

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a city street scene. In the background, there are various buildings, including one labeled 'ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'. The street is filled with diverse transportation modes: a blue car, a blue van, a yellow bus, a person on a scooter, a person on a bicycle, a person walking, and a person pushing a stroller. There are also trees, a traffic light, and a 'CALL' sign. The overall scene depicts a multi-modal, accessible, and active transportation environment.

Seattle Transportation Plan

A Vision for the Future of Transportation

Welcome!

Agenda for our meeting:

- STP status update + themes heard
- Review specific feedback from SPC letter
- Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) next steps
- Questions on comment incorporation + discussion



Timeline

Q4 2023 - Seattle Planning Commission letter delivered to SDOT

November 20th, 2023 - End of final stage of public outreach

November to Present - Reviewing all input received and determining STP edits

February 2024 - anticipated transmittal of Mayor's recommended STP to Council

Background

Part I – overarching plan with vision, goals, key moves, and implementation strategy

Part II –

- Intro: network integration and addressing modal conflicts
- Functional elements:
 - Transit
 - Bicycle and E-Mobility
 - Freight and Urban Goods
 - Pedestrian
 - People Streets and Public Spaces
 - Curbside Management
 - New and Emerging Mobility
 - Vehicle

Aligning Performance Measures



Top Tier

- Outcomes, aspirational
- Publicly accessible
- SDOT may or may not control
- **Live in STP Part 1**
- Example: Zero CO2 emissions by 2050

Middle Tier

- Mix of outcomes and output
- Moderately publicly accessible
- SDOT controls
- **Live in the STP elements**
- Examples: 100% of households live near AAA bikeway

Bottom Tier

- Only outputs, widget counting
- What programs organize around
- SDOT controls
- Attached to funding commitments, at a min.
- **Propose to be tracked by individual programs and not live in the STP**
- Examples: Miles of Healthy Street/year; # bike racks installed/year; miles of PBL/year

Phase 3 outreach themes heard and approach to incorporation

STP phase 3 outreach summary

- Public review and comments on the Draft STP and lists of project and program activities
- Over 1,400 draft plan comments
- Long form letters from industry and advocacy organizations
- Feedback received from Seattle's modal boards

Notable themes heard in phase 3 outreach

- STP headed in right direction
- Be bold, be actionable, be fast!
- Elevate safety, equity (including accessibility) and sustainability goals, in particular
- Elevate freight and economic vitality concerns
- Unpack implementation in further detail
- Finalize the performance metrics

How we're responding (high-level)

- Developed and expanded **implementation strategy** chapter
- Added **two new key move** to address safety and equity comments
- Increased number of **implementing actions** to support all key moves
- Revised narrative sections to highlight the importance of **economic vitality**

Seattle Planning Commission (SPC) Feedback

Include more explicit goals, performance measures, targets and an implementation dashboard

- Clearly state the prioritization framework and implementation strategy
- Updates to the performance measures

Incorporating feedback:

- The Implementation Strategy (Chapter 5) in the updated STP
- Performance measures are updated

Integration with the Comprehensive Plan

- Coordinate transportation planning with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Align STP with the final growth strategy selected for the Comprehensive Plan.
- Integrate the STP with Comprehensive Plan to help create great places.

Incorporating feedback:

- We've worked closely with Comprehensive Plan team throughout the planning processes
- We've aligned concepts with the forthcoming final growth strategy
- More multi-modal mix of transportation options to complement new growth

Prioritization Framework

- Recommend equity-based prioritization framework.
- Support reprioritization of the right-of-way for active transportation and transit investments over private vehicles.
- Address multi-modal transportation in underserved, low-income, and BIPOC communities.

Incorporating feedback:

- Equity remains one of our goals and is part of our prioritization process
- Active transportation and transit investments are key to increasing safety, reducing VMT, curbing emissions, promoting equity
- Multi-modal mix of transportation improvements proposed in underserved communities

Multilane Arterials

- List or recommended strategies.
- Concerns about the negative environmental and health consequences of arterials.

Incorporating feedback:

- Prioritize safety of all people on city streets, including arterials
- Rebalance street space to support multiple essential functions
- Promote effective movement of goods and transit that share general purpose space on streets
- Additional research on impacts

Safety / Vision Zero

- Include priority projects to meet the urgency of the City's Vision Zero goals.
- Recommend making Vision Zero a standalone chapter.
- Address equity concerns related to safety in low-income and BIPOC communities.

Incorporating feedback:

- Vision Zero tightly woven into the STP
- Lead with Safety
- We've integrated comments that amplify safety
- "We will focus on delivering safety interventions with demonstrated effectiveness in locations where they are needed most"

Climate Change / Resilience

- Include programs and projects that address critical environmental sustainability issues.
- Use an equity lens to focus on the most affected and vulnerable communities.
- Identify policies and projects to mitigate extreme heat across all modes and systems.
- De-emphasize transition to electrification of the citywide transportation network.

Incorporating feedback:

- Climate Action is one of our pillars; SDOT will continue to partner with OSE, SCL, OPCD, SPU, among others to address the totality of
- Equity will continue to be a central practice at SDOT
- We've integrated comments to address resilience against extreme events
- Balanced our discussion on electrification

Economic Development

- Include economic development as a goal. Emphasize how the STP can help build wealth and improve quality of life.

Incorporating feedback:

- We have not added an economic development / vitality goal
- We have amplified the importance of economic vitality throughout the document
- Woven in how each transportation mode contributes to the economy
- The Freight Element includes a strengthened discussion on supporting the economy

Freight Mobility

- Include strategies to integrate freight with other modes.
- Prioritize corridors for combined freight and transit and include strategies that allow for innovation in urban freight mobility.

Incorporating feedback:

- We've upgraded the freight element to better integrate freight with other modes
- Spotlight on freight-and-bus lanes
- Discussion of e-cargo bikes and use of smaller vehicles in appropriate settings for last-mile delivery

Re-purposing the Right-of-Way

- Prioritize repurposing the right-of-way for people-oriented streets.
- Continue to explore the benefits of additional parking management strategies.

Incorporating feedback:

- We've incorporated feedback into the Pedestrian and PSPS elements of the plan
- Exploring low-pollution neighborhoods
- As part of our VMT strategy, we will also continue to explore parking management strategies

Anti-Displacement

- Include proactive strategies to prevent and mitigate impacts of displacement.

Incorporating feedback:

- We include provision to support low-cost access to transit and affordable travel options
- Work with our regional partners to expand access transit
- Work closely with the Comprehensive Plan team to address displacement

Regional Coordination

- Align with the Puget Sound Regional Council's VISION 2050 and continue ongoing coordination with regional transit agencies.

Incorporating feedback:

- We have dedicated staff to coordinate with our regional partners
- SDOT continues to work closely with Sound Transit and King County Metro to improve transit experience
- We have a dedicated division at SDOT who are leading the coordination with Sound Transit on light rail expansion
- We have dedicated staff in our Transit & Mobility division who regularly work with King County Metro

Seattle Transportation Plan Next Steps

Next steps

Continue to finalize plan edits to be responsive to public comment

February 2024- anticipated transmittal of Mayor's recommended STP to Council, and publish SEPA FEIS

Thereafter (tbd)- Council to decide when to bring STP forward for adoption vote with accompanying resolution (includes public hearing)

Late 2024- More clarity on transportation funding landscape

In 2025- develop first of several STP Implementation Plans

Questions + Discussion



From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!

