

Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee

November 2025



Agenda & Meeting Purpose

5:00pm-5:10pm: Welcome, Meeting Purpose, Public Comment

5:20pm-6:40pm: SDOT Presentation + Q&A

6:40pm-6:50pm: Brief Budget Open Floor

6:40pm-7:00pm: Wrap Up and Look-Ahead to Next Meetings

Today we are sharing more information about our approach to demonstrating accountability, a draft Levy dashboard, and reporting plan for your feedback & discussion.

Thank you for your patience in our second hybrid meeting!

Camera

Turn camera on if able. We understand there may be times where you are unable.

Chat feature

Please do not use Chat feature for substantive questions. Ask verbally.

The Chat feature may be used for things like "I am having trouble hearing the room" or "Thank you!"

Questions and Comments

Please raise your hand virtually for questions. If there are multiple questions, we will take in-person questions first, then move to the virtual room.

Public comments are taken verbally during the designated public comment period. If members of the public have additional comments or questions, email: TransportationLevy@Seattle.gov

Reminders from Last Meeting

- You learned about:
 - Equity at SDOT and in the Levy
 - SDOT's approach to accountability in partnership with LOC
 - The Mayor's 2026 Proposed Budget
- We heard:
 - What do we consider beyond the Racial and Social Equity Index when identifying where and who experiences inequities
 - How SDOT operationalizes equity using the Transportation Equity Framework and other forms of accountability at portfolio and project level
 - How to understand the Mayor's budget in the context of the levy, and focus areas

Public Comment

Reminder from Last Meeting: Demonstrating Accountability to Levy Commitments

Reminder from last meeting

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Types of Commitments (Attachment A)

1. Widgets

- Example: 5 new neighborhood greenways on residential streets

2. Geographic specificity

- Example: Add concrete protected bike lanes on S Henderson St

3. Programmatic investments

- Example: Implement bridge preventative maintenance program

4. Outcome-focused

- Example: Expand electric vehicle charging
- Example: Expand tree species diversity in areas that historically underserved in tree planting and care.



New: Numbered categories, referenced in the next slides for better clarity

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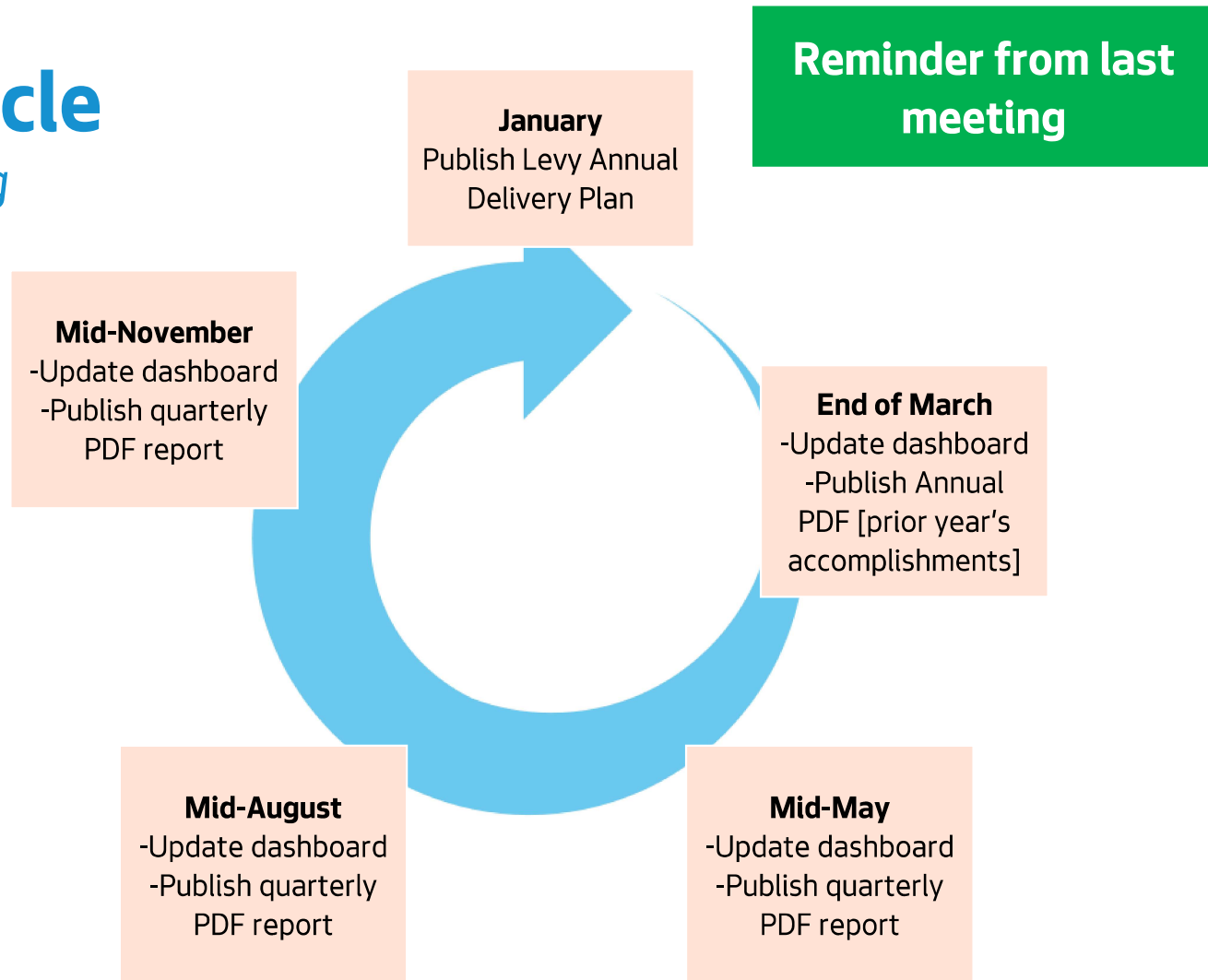
Each program area has a planned overall investment amount.

Breadth and flexibility built in purposefully for responsiveness to shared and evolving needs.

Levy Reporting Cycle

*Future Reporting on Spending
& Levy Delivery*

Every 2 years, SDOT reports on Seattle Transportation Plan performance metrics.

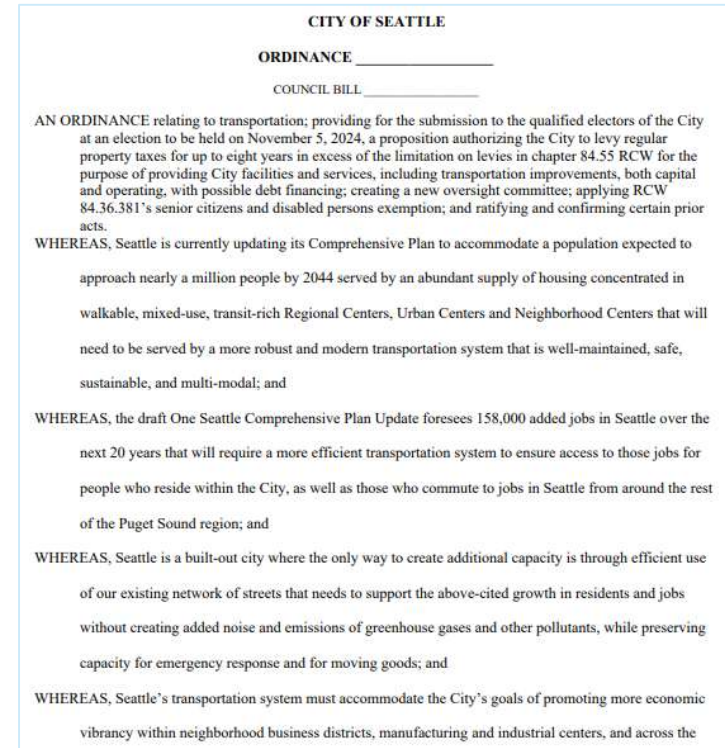


Taking This Conversation Into Consideration: Draft Transportation Levy Reporting Plan

Reporting Background

- Legislation requires dashboard
- Reporting supports the LOC in fulfilling responsibilities
- Transportation Equity Workgroup provided feedback to help ensure reporting is accessible and equitable

"The Seattle Department of Transportation shall make **online dashboard reporting** of levy program spending and deliverables available to the public, similar to the dashboard reporting provided for the Levy to Move Seattle" – Levy Ordinance



"The Oversight Committee will work with City staff in the first year of the levy to **determine an evaluation and reporting structure and cadence** that best allows the Oversight Committee to perform their oversight duties." – Levy Ordinance

How reporting helps LOC do their work

LOC ROLE	SDOT DELIVERABLE
Monitor revenues, expenditures, and program and project implementation	Quarterly and annual reports including: - Levy Budget - Levy Spending - Levy Deliverables
Advise Mayor, City Council, and department on levy proceeds spending and performance of programs consistent with the levy	Indicate how levy deliverables meet voter commitments listed in Attachment A
Annual review of SDOT program and project priorities, spending, and revised financial plans	Priorities = Delivery Plan Spending = Dashboard Reporting Revised Financial Plans = Budget
May make recommendations to Mayor and City Council on the spending of levy proceeds	Bring decisions to LOC; i.e. when need to move funding from one program area to another to better achieve voter commitments

Snapshot of LOC Feedback

Previous Feedback

- ✓ **Focus: Show how widgets connect to desired outcomes**
 - Leverage department-wide data and annual reporting
 - Focus on widgets, spending, and deliverables for levy reporting
- ✓ **Format:** Make future PDF reports much shorter than Levy to Move Seattle reports

New Feedback

- ✓ **Focus: Impact, Outcomes, and Policy Goals**
 - Show how deliverables achieve Seattle Transportation Plan Performance Measures like reduced traffic deaths and serious injuries, sustainability, transit ridership, etc.
 - Show how projects deliver community benefits
 - Combine quantitative data with qualitative storytelling
- ✓ **Frequency:** Update dashboard more often than annually, such as quarterly (planned)
- ✓ **Format:** Produce clear, accessible information in diverse formats

Snapshot of TEW Feedback

- ✓ **Quantitative and qualitative measures** to track investments and impacts are important
- ✓ Balance sharing high-level takeaways and details on projects
- ✓ **Stories, photos, and quotes from community members** demonstrate and communicate impacts of levy investments
- ✓ **Geography matters**, create opportunities to view information about projects or programs by neighborhood

**Gathered over a 6-month collaboration with TEW Members on Decision-Making Accountability and Transparency Subcommittee, which review and feedback on Levy to Move Seattle dashboards*

Introducing Draft Levy Dashboard

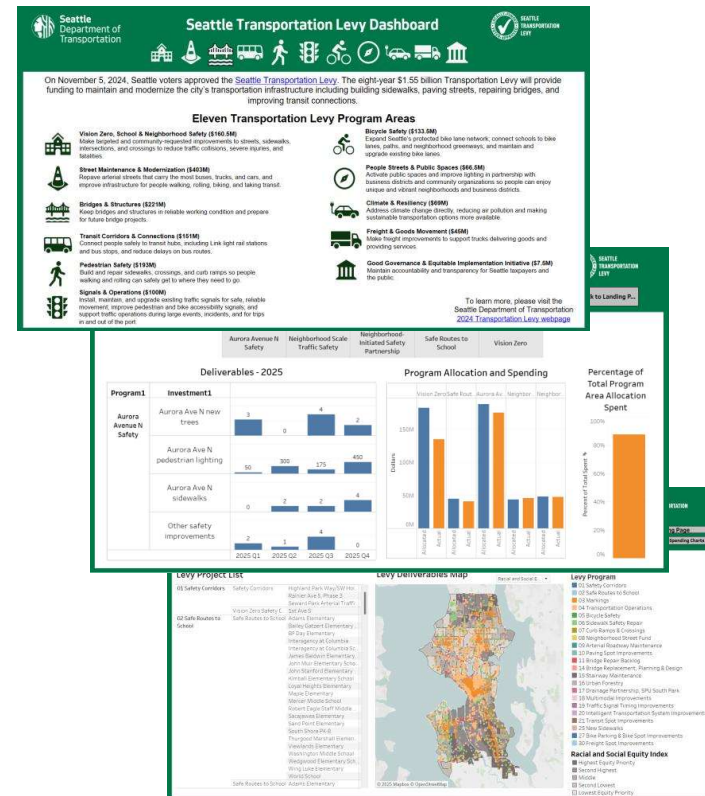
What we'll go over today

- ✓ What is contained in the dashboard
- ✓ Video walk-through of dashboard
- ✓ Dashboard discussion
- ✓ After incorporating your feedback, final dashboard will be available for public consumption early next year

What is contained in the dashboard

- **Per program, quarterly updates on completed projects,** with some information on in-progress work
 - Detailed information on in-progress projects are available on project webpages
 - Small projects (completed in days or weeks) will not have a webpage
- Per program, **quarterly spending** of levy and grant/partnership funds & **allocated budget**
- **Map** of completed deliverables

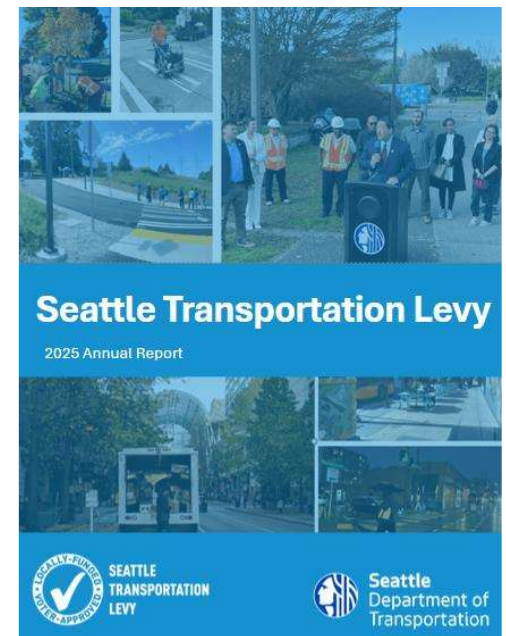
Draft Dashboard



Accompanying Documents

Annual & Quarterly Reports

- **Executive Summary**
 - Levy spending
 - Key projects completed
 - How Levy supported departmental & citywide goals in the given year
- **1-2 Pages per Program Area**
 - Key achievements in the given year in that program area
 - Community quotes and qualitative data
 - How program area deliverables supported departmental & citywide goals in the given year
- **Appendix**
 - Deliverable data per program (60+)



Summary:

Ways We Report to LOC & Public on Levy Progress

- ✓ Levy dashboard
- ✓ Written reports
- ✓ LOC meetings/presentations
- ✓ Blog posts, social media, and media
- ✓ Site visits at Levy projects
- ✓ And more



Questions we have for you

**Journal for 5 minutes and
prepare for circle discussion (1
minute each).**

- What are your first impressions of the draft levy dashboard and reporting plan?
- Is the information presented in a clear way? If not, what could be improved?
- What might make it hard for someone to access or understand the information? How might we address those issues?

Circle order (random)

1. Jack Brand
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3. Steven Pumphrey
4. Nafiso Samatar
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Questions

New: Process to Define Accountability

A lesson learned from past Levy

- Important for SDOT and LOC to align on what it means to demonstrate accountability for all levy commitments, even those without specific numerical targets
- This work is an ongoing process, requiring consistent check-ins with LOC

Example: Crossing Improvements Program

Category 3 - Programmatic investments

Commitment -- \$14M

Make improvements at street crossings, including upgraded crosswalks, visibility improvements, pedestrian crossing signals, and more. Initial projects are expected to include:

- 5th Ave NE and NE Banner Way
- Rainier Ave S and S Henderson St
- 35th Ave NE
- 11th Ave E and E Aloha St
- N 137th St and Roosevelt Way N

What has \$14M achieved in the past?

What type of improvements?

How many improvements can be committed to?

Example: Crossing Improvements Program

Category 3 - Programmatic investments

What we've done

- Collected relevant past information
- Developed feasible commitments based on cost and schedule; list informed by prioritization framework

In Levy to Move Seattle: 206 crossing improvements over 9 years were completed with \$25.8M of total funding (\$15.3M from the MSL Levy).

Estimate of up to 150 intersections improved possible with \$14M in new levy funding.

Example: Crossing Improvements Program

Category 3 - Programmatic investments

What we're doing now

- Aligning with SDOT leadership on approach

Some factors we are considering:

- Inflation considerations?
- Coordination with other programs?
- Dependencies on grants?
- Utilities involved?
- Opportunities for collaboration internal and external to SDOT?
- Council considerations?

Example: Crossing Improvements Program

Category 3 - Programmatic investments

What we're doing now & in the future

- Delivering projects
- Aligning with LOC on demonstrating accountability in these programs
- Continuing ongoing touchpoints with the LOC to provide updates



New speed cushions and signed crosswalk at 10th Ave E and E Highland Drive.

Programs with Similar Processes

- Neighborhood Scale Traffic Safety Programs
- Bridge Preventative Maintenance
- Areaways
- Transit Improvements and Access to Light Rail
- Crossing Improvements
- Bike Lane Maintenance
- Bike Spot Improvements
- People Streets Capital Projects
- Heavy Haul Network
- Freight Program

Additional Examples

Different Types of Commitments & Current Status

4 – Outcome-Focused

Climate and Electrification Program (\$32M)

Support Seattle City Light's expansion of electric vehicle charging stations to libraries, community centers, and parks.

- Evaluating ~30 existing EV charging sites to understand usage
- Launched interdepartmental workgroup with Seattle City Light & other City departments to identify sites for new EV charging



Levy Delivery Highlights to-date

- **N 130th St Vision Zero Corridor Project** completed
- **S Henderson St Safety Corridor** reached 100% design; construction expected to begin in late 2025
- **4127** potholes filled
- **107** bridge preventative maintenance projects
- Nearly **6 blocks** of new sidewalks
- **131 trees** planted
- **20** Safe Routes to Schools Projects including at B.F. Day, Beacon Hill Int'l, Coe, Concord Int'l, and Highland Park elementary schools & Franklin High School (among others)
- **37** crossing improvements



New mid-block crosswalk at NW 46th St.

Questions: Achieving accountability

Journal for 5 minutes and prepare for circle discussion (1 minute each)

- Does the approach align with previous discussions the LOC has had about transparency/accountability? Why/why not?
- What about the approach resonates with you and the communities you engage closely with?
- What questions/concerns do you have?

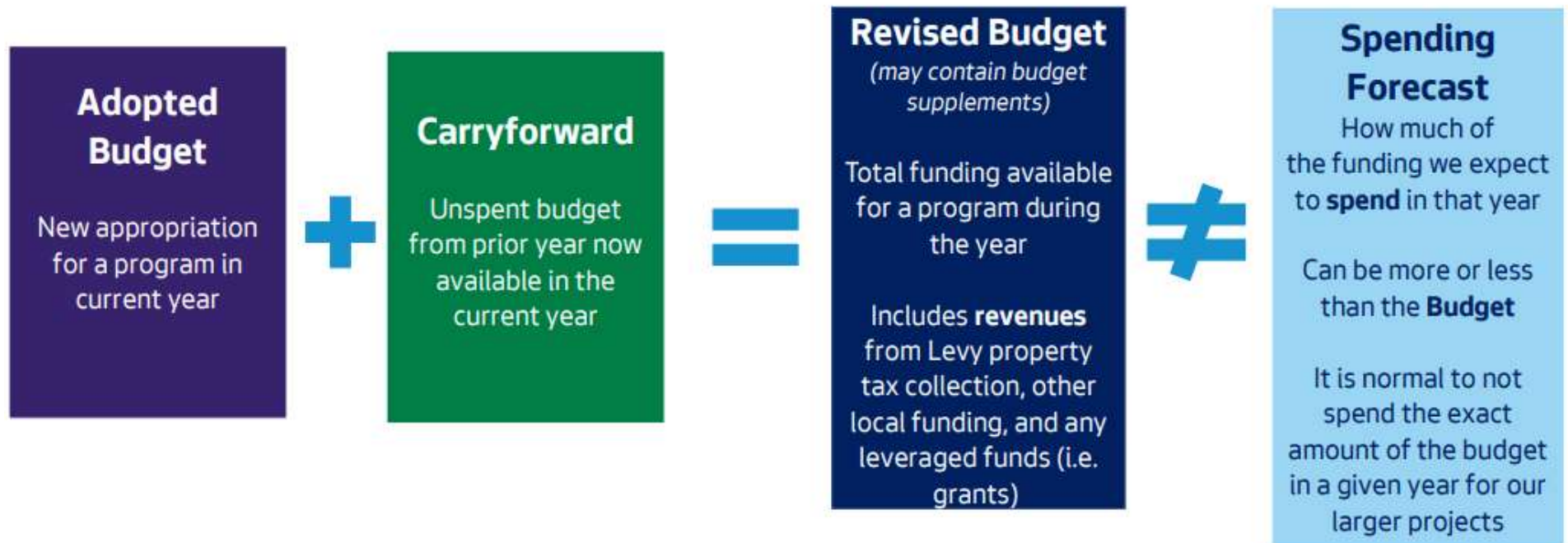
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Next Steps

- ✓ Incorporate LOC feedback on dashboard and reporting and finalize
- ✓ Continue to bring LOC along in development of accountability definitions
- ✓ Confirm with LOC how to demonstrate accountability against each levy commitment, including the more flexible ones

Brief Budget Open Floor



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What you can expect over the next few months

(Individual meeting topics may change as needed)

 Tuesday, December 2 5-7pm In Person Meeting	 Tuesday, January 6 5-7pm Hybrid Meeting 	 Tuesday, February 3 5-7pm Hybrid Meeting 
LOC Roles, Responsibilities, and Procedures <i>Development</i>	LOC Roles, Responsibilities, and Procedures <i>Finalization</i> Leadership Elections	2025 Reflection Meeting

Future Reporting Milestones

- **January LOC Meeting:** Dashboard published with Levy deliverable data from Jan. - Sep. 2025 (Q1-Q3)
- **February LOC Meeting:** 2026 Levy Delivery Plan
- **April LOC Meeting:** 2025 Levy Annual Report

Save the Date: Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception!

- **Friday, December 5th, from 4pm to 6pm in the Bertha Knight Landes Room**
- Expecting about 250 guests including board and commission members, Department Directors and staff liaisons, as well as Councilmembers and Mayoral staff
- Food provided