

Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee

June 2, 2026



Agenda

- Public Comment
- Committee Business
 - Meeting minutes approval
 - Modal Board report-outs
- 2026 Q1 Update
- Program Presentations
 - Aurora Ave N Safety
 - New Sidewalks



Public Comment

Committee Business

Reminder: Levy Oversight Committee

Key Roles *(per legislation)*

✓ Annually review Levy:

- Priorities
- Spending
- Financial plans

✓ Monitor Levy:

- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Program and project implementation

✓ Advise the City Council, the Mayor and SDOT on:

- Spending of Levy proceeds
- Performance of Levy programs

✓ May also:

- Audit Levy-funded programs
- Make recommendation to the Mayor and City Council regarding the advisability of proposing to Seattle voters a replacement levy after this one expires

LOC Key Roles: Review, Monitor, Advise

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Levy Delivery Plan	January			
Levy Annual Report		March/ April		
Dashboard Data Updates		Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Levy Program Reviews	Ongoing			
Budget & Budget Process			September- November	

2026 Q1 Update

New - Q1 2026 Data on Levy Dashboard



Seattle Transportation Levy Dashboard



Traffic Signals and Maintenance - Completed and In-Progress

Reporting Period

2026

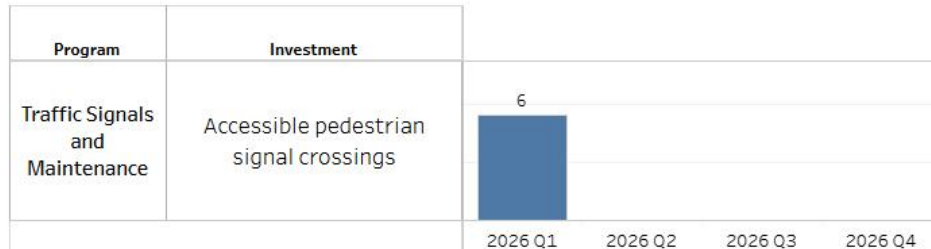
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Program: Traffic Signals and Maintenance

Program Investments

New Traffic Signals
Signal major maintenance
Accessible pedestrian signal crossings
Traffic signal preventative maintenance



View Levy Deliverables Map

Completed Projects	2026	Q1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bellevue Ave and E Olive Way Broadway Ave E and Thomas E California Ave SW and SW Oregon St Elliott Ave W and W Prospect St Fremont Ave and 105th St MLK Jr Way S and S McClellan St

Projects in Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boren Ave and Columbia St California Ave SW & SW Erskine/Edmunds St Fauntleroy Way SW & SW Dawson St Rainier Ave S & S Charles St Rainier Ave S & S Ferdinand St Rainier Ave S & S Hudson St Renton Ave S & S Cloverdale St 3rd Ave NW and NW Market St 4th Ave S & S Lucille St 15th Ave NW and NW Market St 15th Ave S & S Lucille St 26th Ave SW & SW Barton St

Recent Levy Highlights – Q1 2026 Projects

- 6 High-collision safety projects
- 2 Safe Routes to Schools projects
- 15 paving spot improvements
- 29 bridge preventative maintenance projects
- 24 transit spot improvements
- 2,942 sidewalk spot repairs



Safe Routes to School Project at Rainier View Elementary



Transit Spot Improvement (New Bus Pad) at 30th Ave NE and NE 135th

Recent Levy Highlights – Q1 2026 Projects *continued*

- 7 crossing improvements
- 1 ITS project
- 1,055 signs replaced
- 24/7 Transportation Operations Center service with over 1,200 responses to constituents
- 2 miles of upgraded Protected Bike Lanes
- 3 bike spot improvements

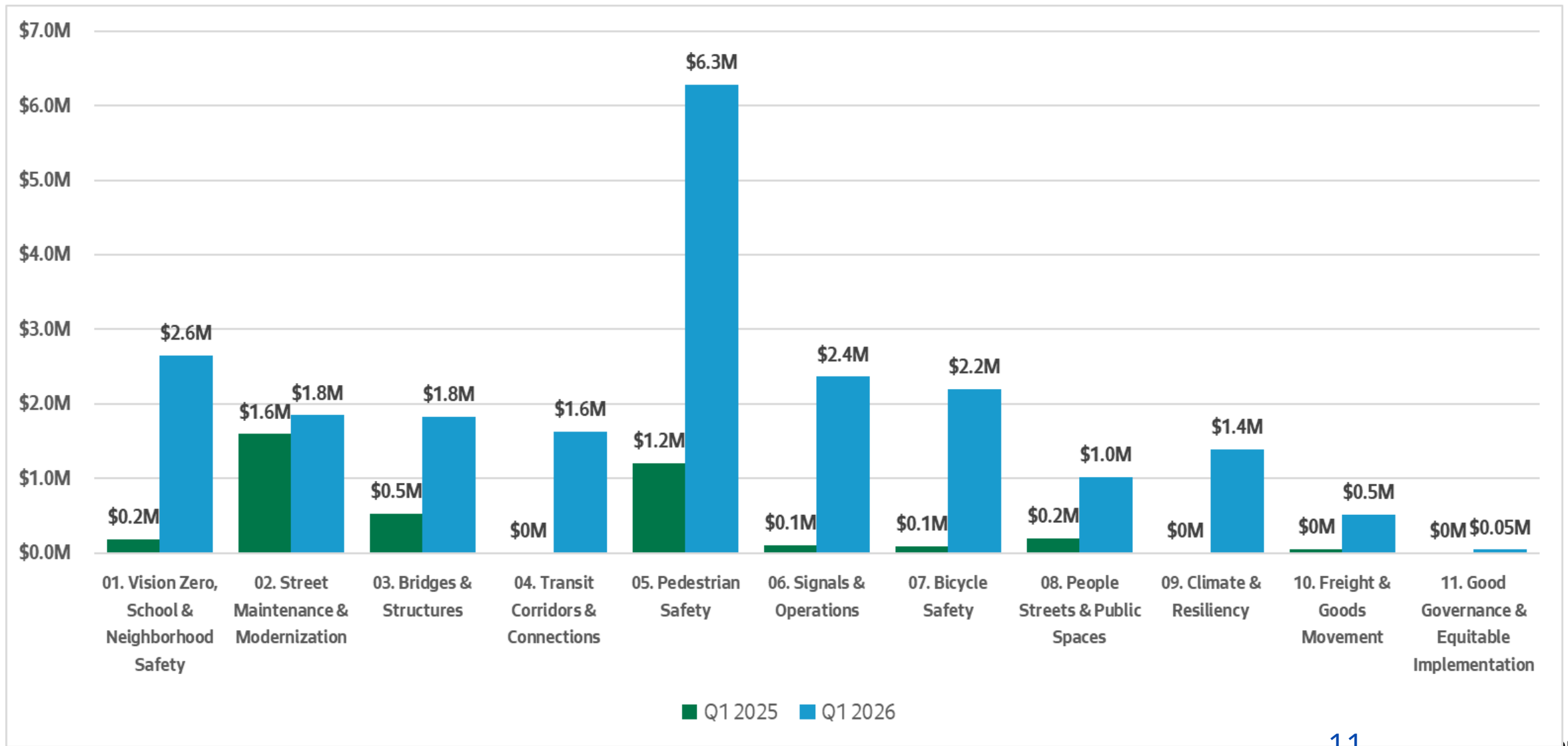


*Upgraded Pedestrian Crossing at NE
115th and 5th Ave NE*

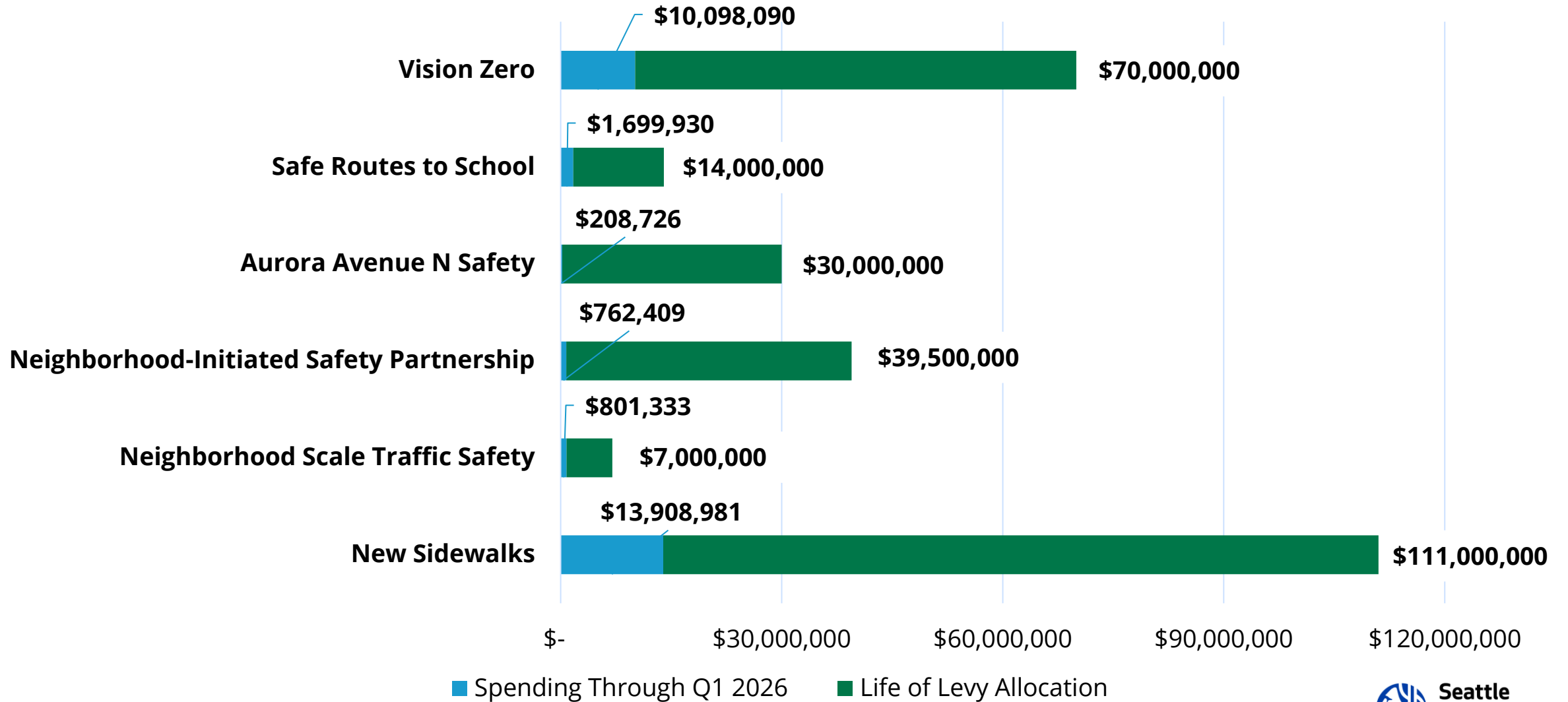


*New Protected Bike Lane on SW
Admiral Way*

Spending Update - Q1 2026 (All Programs)



Spending vs. Allocation Through Q1 2026



Expected Spending Trends

Vision Zero

Levy spending in this program will be relatively even year over year.

Program has other local funding; Levy represents 50-65% of annual budget.

Safe Routes to School

Consistent annual Levy spending.

Program has other local funding (SSTPI); Levy represents 25% of annual budget.

Neighborhood-Initiated Safety Partnership Program

New program with only Levy funding.

Will see lower spending in early years and during planning/design periods.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming

New program with only Levy funding.

Relatively even spending year over year.

Expected Spending Trends

continued

Aurora Ave N Safety

Annual spending will vary with project phase.

Contains grant and other funding sources; Levy funds are about a third of current funding.

New Sidewalks

Funding front-loaded for delivery of 250 blocks in first 4 years.

Program Overviews

Questions for the LOC

- Do you have any questions about the language in [Attachment A](#)?
- Are you clear on what the commitment and performance targets are?
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1.3 - Aurora Ave N Safety

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Commitments to Voters:

- Aided by state and federal leverage funds, install sidewalks along Aurora Ave N from N 115th St to N 145th St.
- Implement safety improvements, including pedestrian lighting, and plant trees along Aurora Ave N.

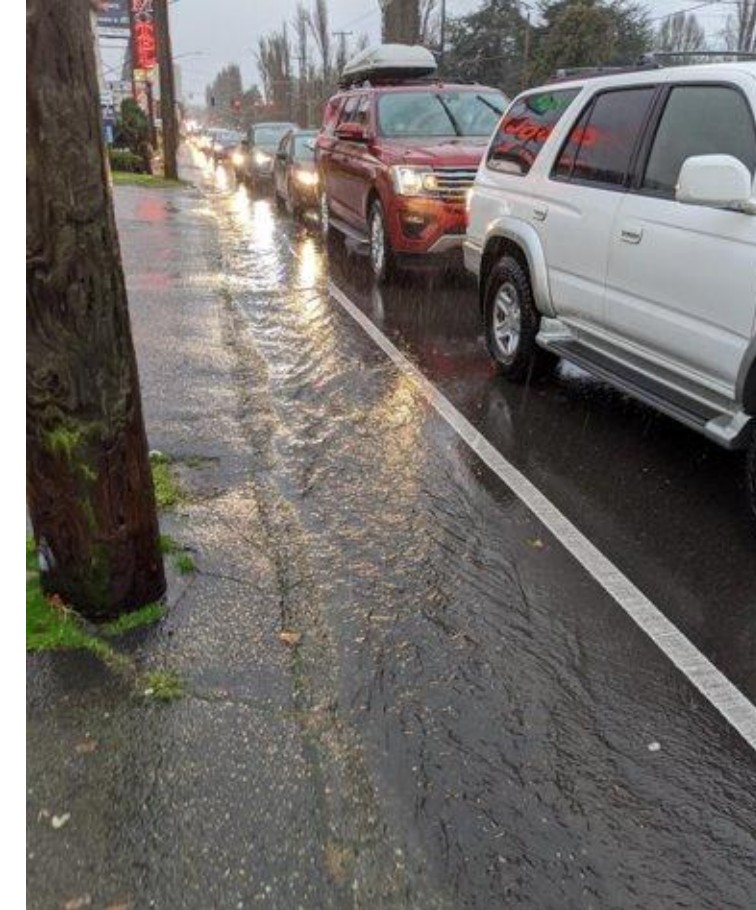
Progress through Q1 2026

- ✓ Completed Corridor Planning Study Phase 1
- ✓ Prepared for Corridor Planning Study Phase 2
- ✓ Collected additional data, developed a base map, and continued to coordinate closely with our agency partners

Project Background



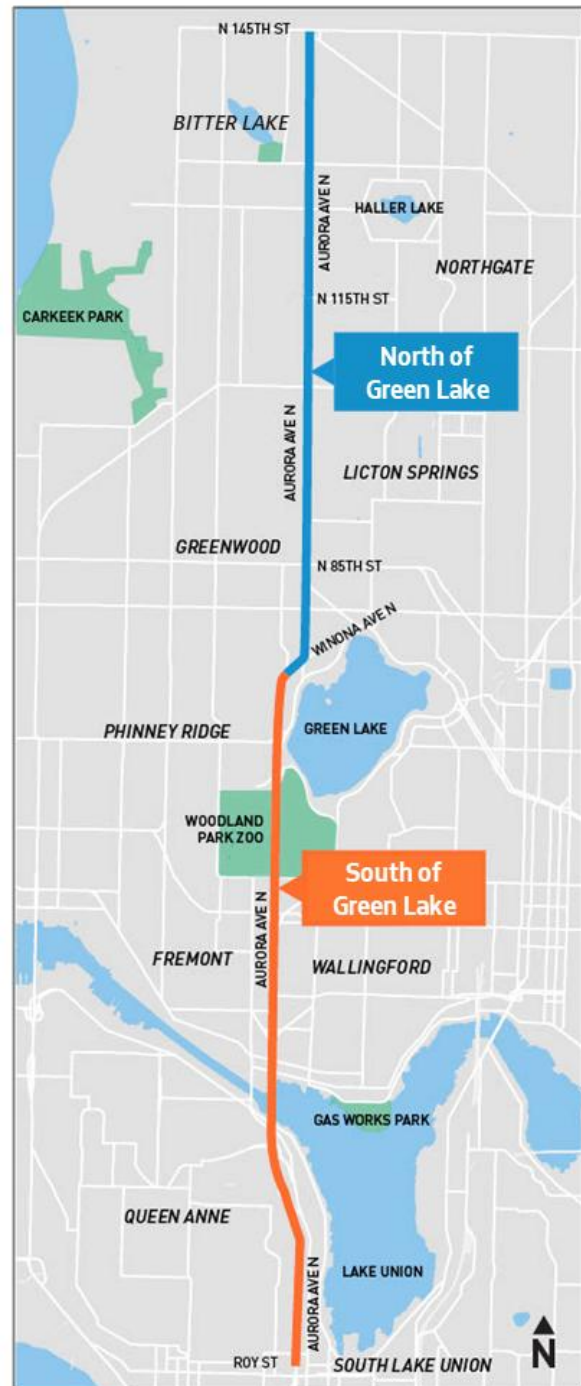
Looking south at Aurora Ave N from N 130th St pedestrian bridge



Sidewalk and stormwater deficiencies on Aurora Ave N near N 125th St

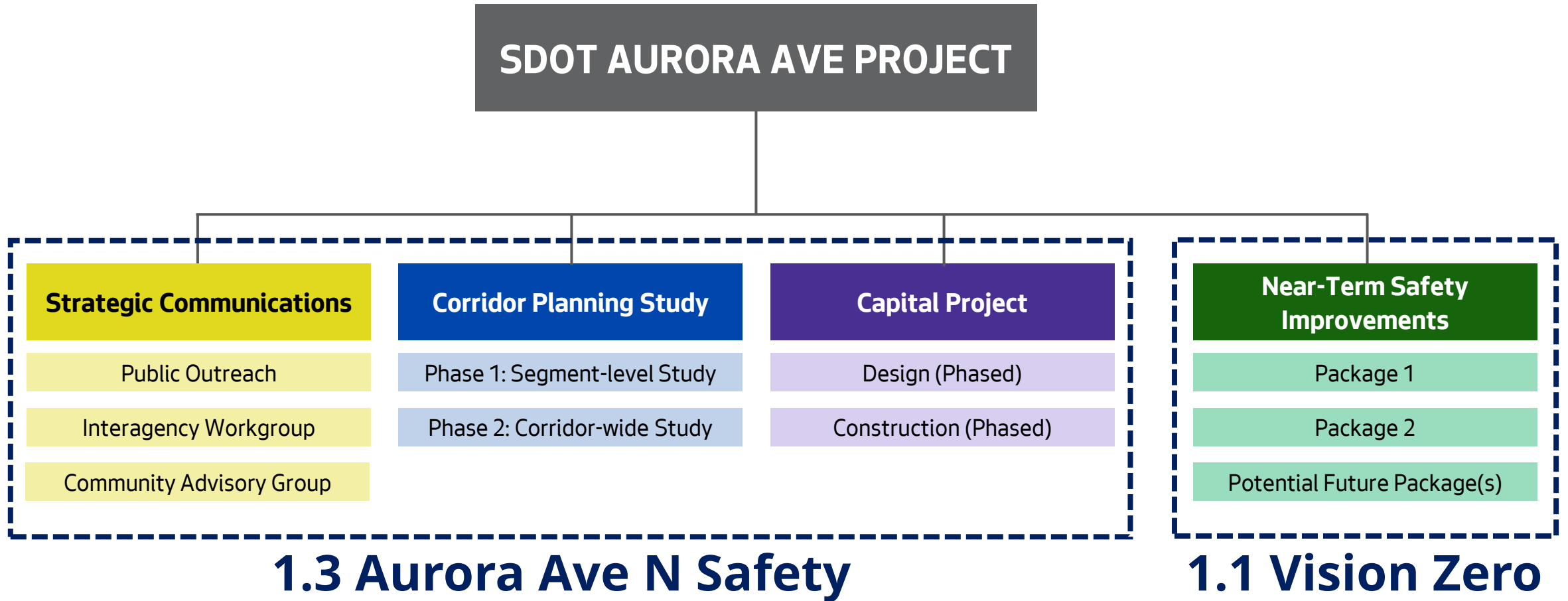


Looking south toward Aurora Ave N in Queen Anne



Aurora Ave Project Overview

SDOT AURORA AVE PROJECT



Financial Summary: Overview

Corridor Planning

Phase 1 (2022-2025)

WSDOT Pedestrian and Bike Grant
Local Funding
King County Metro Partnership

Phase 2 (2026-2028)

Federal FTA Grant
Move Ahead WA
Seattle Transportation Levy
Seattle Public Utilities Partnership

Capital Project (Phased)

Design (2028-2030)

Federal FHWA Grant for Design
Move Ahead WA
Seattle Transportation Levy

Construction (2031+)

Move Ahead WA
Seattle Transportation Levy

Financial Summary: Levy Funding

- Seattle Transportation Levy funding:
 - **\$30M** in levy funds allocated for life of levy
 - **~\$200K** spent thru Q1 2026
- Levy spend details:
 - Corridor Planning Study is mostly supported by federal (FTA), state (Move Ahead WA), and agency partnership funding (SPU)
 - Current Levy spend is supplementing planning for the full project extents (i.e. communications, outreach, and local match for state and federal grants)
 - Majority of Levy spending reserved to support design and construction for the phased Capital Project (2028-2032)

Aurora Ave Project Work Plan

Project Components	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 & Beyond
Strategic Communications	[Yellow bar]				[Yellow bar]				
SDOT Corridor Planning Study	Phase 1				Phase 2				
KC Metro E Line Study		[Light blue bar]							
SPU Drainage & Sewer Study		Phase 1		Phase 2					
OPCD Community Action Plan					Engagement Vision + Strategies		Policy Implementation		
Permitting & WSDOT Approvals							[Dark purple bar]		
Capital Project (Phased)							Design		Construction

We are here

Corridor Planning Phase 1: Draft Concepts

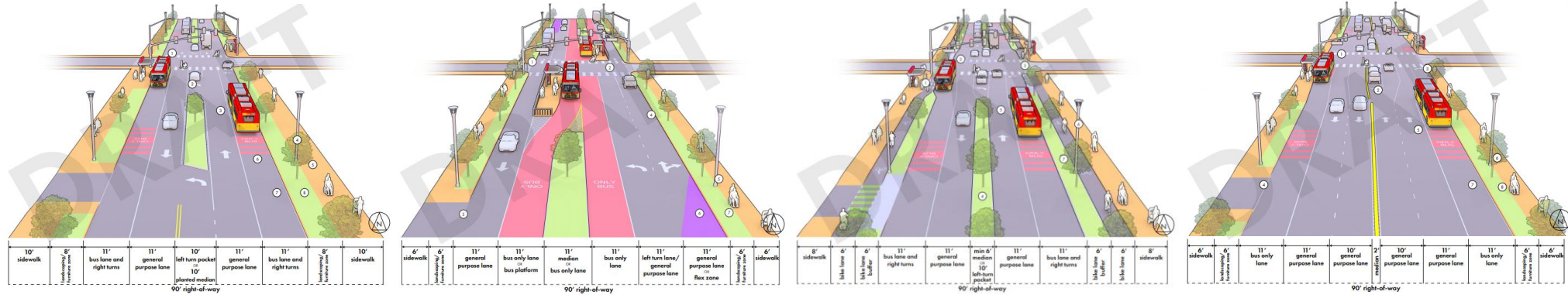
Walkable Boulevard

Center-Running Bus Lanes

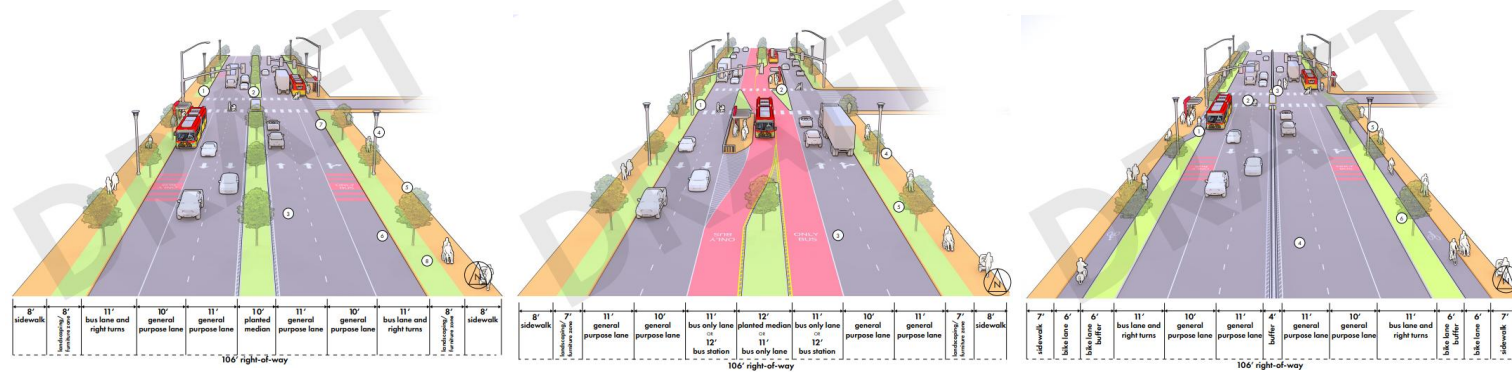
Bike Connection

Maintain Vehicle Capacity

Concepts for Segments North of Green Lake (90' right-of-way)



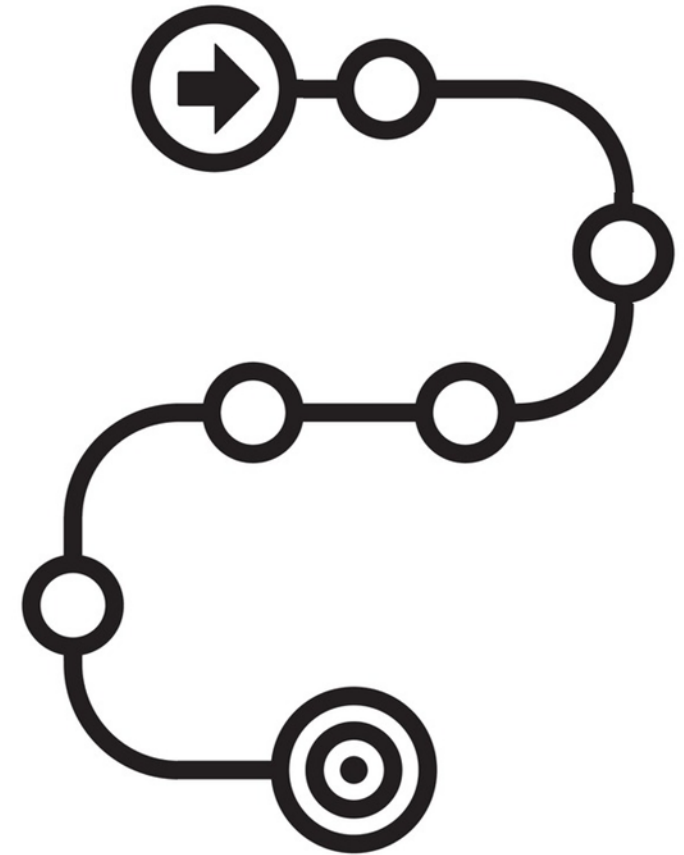
Concepts for Segments South of Green Lake (106' right-of-way)



All ideas in Segments 1 & 2 maintain two general-purpose travel lanes in each direction

Corridor Planning Phase 2: Preview

- Lead **inclusive community engagement** and launch a **community advisory group**
- **Analyze street operations** to assess tradeoffs and network impacts
- Refine **drainage and stormwater design and phasing**
- Complete alternatives analysis to **select a preferred corridor design**
- Develop **implementation plan and environmental permitting strategy**
- Prepare **10% designs and cost estimates for project phases**



2026 Aurora Ave N Look-Ahead

- **Community Advisory Group (CAG) Recruitment** *(April-June)*
- **Corridor Planning Study Phase 2 Kick-Off** *(June-July)*
- **Concept development for representative segment** *(July+)*

AURORA AVE PROJECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Seattle Department of Transportation

Application Guide

SPRING 2026

Overview
The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is creating a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to bring together community members to provide input on a new vision for Aurora Ave N. The CAG will meet 8-12 times from 2026 to early 2028 to learn more about work already happening, discuss their goals and priorities for the area, and build toward agreement on a new vision for Aurora Ave N to create better and safer options for all modes of travel on the corridor.


Benefits of CAG Participation

- Provide input on transportation planning for Aurora Ave N
- Learn more about SDOT's structure, operations, programs, and projects in the area
- Leadership development and civic engagement opportunity

Compensation for CAG Members
CAG members will be paid \$60 per hour for participating in meetings. All CAG members will sign a Participant Agreement with SDOT and a W-9 prior to the start of their term.

Desired Qualifications of Aurora Ave Project CAG members

- Currently work, live, worship, play, or learn near Aurora Ave N
- Have lived experiences and/or professional knowledge on transportation-related challenges experienced by people on and along Aurora Ave N
- Interest in working collaboratively in a team setting with other community members and people from local government
- No previous experience participating in an advisory group is necessary. If you have not served on city-level advisory groups before, we encourage you to apply!



Project Delivery Considerations

- **Funding Alignment:** Current funding sources are currently earmarked for different segments of the corridor
- **Project Phasing:** Balancing community needs, equity, funding availability, and technical requirements
- **Construction Timing:** WSDOT approvals and environmental permitting requirements will likely be critical schedule drivers

Key Program Contacts

- Elisabeth Wooton, Corridor Planning Lead
- Christa Dumpys, Public Engagement Lead
- MariLyn Yim, Capital Projects Lead

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5.1 – New Sidewalks

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Commitments to Voters:

- Support construction of at least 350 blocks of new sidewalks

Progress through Q1 2026

- ✓ 28 blocks of new sidewalks and walkways
- ✓ Hosted 10 neighborhood “walkshops”

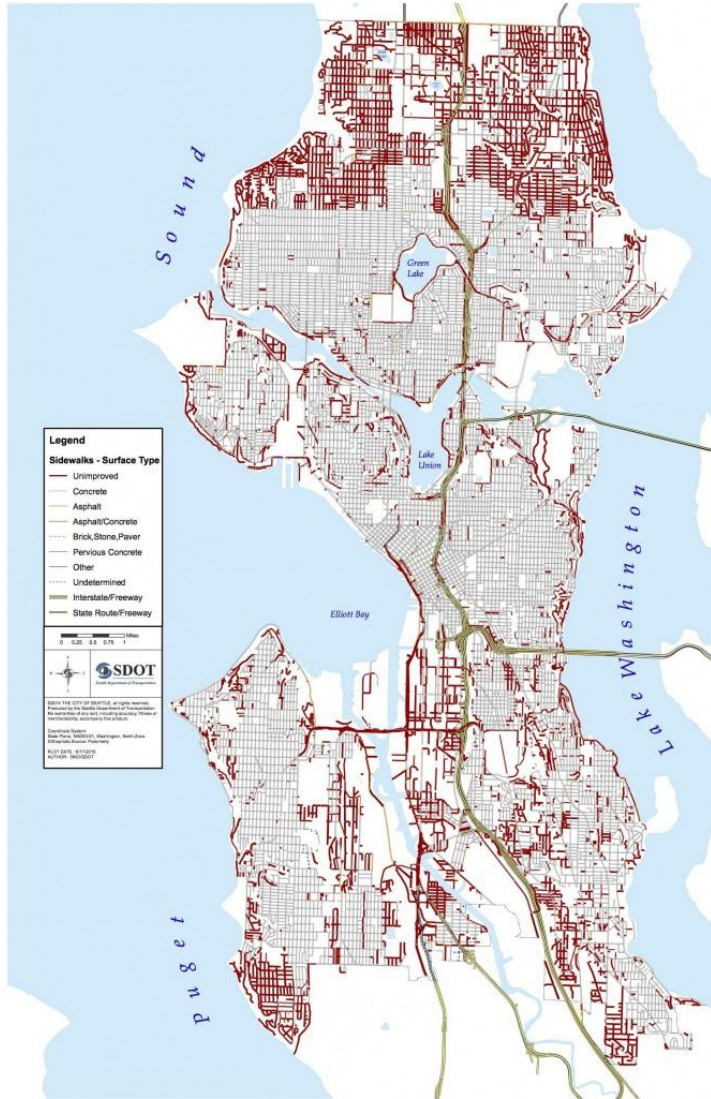
Commitments to Voters

- **Support construction of at least 350 blocks of new sidewalks, including:**
 - 320 blocks of new sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives, with 250 of these blocks complete or in construction by 2029
 - 30 blocks of new sidewalks located on the frequent transit network, separate from sidewalks delivered as part of the Aurora Ave N Safety Corridor Project
 - Build any new sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives within the 1-mile walkshed of a school (K-12) and/or local transit stop (transit that runs every 30 minutes)
- **A minimum of 36% of new sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives delivered by this program will be in District 5. A minimum of 17% will be in District 2. A minimum of 22% will be in District 1.**

Anticipated Initial Projects

- 1st Ave NE: NE 120th St to NE 130th St
- SW Brandon St: 26th Ave SW to 30th Ave SW
- NE Ravenna Blvd: 12th Ave NE to Brooklyn Ave NE
- Renton Ave S: 35th Ave S to S Dawson St
- Greenwood Ave N: N 112th St to N 117th St
- Gilman Ave W: W Manor Pl to 28th Ave W
- NE 130th St Light Rail Station walkshed
- 30th Ave NE: complete missing sections from NE 127th St to NE 145th St

Extent of Missing Sidewalks



- 27% of Seattle streets are missing sidewalks
- At the current annual rate of construction, it would take more than 300 years to build a sidewalk on every block where missing

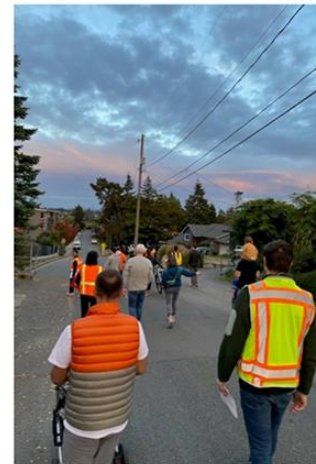
	Arterial	Non-Arterial	Total
Blocks of Missing Sidewalk	1,790	11,710	13,500
Percent of Blocks Missing Sidewalk	14%	32%	27%

How We Do Our Work: Walkshops

“Walkshop” events include walking and talking with people to help decide where new sidewalks/walkways are most needed.

Neighborhoods selected based on a need for better access to public schools, parks, light rail, streetcar, and frequent transit.

- **So far:** Pinehurst, Northgate, Delridge, Highland Park, Hillman City, South Park, Mt. Baker Station Area, Graham Street Station Area, Rainier View, Little Brook, Cedar Park, North 130th Station Area, and Arbor Heights



How We Do Our Work: Prioritization

Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) prioritizes each segment of missing sidewalk throughout the city based on factors such as:

- Proximity to frequent transit and schools
- Safety
- Equity

During walkshops, community members suggested prioritizing new sidewalks/walkways on:

- Access to residential areas, parks, schools, transit, and local businesses
- Safety
- Accessibility

Traditional Sidewalks



- Include:
 - Concrete sidewalk
 - Curbs
 - Planting strips
 - Trees
- Standard on arterial streets

Neighborhood Walkways



- Quick-build walkways made from:
 - Paint
 - Asphalt
 - Barriers
- Usually on local streets with less traffic

Neighborhood Walkways

Examples of different types

Painted Walkways with Wheel Stops



Asphalt Walkways



Wheel Stops and Conveyance Swales



More examples can be found at the end of the slide deck in the background section

Sidewalk Projects - Delivery Considerations

- Constructability
- Costs
- Traffic speed and volume
- Parking
- Street width
- Grade
- Utilities
- Adjacent trees
- Location

	Traditional Sidewalk	Walkway
Cost	\$800,000- \$1,500,000+ per block	\$200,000- \$350,000 per block or less
Location	Arterial streets	Neighborhood streets

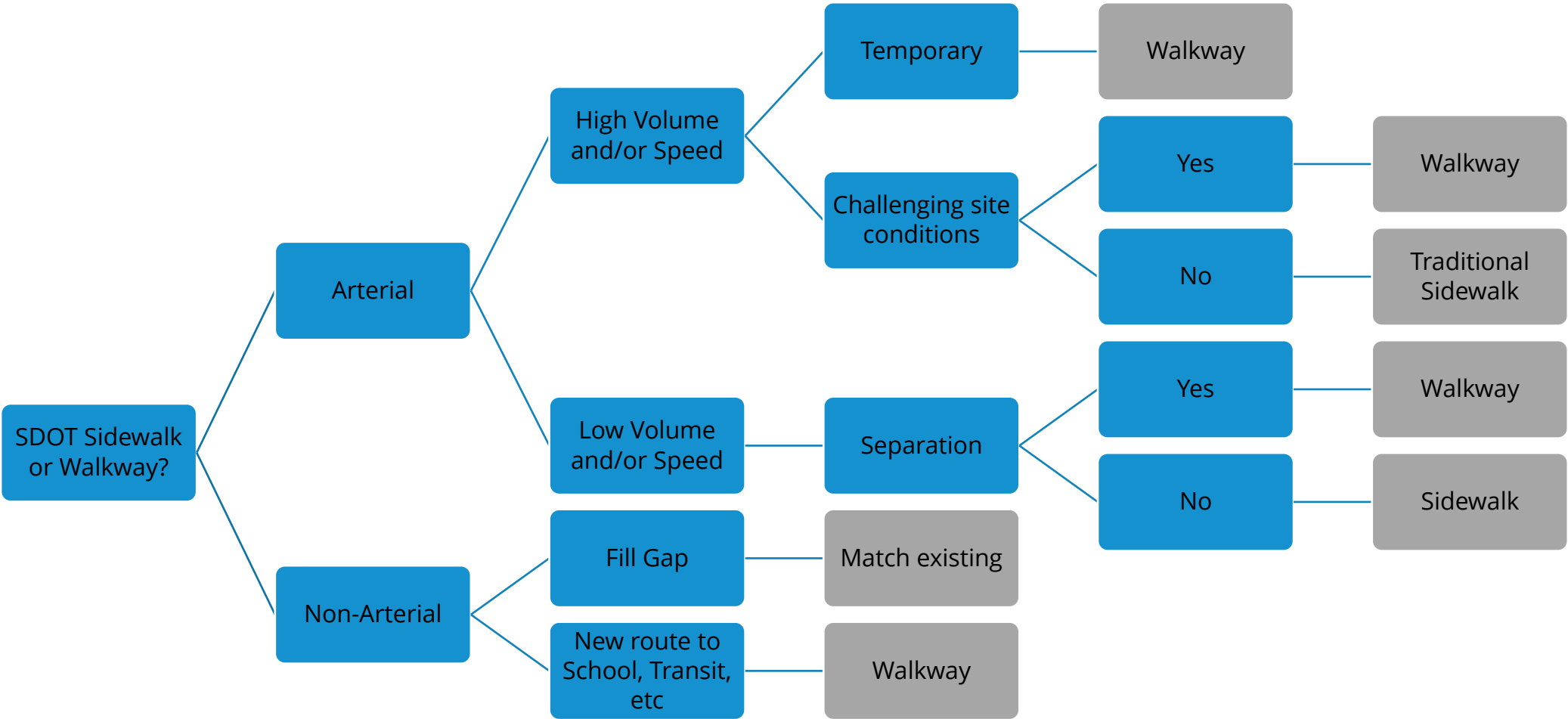
Why a Walkway vs. a Traditional Sidewalk ?

We implement asphalt walkways to maximize resources and provide dedicated pedestrian space on as many streets as possible

- Walkways on non-arterial streets
- As temporary quick-builds on arterials
- Context – what it connects to
- Site conditions



Walkway vs. Traditional Sidewalk?



2026 New Sidewalks Look-Ahead

- 37 Projects
- 50 Blocks
- Half originated from 2025 walkshops
- 28 new blocks of sidewalks/walkways in Pinehurst – first walkshop neighborhood
- Greenwood Ave N 112th to 117th



Key Program Contact

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New Sidewalks Program Owner

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Upcoming

What you can expect over the next few months

(Individual meeting topics may change as needed)

July 7 – 5- 7pm

- No Meeting
- Optional Site Visit focused on Vision Zero and/or New Sidewalks Project(s)

August – No Meeting

September 1 - 5 – 7pm

- Hybrid Meeting
- Tentatively Planned – Category 5: Pedestrian Safety

THANK YOU!