RE: 2018 Seattle Department of Transportation Proposed Budget

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Dear Budget Chair Herbold and members of the Budget Committee,

As the Council reviews the proposed budget for the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee is pleased to provide the following comments on the 2018 Proposed Budget.   
  
The approval of the budget is an important step in the continued delivery of Levy to Move Seattle projects to neighborhoods across the city. Recently, the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee received a briefing from SDOT on proposed spending for 2018 and implementation of Levy to Move Seattle projects moving forward. We are encouraged to see that the 2018 Move Seattle Proposed Budget is an increase of $27M over the 2017 Adopted amount and anticipates a continued ramp up of Levy to Move Seattle spending to deliver these important safety, maintenance, and congestion relief projects.  
  
In our second year as the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee, we have been working with SDOT to improve financial reporting and levy-related project performance measures as well as better understand how the agency is delivering Levy to Move Seattle-funded projects. We have heard repeatedly from the community that they want to see these voter-approved projects implemented as soon as possible. To reflect this public sentiment, we urge you to continue to work with SDOT and the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee to ensure that these important projects are funded through the budget process and that SDOT has the resources, flexibility, and certainty from the Council to deliver these projects to communities as soon as possible.   
  
We look forward to reviewing the Approved Budget and overseeing spending of levy dollars in 2018 to ensure that these transportation projects are improving the lives of Seattle residents and workers.

Sincerely,

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