





#### **Presentation Outline**

- SDOT Goals
- Current Regulations
- Key Considerations
- Feedback



#### Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For all



## **Current Regulations**

- **Bicycles** (SMC 11.44.120)
  - Allowed on sidewalks
  - Must yield to pedestrians
  - Must operate at a speed that is reasonable and proper under the conditions



http://www.bikewalklincolnpark.com/2011/09/what-cyclists-on-sidewalks-are-telling.html

## **Current Regulations**

- E-bikes (RCW 46.61.710)
  - Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed on sidewalks
  - Class 3 are not allowed on sidewalks
- E-scooters (RCW 46.61.710)
  - E-scooters are not allowed on sidewalks



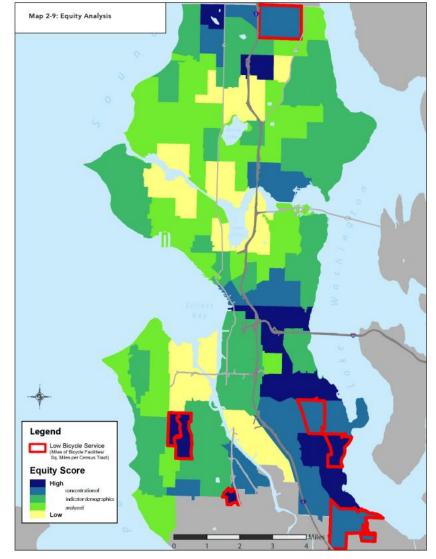
# **Key Considerations - Safety**

- Bicycle vs pedestrian collision reports are rare
  - 3 ped/bike reported collisions on sidewalks (2014-2017)
- Sidewalks provide protected space for people to ride bikes
  - 400 bicycle / vehicle collisions per year
  - 20 serious or fatal injuries



# **Key Considerations - Equity**

- Large sections of the city lack safe places to ride bicycles
- Nationwide studies show bicycle-specific laws are inequitably enforced against people of color



Seattle Bicycle Master Plan - March 2014



# **Key Considerations - Comfort**

- SDOT has received feedback that:
  - Sidewalk riding feels unsafe
  - Sidewalk riding has an outsized impact on people living with disabilities
  - Sidewalk riding makes sidewalks a less enjoyable space



#### Feedback and Discussion

- What is working?
  - New bike share regulations will audit and enforce sidewalk blockages
  - Activated sidewalks lead to a vibrant city
  - Others?
- What needs work?
  - Better data collection
  - Rider education
  - Others?



## **Next Steps**

- Review current regulations complete
- Review considerations complete
- Gather feedback today
- Respond to Ord. 125634 January 31, 2019
- Ongoing outreach Winter / Spring 2019
- Respond to SLI 35-3-A-1 June 2019



### **Questions?**

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