

A Vision for the

# Future of Transportation in Seattle

## SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

AT A GLANCE | February 2024

The **Seattle Transportation Plan (STP)** is a 20-year plan for the future of transportation in Seattle. It will help guide how we modernize and maintain our transportation system to sustainably connect people to opportunities, to nature, and to each other. It's a plan to provide reliable travel options for people and goods and to reimagine streets as welcoming places for people, culture, business, recreation and gatherings. It's an opportunity to come together—as One Seattle.

The **STP At a Glance** highlights the main parts of the plan. Further info can be found at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/seattle-transportation-plan>

## VISION

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

## GOALS



### Safety

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



### Sustainability

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



### Livability

Reimagine city streets as inviting places to linger and play



### Equity

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



### Mobility & Economic Vitality

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



### Maintenance & Modernization

Improve city transportation infrastructure and ready it for the future

# THE KEY MOVES

Key moves are strategies that help us achieve the STP vision and goals. They are supported by a series of implementing actions that will be used to shape the Seattle Department of Transportation's work plan.

## Safety

- Reduce vehicle speeding to increase safety
- Concentrate safety investments where fatal and serious injury collisions occur most or are at a higher risk of occurring
- Make all journeys safer, from departure to destination, especially for people traveling outside the protection of a vehicle
- Provide safer routes to schools, parks, transit, community gathering spaces, and other common destinations
- Support public safety through maintenance of critical access routes and planning for a climate resilient network

## Sustainability

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

## Livability

- Reallocate street space to prioritize people, creating enjoyable places that also facilitate goods delivery and mobility
- Create welcoming community and mobility hubs
- Co-create and enhance public spaces for playing and gathering to improve community health
- Activate and maintain public spaces to create a welcoming and age-friendly public realm

## Equity

- Center the voices of communities of color and underrepresented groups in our planning and decision-making processes
- Address inequities in the transportation system by prioritizing investments for impacted communities
- Remove cost as a barrier so everyone can take the trips they need to make
- Support shifts toward non-punitive transportation enforcement approaches that reduce harm and enhance public safety on city streets

## Mobility & Economic Vitality

- Create seamless travel connections
- Make walking, biking, and rolling easy and enjoyable travel choices, especially for short trips
- Create world-class access to transit and support making service more frequent and reliable
- Support access to jobs, freight movement, and growth in deliveries
- Manage curbspace to reflect city goals and priorities

## Maintenance & Modernization

- Maintain our streets, sidewalks, and bridges and incorporate planned safety and network improvements with maintenance work
- Reduce neighborhood disparities in the quality of streets, sidewalks, public spaces, and bridges
- Ready city streets for new travel options and emerging trends and technologies

## ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Throughout STP engagement, we reached thousands of people—to build awareness, hear feedback, and co-create the future vision of transportation in Seattle.

**84,000+**

Individual data points collected through STP engagement

**11,000+**

People engaged at outreach events for the STP

**1,400+**

Comments on the draft STP

# We asked you to co-create the STP with us— and this is what we heard.

*“The time for action is long overdue.”*

*“[Transportation] should be affordable to everyone, in that everyone should be able to use transit, walk, or bike cheaply.”*

*“Improve our public transit network and, more importantly, prioritize non-motorists with our street space. Create more bike and transit lanes on our main corridors, removing general travel lanes and on-street parking when necessary to do so. It must be safe and convenient to use these services”*

*“Pay attention to the majority who want safer, more equitable, more climate resilient ways to move around Seattle.”*

*“Accommodating freight and commercial traffic, especially north of the ship canal. Having sufficient alternate traffic corridors in case of an emergency, i.e., earthquake and/or tsunami.”*

*“Maintenance is the unglamorous but incredibly important job that makes our city tick.”*

*“People-scale, diverse, and livable communities provide equity by default. More housing, employment, recreation, and business opportunities for all!”*

*“We need fast, safe, affordable transit that doesn't require walking more than a few blocks to a hub.”*

*“When good planning and engagement is done, there should be a fast track to change.”*

*“Equity should be at the center of every initiative. Improving transportation options/safety in neighborhoods that have adequate transportation/safety... should come after improving areas that have been historically ignored.”*

## This is how we used your feedback.



**Policy direction that reflects city values**  
Policy Guidance



**Maps that show us where to make improvements**  
Investment Networks



**Programs and projects to improve the transportation system**  
Program and Project Identification



**Information on how we will conduct future outreach**  
Engagement



**Guide for where and what we invest in first**  
Prioritization



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



**Targets that track progress**  
Performance Measures

# AN INTEGRATED PLAN

In Part I of the STP, we describe how different pieces of the transportation system work together to reach our goals. These pieces are also integrated with Seattle's growth strategy, which is defined in the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Together, the STP and Comprehensive Plan advance community values toward a more livable and equitable future.

Part II provides more detail on how we can advance the plan's vision and key moves. It describes different elements of our transportation system and the way we use our streets. Several elements also have maps that show where we'll focus first.

The STP includes 8 elements:

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

## PUTTING THE STP INTO ACTION

The STP is a 20-year blueprint for Seattle's transportation future. It includes an implementation strategy for how we'll identify programs and projects, prioritize and fund them, and measure our progress. We will co-create the first of several STP Implementation Plans in 2025, after our financial position is clearer.

## WHY WE NEED THIS PLAN

As we take on important problems today, we also need to think about how our transportation system will change over time to meet our future needs.

We need a plan to help us make smart choices and invest in solutions that match our city's values and goals for the future.

## This plan advances these 8 outcomes:

- Protect people
- Invest in equity
- Cultivate green transportation
- Integrate our land use and transportation strategies
- Support economic vitality
- Expand affordable access
- Evolve and innovate with emerging trends
- Reflect community priorities

**Thank you for taking part in developing the Seattle Transportation Plan! We look forward to continuing to work with you and your neighbors to create a transportation system that meets our collective needs.**

Do you need more information, have questions, concerns, or comments?

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