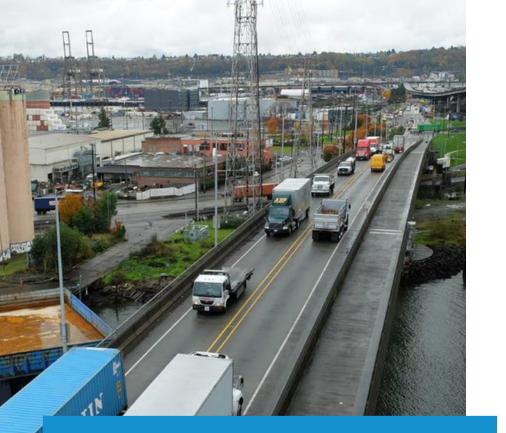


Transit

- Frequent, reliable service which allows people to use transit for most trips
- Connected system with safe and secure transfers between lines and services
- Reliable first- and last-mile connections
- Accessibility for all, including programs to ensure cost is not a barrier
- Readily available information to plan trips
- Safe, secure, connected stops/stations
- Clear, inviting nearby pedestrian spaces

"Remember local access is extremely important to serve the transit dependent and to persuade those who drive to use transit and leave their vehicles at home." Survey Participant, Transportation Challenges Survey





"Reduce the use of private vehicles and there will be more roadway for deliveries. Create public squares that can be accessed for delivery via retractable bollards. Create delivery times when the transportation network is less under load." Survey Participant, Phase 2A Survey Results

Freight and Urban Goods

- Streets allow safe, efficient, predictable transport of goods
- Reliable connections to important areas (port, industrial areas, businesses)
- Reductions in environmental impacts
- Streets maintained to accommodate trucks where traffic is expected
- Adapt to trends and increased demand
- Electrification and use of smaller freight vehicles
- Safe, hospitable environment for workers





"I get around primarily via bicycle and walking. Our basic bike network has improved but there are significant gaps and most bike lanes in the city are unprotected and unbuffered." Survey Participant, Transportation Challenges Survey

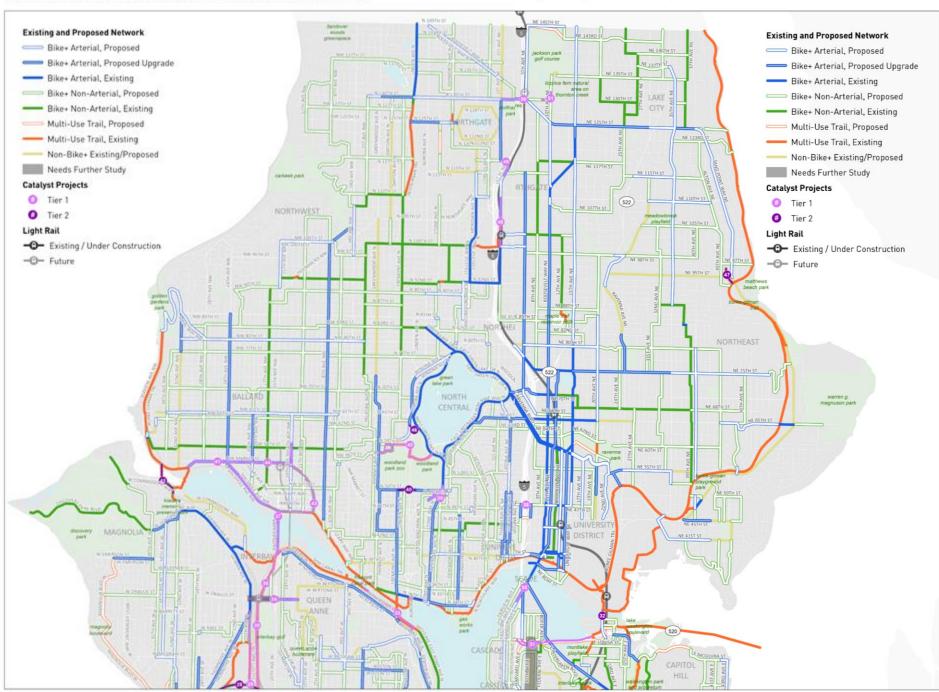
Bicycle and E-Mobility

- People of all ages and abilities can use bicycles and e-mobility as part of daily life
- Network of connected and wellmaintained bike facilities
- Everyday destinations easily accessible
- Enjoyable and safe places to ride
- Secure bike parking at destinations
- Intuitive, inviting design
- Bicycling is accepted and supported
- Community education to share the road



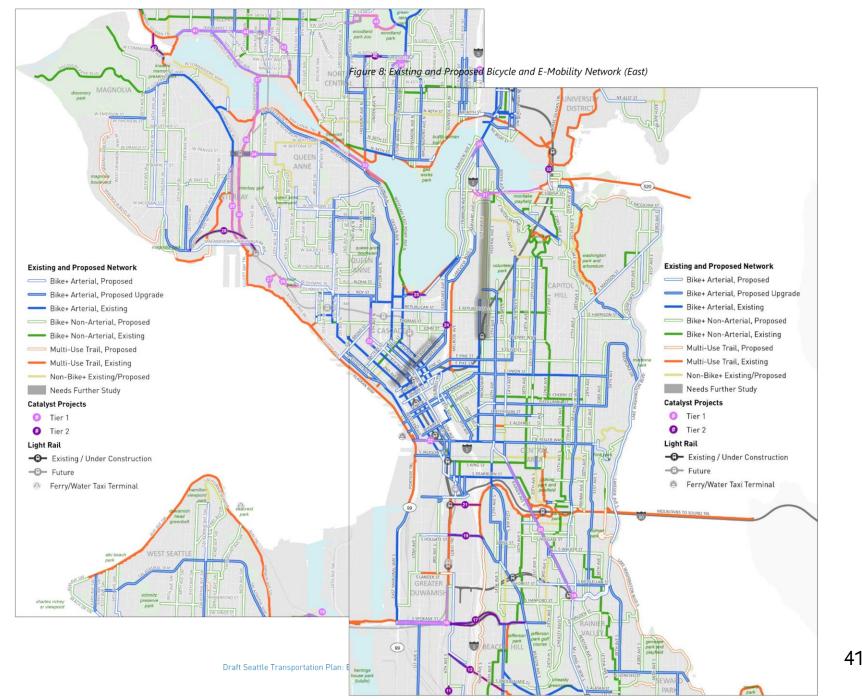
Figure 5: Existing and Proposed Bicycle and E-Mobility Network (Northwest)

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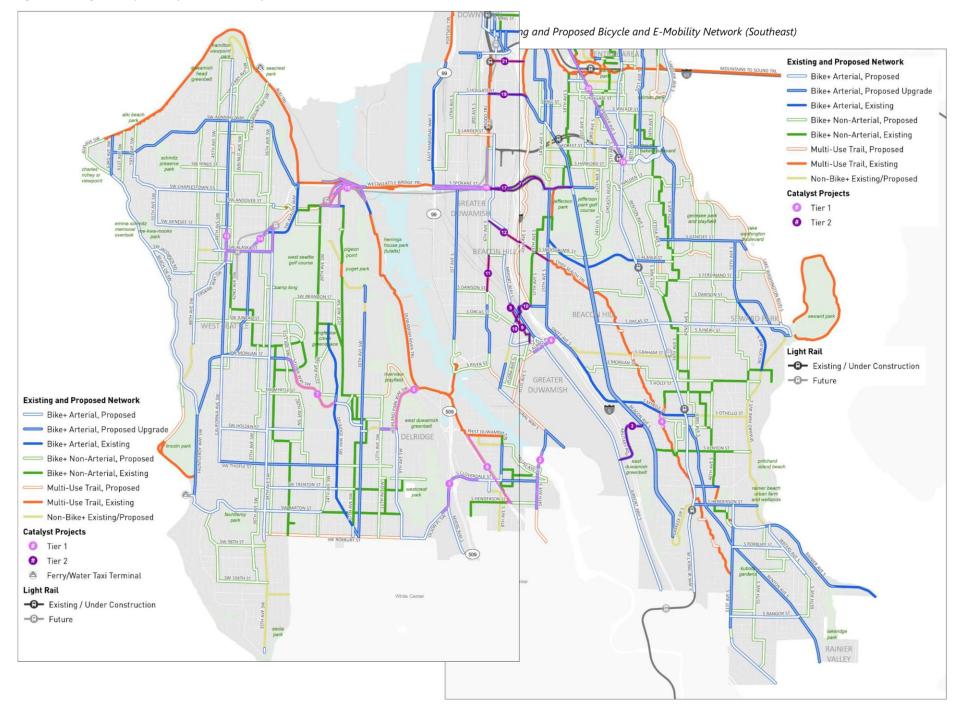
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Figure 7: Existing and Proposed Bicycle and E-Mobility Network (West)



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Figure 9: Existing and Proposed Bicycle and E-Mobility Network (Southwest)



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Pedestrian

- Direct connections to key destinations that are convenient and safe for people of all ages and abilities
- Clear, inviting spaces for people walking
- Compact, walkable neighborhoods
- People-oriented streetscapes
- Places of respite that encourage connection and conversation
- Proactive maintenance to ensure accessibility



"My neighborhood has no sidewalks and I am near NW 85th St with few crosswalks/lighted intersections that would encourage cars to slow down." Survey Participant, Transportation Challenges Survey



People Streets and Public Spaces

- Human-scale spaces that encourage people to gather, play, connect, support local commerce, and form community
- More equitable distribution of highquality people streets and public spaces
- Green streets and public spaces
- Support healthy business districts, physical health for individuals, and social health for communities
- Car-light or car-free spaces that preserve delivery/emergency access

"I want to see fully pedestrianized street space that can be used as a plaza, outdoor seating, gathering space, or [a] place one can spend time without spending money." Anonymous Contributor, Online Engagement Hub

New and Emerging Mobility

- Facilitate a seamless network of sustainable transportation and urban delivery options
- Provide safe, affordable, and accessible mobility for all
- Work collaboratively with providers, regional partners, and the community





"Emphasize e-bikes and smarter buses/trollies, rather than self-driving cars." Anonymous Contributor, Online Engagement Hub



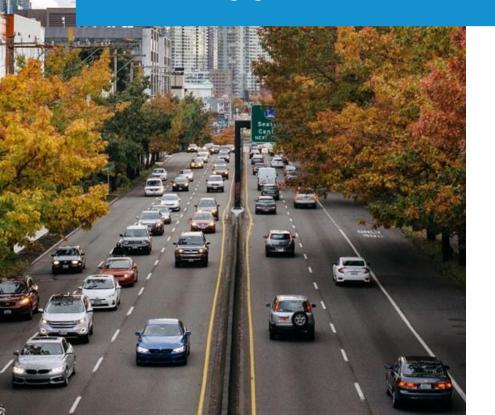
"Since curb space and access needs vary in neighborhood commercial districts, businesses and affected neighbors should be involved in decision-making around any access restrictions in their community." Survey Participant, Phase 2A Survey Results

Curbside Management

- Reliable access for delivery services and for critical building access needs
- Demand management for curb use in business districts
- Leverage new technologies to prioritize, price, and enforce curbspace
- Electric and smaller delivery vehicles in denser neighborhoods
- Use curb space to support businesses and public life, such as outdoor dining
- Access for those with limited mobility



"The streets and sidewalks in my neighborhood are in poor condition and repair, although I live near two busy arterials. My first priority is for streets and sidewalks to be maintained in good condition and repair." Anonymous Contributor, Online Engagement Hub



Vehicle

- Support effective regional travel
- Prioritize safety of all people
- Rebalance street space to support multiple essential functions
- Support our growth strategy and climate goals through lowering vehicle miles traveled and increasing electrification
- Help freight and transit share space
- Minimize impacts to emergency response and critical access needs as other modal priorities advance



What's Next?

Phase 3 Public Engagement (Now to mid-October)

- Visit the Online Engagement Hub to review the draft STP and help us identify how to select and pay for future work
- Community Events and CL/CBO engagement continues





How Can I Get Involved?





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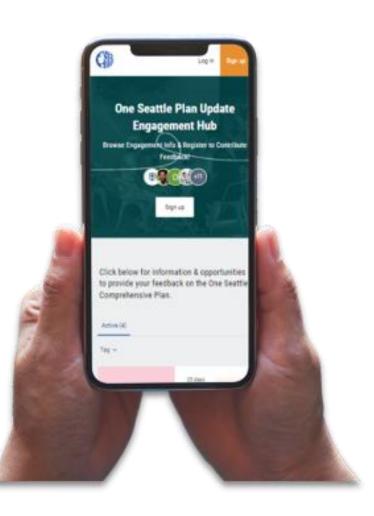


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Thank you!

