



# Implementing Seattle's Transportation Equity Framework

## A 6-year plan to evolve government policies and operations

Elevating community voices not traditionally heard in transportation policy and operations is a critical need. Since 2019, we committed resources and collaborated with eleven community members and now have a framework with over 200 tactics focused on equity. Members represent Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and vulnerable communities. They are connected to local organizations in the Seattle-King County region and apply their experiences and professional knowledge to identify actions toward resolving transportation-related challenges. The resulting framework will guide the actions of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) employees for years to come. We are honored by the workgroup's dedication and contributions to centering race and social justice in the city of Seattle.

### Putting the pieces together

Here's how it works. Using a series of values and strategies from the Transportation Equity Framework (TEF), the Transportation Equity Workgroup and SDOT staff developed tactics and assigned a timeframe for implementing them. SDOT staff are now incorporating tactics into their workplans and will continue to do so over the next six years.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION



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## TEF Implementation Plan example

### Tactic # 43.2

Coordinate with community-based organizations and legislators to revise or remove pedestrian crossing (jaywalking, etc.) and helmet laws that result in harm to people of color and vulnerable communities; and replace with educational outreach that promotes safe walking, rolling, and bicycling behaviors.

Value: Transportation Justice

Start Date: 2022 Quarter 1

End Date: 2024 Quarter 1

### Outcome #1:

- **Coordination:** Our Vision Zero team coordinated with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Office of Housing (Board of health liaison staff) and King County Board of Health during discussions on whether to repeal a countywide law requiring bike helmets because of the disproportional enforcement against communities of color and unhoused community members (both of whom are also disproportionately affected by fatal traffic crashes). The Board of Health repealed the law in February 2022.
- **Safety:** We support and encourage helmet use for people of all ages, regardless of whether a law is in place. We are strengthening partnerships with Public Health - Seattle and King County as well as organizations like Bike Works and East African Community Services, and in conjunction with scooter share, to distribute free helmets to community members who need them most. Distribution will begin in earnest in summer 2022 and be ongoing.
- **Engineering:** Wearing a helmet is one element of safety for people biking. Continuing to build a connected network of comfortable bicycle facilities, which people on scooters can use as well, and slowing down vehicle speeds are critical.

*The Transportation Equity Framework* is a dynamic document. It will be adjusted, monitored, and updated regularly with the Transportation Equity Workgroup to meet the changing needs of the city and community members as Seattle and the region grow and evolve.

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## Follow our progress

Use our online dashboard at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/equityframework](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/equityframework) to learn more about the over 200 tactics included in the Implementation Plan and follow the progress we are making.

Extra! We encourage you to join in creating the **Seattle Transportation Plan**. No matter where you're going - whether to work or school, visiting friends, running errands, going to your place of worship, or out to dinner - you should be able to do so in a way that is safe, efficient, and affordable. Simply put, our transportation needs shape our daily lives in many ways. By taking part in the plan's creation, you will help us build a system that works better for everyone. Visit [www.seattle.gov/transportation/SeattleTransportationPlan](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/SeattleTransportationPlan) to learn more.