TRANSPORTATION LEVY TO MOVE SEATTLE



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Presentation overview

- Move Seattle
- Levy replacement proposal
- Questions



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

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow

Current levy – Bridging the Gap











9-year, \$365 million levy expires in 2015

Bridging the Gap commitments

Pedestrian/Bike Safety

- Repair or restore 144 blocks of sidewalks
- Build 117 blocks of new sidewalks
- Restripe 5,000 crosswalks
- Create "safe routes to schools" near 30 elementary schools
- Fund neighborhood-identified street improvements
- Add 4 miles of new multi-use paths
- Support the development and implementation of a Pedestrian Master Plan
- Provide funding to implement the Bicycle Master Plan

Major Projects

Fund 3 major capital improvement projects: Spokane Street Viaduct, Mercer Street Corridor, and King Street Station

Maintenance

- Rehabilitate 40-50 stairways
- Resurface, restore, or replace 200 lane-miles of arterial streets
- Rehabilitate or replace 3-5 bridges and seismically retrofit 5 additional bridges
- Prune 25,000 street trees to prevent safety and security hazards
- Plant 8,000 new street trees
- Replace over 50,000 small, faded street and regulatory signs

Transit

- Secure up to 45,000 hours of new Metro Transit service
- Enhance transit and safety improvements on 3 key transit corridors

Transportation Levy to Move Seattle

Proposal aims to:

- Address today's basic needs
- Expand the transportation system to meet tomorrow's needs
- Create a safer, more connected and more integrated system that works for all travelers

Replacement levy proposal 9-year funding breakdown

Safe City: \$350 M

Affordable City: \$275 M

Interconnected City: \$170 M

Vibrant City: \$105 M

9-year total \$900 M

Annual cost to median household \$275



A safe, affordable, interconnected, vibrant Seattle

A Safe City

Keep our bridges safe

- Eliminate the backlog of bridge spot repairs
- Seismically reinforce 16 bridges
- Replace Seattle's last timber-supported vehicle bridge (Fairview Avenue)
- Plan and design for high priority bridge replacements beginning after 2024 (Ballard)



Ballard Bridge

A Safe City

Implement Vision Zero: a program to eliminate serious and fatal crashes on Seattle streets

- Complete 12-15 corridor safety projects
- Complete 9-12 Safe Routes to School projects each year
- Increase crosswalk striping frequency to a 4-year or better cycle



School crossing guards near Graham Hill Elementary in the Rainier Valley

A Safe City

Protect our most vulnerable travelers – people walking and biking

- Build 50 miles of protected bike lanes and 60 miles of greenways
- Repair up to 225 blocks of damaged sidewalks
- Improve curb ramps and crossing at up to 750 intersections
- Complete the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link



Protected bike lane in the U District

An Affordable City

Provide tools to help people get around without the expense of owning a car

Work with:

- businesses to ensure access to transit passes, bike share and car share memberships for commuters
- residents, landlords and developers to ensure access to transit, car share, bike share, and other travel options



People boarding the Route 7 bus along Rainier Ave

An Affordable City

Maintain and modernize 250 lane miles of our hardestworking arterial streets

- Repave/reconstruct up to 180 lane-miles of arterial streets, focused on transit corridors
- Repave 70 lane-miles through spot improvements



15th Ave NE paving project (completed)

An Interconnected City

Modernize outdated streets to give people convenient and affordable travel options

- Complete 7-10 multimodal corridor projects
- Make bus service more reliable through a transit improvement program
- Optimize traffic signal timing on five corridors each year



Madison St bus rapid transit corridor

An Interconnected City

Develop better connections to light rail

- Provide funding for a Link light rail station at Graham Street
- Fund a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over I-5 connecting to light rail in Northgate
- Build pedestrian and bicycle connections to light rail stations





Northgate pedestrian/bicycle bridge

An Interconnected City

Make it easier to walk and bike in Seattle

- Build 100 new blocks of sidewalks
- Pilot new design solutions to make streets without sidewalks safer and more comfortable
- Install 1,500 new bicycle parking spots citywide



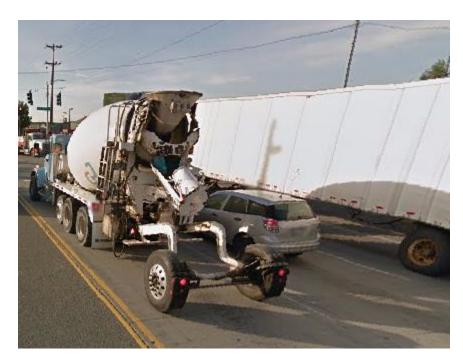
On-street bicycle parking in the U District



A Vibrant City

Improve mobility for freight and delivery vehicles

- Provide local money to design and build the Lander Street Overpass
- Build the East Marginal Way corridor
- Fund a targeted spot improvement program to help freight movement

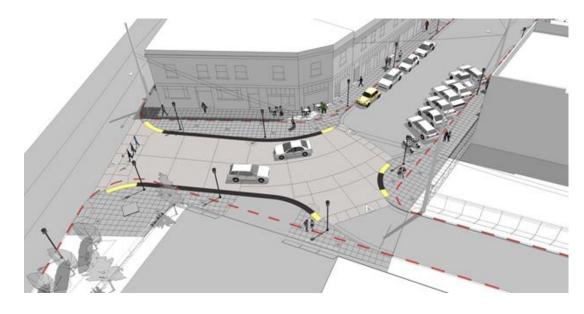


Cars and trucks on E Marginal Way

A Vibrant City

Invest in neighborhood projects

Complete 20-35 projects submitted by neighborhoods to improve safety, mobility and access and quality of life in those neighborhoods



Rendering of the Georgetown Festival Street, a project funded by the Neighborhood Street Fund

A Vibrant City

Take care of our urban forest and improve drainage in flood-prone communities

- Plant two new trees for every tree removed
- Add new City tree crew to proactively spot prune
- Partner with Seattle Public Utilities to address drainage issues in floodprone South Park and Broadview



City crews planting street trees



Flooding in South Park

Bridging the Gap and Levy to Move Seattle comparison table of commitments

| Category | Bridging the Gap | Levy to Move Seattle | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Paving | 200 miles | 250 miles | | |
| Seismic bridge retrofit | 5 | 16 | | |
| Rehab/replace bridges | 5 | | | |
| Plan and design new bridges | Not a BTG commitment | 10 | | |
| Repair sidewalks | 144 blocks | 225 blocks | | |
| New sidewalks | 117 blocks | 100 + blocks in South Park and Broadview | | |
| Crossing improvements and curb ramps | Fund and implement PMP | 750 intersections | | |
| Stairway rehabilitation | 40-50 | 45 | | |
| Crosswalks (remarking) | 5,000 | 12,000 | | |
| Low-cost pedestrian improvements | Not a BTG commitment | 50-100 blocks | | |

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| Category | Bridging the Gap | Levy to Move Seattle |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Safe Routes to School | 30 schools | 81-108 (100% of Seattle public schools) |
| Safety corridors | Not a BTG commitment 3 | 12-15 |
| Multi-use paths | 4 miles | Burke Gilman – 1.5 miles |
| Bike lanes | Fund and implement BMP | 50 miles of protected bike lanes 60 miles of greenways |
| Bike accessibility (parking) | Not a BTG commitment | 1,500 spaces |
| Freight spot improvements | \$0 | \$13.5 M |
| New trees | 8,000 | 2,700 |
| Trees pruned | 25,000 | 27,000 |
| Optimize signals | 0 | 45 corridors |

Bridging the Gap and Levy to Move Seattle comparison table of commitments

| Category | Bridging the Gap | Levy to Move Seattle |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Multimodal corridors | 0 | 7-10 |
| Transit corridors | 3 | 7 |
| Access to transit | 1 (King St Station; CPT funded) | 2 (Graham St Station, Northgate ped/bike bridge) |
| Neighborhood Street Fund | 30 completed | 20-35 projects |
| Comprehensive drainage coordination | 0 | 2 neighborhoods (South Park and Broadview) |

Accountability

- Online performance dashboard monitoring
- Change controls and project tracking
- Levy oversight committee, appointed by Mayor and Council





2015 Schedule

| March | April | May | June | July | August |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Public e period | ngagement | | | | |
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| | | | | Counc | il action |
| | | | | | Proposal to King County |

Public involvement opportunities

- Survey
- Website
- Three open houses
- Social media
- Community briefings
- Drop-in sessions, coffees
- Widespread media coverage and ethnic media
- Engagement toolkit
- E-mail list



Questions?

http://www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.htm









