# RECONNECT WEST SEATTLE

# Neighborhood Ballot Report - Back

South Park, Georgetown, Highland Park, South Delridge, Riverview and Roxhill

# Thank you

to the thousands of people who completed surveys and ballots in July to let us know what projects we should build to better manage traffic impacts and mobility challenges due to the closure of the West Seattle High Bridge. Your input helped us to prioritize initial neighborhood projects that will help with increased traffic and improve pedestrian safety in the most-impacted areas.

#### What's Next?

#### 2020

Build 23 community-prioritized projects or actions to improve mobility and safety.



#### 2020-2021

- Implementing the Home Zone Program in neighborhoods to deliver safety and speed reduction efforts.
- Initial investment of \$6M for neighborhood project implementation.

#### 2021

Begin project development on 32 projects or programs for implementation.

For more information, about detailed projects in your neighborhood, please visit www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle.

### Why Reconnect West Seattle?

Reconnect West Seattle envisions how we can achieve a reconnected West Seattle peninsula that has similar levels of travel across the Duwamish to those seen before the High-Rise Bridge closure, while also reducing the environmental injustices that impact communities in the Duwamish Valley.

As one part of a broader effort to achieve this vision, on July 10, 2020, SDOT launched a two-part community engagement effort: the **Neighborhood Prioritization Process Ballots** and the **Reconnect West Seattle Survey**. Both processes were open until July 31, 2020.

# WHAT YOU TOLD US



15,180 responses to the Reconnect West Seattle Survey
1,750 responses to the Neighborhood Prioritization Process Ballots

(Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 1,074; Georgetown: 209; South Park: 398; SODO: 691.

## **Project Information and Contact**

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#### **Neighborhood Prioritization Process Themes**

People filling out the neighborhood traffic mitigation ballots told us that they're concerned about:



**Traffic & Congestion** 



Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility



**Speeding** 



Environmental Impacts & Pollution

Each neighborhood had unique concerns and issues. All neighborhoods need more traffic calming solutions, projects and interventions. Each community had additional ideas and creative solutions to address the impacts from the detour routes.

#### **Reconnect West Seattle Survey Themes**

People taking the Reconnect West Seattle Survey told us that:



Drive alone trips and work from home mode share targets are within our reach.



Drive alone trips will decrease to 36% mode share after social distancing (2021 Goal: 35%).



Work from home will represent a 23% mode share (2021 Goal: 10%) indicating that people want to continue remote work in some capacity after social distancing.



Bike and water taxi mode shares show increase to 6% each, but shy of the 10% mode share goal for 2021.



Travelers expect their bus use to decrease the most significantly (from 17% in pre-social distancing to 11% after social distancing). Our 2021 goal for bus mode share is 30%, indicating opportunities for improvement and the likely impact of the current pandemic on perceptions of future transit use.



Increased interest in carpool, vanpool, employer shuttles after social distancing.

## **Staying Connected**

Throughout this process, we'll keep you updated on upcoming projects through:

- Quarterly updates on project status (what we've built, which are in design and upcoming opportunities for input)
- Email, webpage and social media updates as we build projects or need your input
- Sharing regular updates and collecting feedback about project progress with community organizations, community events and meetings
- Working with Department of Neighborhood's Community Liaison Program to keep informed and engaged communities/languages in Spanish, Khmer, Somali, Vietnamese, Oromo, Korean and Chinese

Reconnect West Seattle is more than a list of projects. It's an ongoing dialogue between SDOT and the community as to how we can best manage the traffic and mobility challenges.