

**Levy Oversight Committee Acronym Dictionary**  
**(will be updated regularly as needed)**

<b>Term or Acronym</b>	<b>Full Text (if an acronym)</b>	<b>Definition, if appropriate</b>
<b>AAA</b>	All ages and abilities	In context, "AAA bicycle facilities"; also known as family-friendly.
<b>AAC</b>	Arterial Asphalt and Concrete	A Levy-funded program focused on larger repaving projects.
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act	Passed in 1990, the ADA is a comprehensive civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability. It ensures equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities in various areas like transportation.
<b>AMM</b>	Arterial Major Maintenance	A Levy-funded program focused on smaller repaving projects.
<b>APS</b>	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	Devices installed at crosswalks to assist pedestrians with visual or hearing impairments. They provide audible tones, verbal messages, or vibrating surfaces to indicate when it is safe to cross the street, improving accessibility and safety.
<b>Carryforward</b>	n/a	A type of budget revision that authorizes grants and capital projects to continue into the next budget year, adding to the adopted budget amount. Unspent budget is presumed to become 'carryforward' in the following year unless another action is taken.
<b>CBO</b>	City Budget Office or Community Based Organization	Two definitions: 1. The City Budget Office (CBO) is a municipal department responsible for developing, analyzing, and managing a city's budget, ensuring that financial resources are allocated effectively to meet community needs and city priorities.  2. A Community-Based Organization (CBO) is a nonprofit or grassroots group that operates at a local level to address specific community needs, such as social services, education, health, or advocacy, often focusing on underserved or marginalized populations.

<b>CIP</b>	Capital Improvements Program	A program which includes the major maintenance and replacement of SDOT's capital assets; the program also develops and constructs additions to the City's transportation infrastructure.
<b>CM</b>	Councilmember	In context, a title for any one of the nine Seattle City Councilmembers.
<b>Commitments</b>	n/a	Listed in Attachment A of the Transportation Levy Legislation and in the Transportation Levy Document; these are the programs and projects SDOT committed to completing, which will be funded either in part or in full by Transportation Levy dollars.
<b>CPT</b>	Commercial Parking Tax	A tax imposed on fees charged for commercial parking services, such as parking lots or garages, typically used by cities to generate revenue for transportation projects and infrastructure improvements.
<b>CSR</b>	Customer Service Request	A request made by a member of the public to the City of Seattle to address an issue or ask a question.
<b>Expected Additional Leverage</b>	n/a	As of November 2024, how much funding SDOT expected to obtain from other sources including local/federal funding; grants; partnership funds (such as King County Metro; Sound Transit; or another City department) and other sources, to fund work in a specific program area. This is subject to change throughout the life of the Levy and influenced by many factors.
<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration	A division of the United States Department of Transportation that specializes in highway transportation.
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System	A tool that combines maps with databases to help users understand, analyze, and visualize spatial information.
<b>HCL</b>	High Collision Location	Locations in Seattle where a high number of collisions have occurred. High-collision locations are defined and mapped for collisions occurring at signalized intersections, non-signalized intersections, and mid-block – as reported by the Seattle Police Department (SPD). SDOT also maps high-collision locations for collisions involving pedestrians and bicycle riders.

<b>ITS</b>	Intelligent Transportation Systems	Intelligent Transportation Systems, or ITS plays a key role in a safe, efficient, and innovative transportation system that works for all travelers. ITS refers to advanced technologies, such as sensors, cameras, and communication tools, used to improve transportation efficiency, safety, and mobility by managing traffic flow, providing real-time information, and enhancing infrastructure operations.
<b>Levy Portfolio</b>	n/a	The entire body of work funded in whole or in part by the Seattle Transportation Levy.
<b>Levy investment</b>	n/a	How much Levy funding SDOT plans to spend in the specific program area to complete each of the voter commitments.
<b>LOC</b>	Levy Oversight Committee	In this context, the Transportation Levy Oversight Committee; a 19-member body tasked with overseeing the Seattle Transportation Levy. Each transportation levy has had an LOC, and other City departments have LOCs to oversee their own levies.
<b>LPI</b>	Leading Pedestrian Interval	A traffic signal timing strategy that gives pedestrians a head start of a few seconds to begin crossing the street before vehicles get a green light, improving visibility and safety at intersections.
<b>MO</b>	Mayor's Office	The Office of City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell
<b>NGW</b>	Neighborhood Greenways	Low-traffic, residential streets designed to prioritize walking, biking, and rolling by adding safety features like speed bumps, signage, and crossings, creating a safer and more comfortable environment for non-motorized travel.
<b>NHTSA</b>	National Traffic Highway Traffic Safety Administration	A federal agency focused on automobile safety regulations.
<b>NTP</b>	Notice to Proceed	A formal written authorization from a client or project owner to a contractor, signaling the official start of work on a construction project as defined in the contract

<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operations and Maintenance	Covers day-to-day operations and routine maintenance that keep people and goods moving throughout the City, which includes operating the City's movable bridges and traffic signals, cleaning streets, repairing potholes, issuing permits, maintaining trees, and planning and engineering transportation.
<b>PBL</b>	Protected Bike Lane	A dedicated cycling lane separated from vehicle traffic by physical barriers.
<b>PDR</b>	Public Disclosure Request	A formal request made by individuals or organizations to access public records held by government agencies, as required by public records law.
<b>Levy Program Area</b>	n/a	Any of the 11 categories of work funded by the levy; for example: Street Maintenance and Modernization or Pedestrian Safety.
<b>Levy Program Owner/ Manager</b>	n/a	Primary SDOT contact for a program
<b>Levy Program</b>	n/a	Subsets of the 11 program areas; for example: Safe Routes to School is a program under Vision Zero; School; and Neighborhood Safety program area.
<b>Levy Project</b>	n/a	Work SDOT completes at a specific location. For example, a sidewalk repair, transit stop improvement, or a large, multi-year paving and street redesign project. Sometimes also referred to as levy deliverables.
<b>REET</b>	Real Estate Excise Tax	A tax on the sale of real property in Washington State.
<b>RET</b>	Racial Equity Toolkit	Lays out a process and a set of questions to guide the development, implementation and evaluation of policies, initiatives, programs, and budget issues to address impacts on racial equity.
<b>ROW</b>	Right of Way	In common language, this term is used to describe the land and roadway in Seattle that people use to travel, such as streets and sidewalks, whether by walking, rolling, biking, taking transit, or driving. This also refers to public spaces.

<b>RRFB</b>	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Crosswalk warning lights, activated by pedestrians with a push-button.
<b>RSJI</b>	Race and Social Justice Initiative	A citywide effort to end institutionalized racism and race-based disparities in City government.
<b>SBAB</b>	Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board	A board established in 1977 to advise the City of Seattle on the concerns and needs of the growing bicycling community.
<b>SC</b>	Substantial Completion	Signifies the point where a project is sufficiently finished for its intended use, even if minor items remain to be completed.
<b>SDOT</b>	Seattle Department of Transportation	n/a
<b>SFAB</b>	Seattle Freight Advisory Board	Founded in 2010, the board advises the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments and offices of the City in the development of a functional and efficient freight system, and on all matters related to freight and the impact that actions by the City may have on the freight environment.
<b>SOV</b>	Single Occupancy Vehicle	A personal car with a single driver as the only occupant.
<b>SOW</b>	Scope of Work	The boundaries and extent of a project.
<b>SPAB</b>	Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board	Founded in 1993, the board advises the Mayor, City Council and all departments and offices of the City of Seattle on matters related to pedestrians.
<b>SRTS</b>	Safe Routes To School	Seattle's Safe Routes to School program builds walking and biking infrastructure around schools and supports programming and activities that encourage more students to walk and bike with a focus on equity.

<b>ST3</b>	Sound Transit 3	Approved by voters in 2016, this is a \$54 billion public transit expansion across the Puget Sound region including 62 new miles of light rail, additional bus rapid transit service, expanded commuter rail, and improved access to transit systems. Light rail service will be extended to Ballard and West Seattle, with existing lines also reaching farther into the suburban cities.
<b>STM</b>	Seattle Transit Measure	A 6-year, voter-approved measure funded by a 0.15% sales tax. The STM generates over \$50 million annually until early 2027 to fund transit investments.
<b>STP</b>	Seattle Transportation Plan	A 20-year plan for the future of transportation in Seattle. It will help guide how we modernize and maintain our transportation system to sustainably connect people to opportunities, to nature, and to each other. It's a plan to provide reliable travel options for people and goods and to reimagine streets as welcoming places for people, culture, business, recreation and gatherings. The Seattle City Council unanimously voted to adopt the Seattle Transportation Plan on April 23, 2024.
<b>STSC</b>	School Traffic Safety Committee	Created in 1975 to bring together Seattle Public Schools, the City of Seattle, and parents to improve safe routes to school.
<b>TAB</b>	Transit Advisory Board	A board which advises the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments and offices of the City of Seattle "on matters related to transit and the possible and actual impact of actions by the City upon all forms of public transportation."
<b>TEF</b>	Transportation Equity Framework	A roadmap for SDOT decision-makers, employees, stakeholders, partners, and the greater community to collaboratively create a fair transportation system.
<b>TOC</b>	Transportation Operations Center	Center which monitors live video cameras, traffic detectors, social media, 911 dispatch, and more for incidents which could impact Seattle's transportation network.
<b>VLF</b>	Vehicle licensing fee	Also known as tab fees, these are annual fees paid to register a vehicle and obtain license plates.
<b>WMBE</b>	Women and Minority Owned Business	The City of Seattle actively supports utilization of WMBE (women- and minority-owned businesses) on City contracts as both primes and subcontractors, and each City department establishes plans and annual voluntary goals for WMBE inclusion in consulting and purchasing contracts. The City of Seattle defines WMBE firms as state-certified or self-identified firms at least 51% owned by women and/or minorities.

<b>WSDOT</b>	Washington State Department of Transportation	State agency that manages most highways and freeways (such as I-5, I-90, SR-99, and SR-520)
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