



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

*Stewards of the
Pedestrian Master Plan*

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Mayor Jenny Durkan,

Seattle City Council Members,

As you know, there is a tremendous shortfall in the funding for maintenance and repair of one of the city's most important resources, its 2,300 miles of sidewalks. The need is at least \$500 million and up to \$1.3 billion over the next 30 years. The Move Seattle Levy funds \$16.9 for sidewalk repairs over nine years. The shortfall is a staggering amount. Last year the city budget provided \$5.7 million for sidewalk repairs. The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) was heartened to see a \$2.2 million increase to the Move Seattle funds in 2019 from school camera funds. We urge the Mayor and City Council to again provide such an increase for the 2020 budget.

A higher level of funding for the maintenance of existing sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks is essential for Seattle to become one of the most walkable cities in America, the goal of the City's adopted Pedestrian Master Plan. Deferring maintenance of a major city asset such as our sidewalk infrastructure only creates a larger problem in the future. Please seek to increase our commitment to this valuable asset in the 2020 budget as well as in future budgets. A small increase each year will put the City on a better path to meeting this need.

Sincerely,
David Seater, Chair

On behalf of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

Cc: Sam Zimbabwe

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The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.

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