



Seattle transportation plan - Introduction

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Our vision, mission, and core values

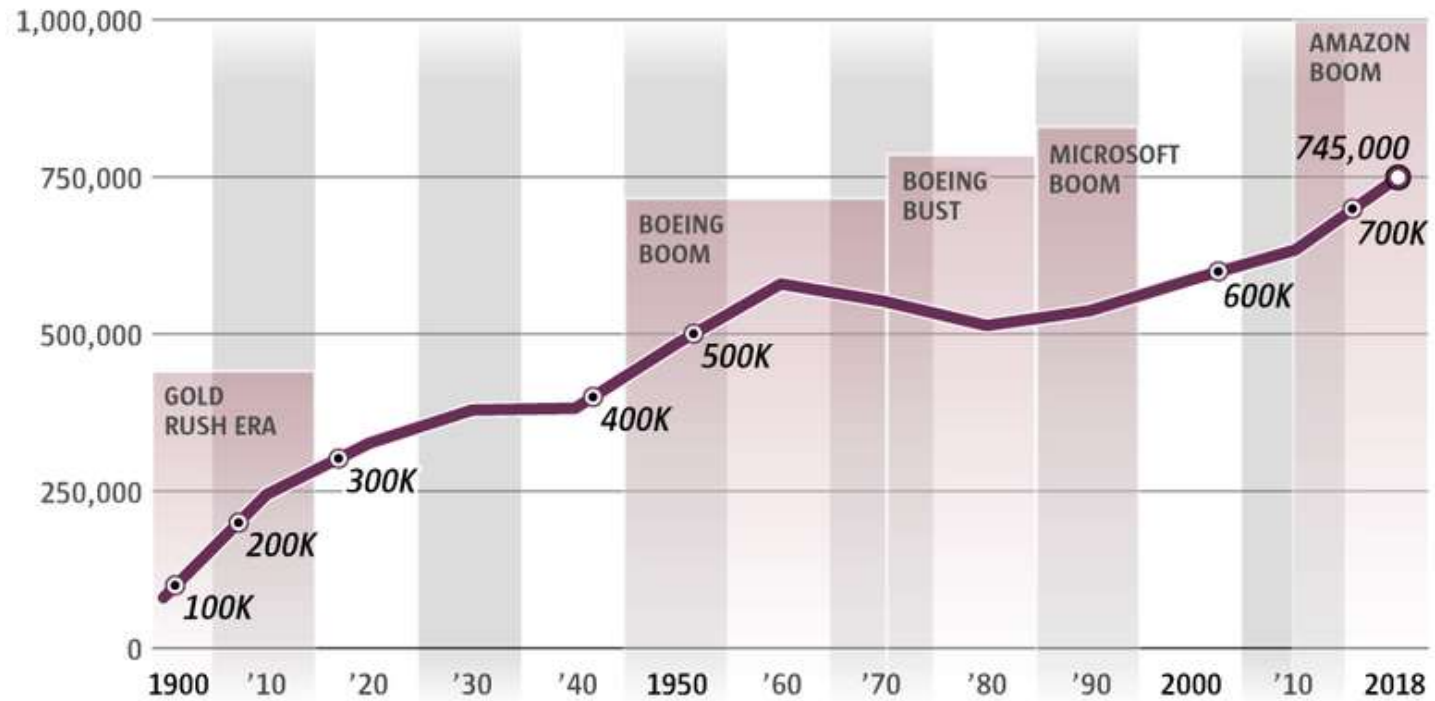
Vision: Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

Mission: to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

Seattle continues to be a growing city...



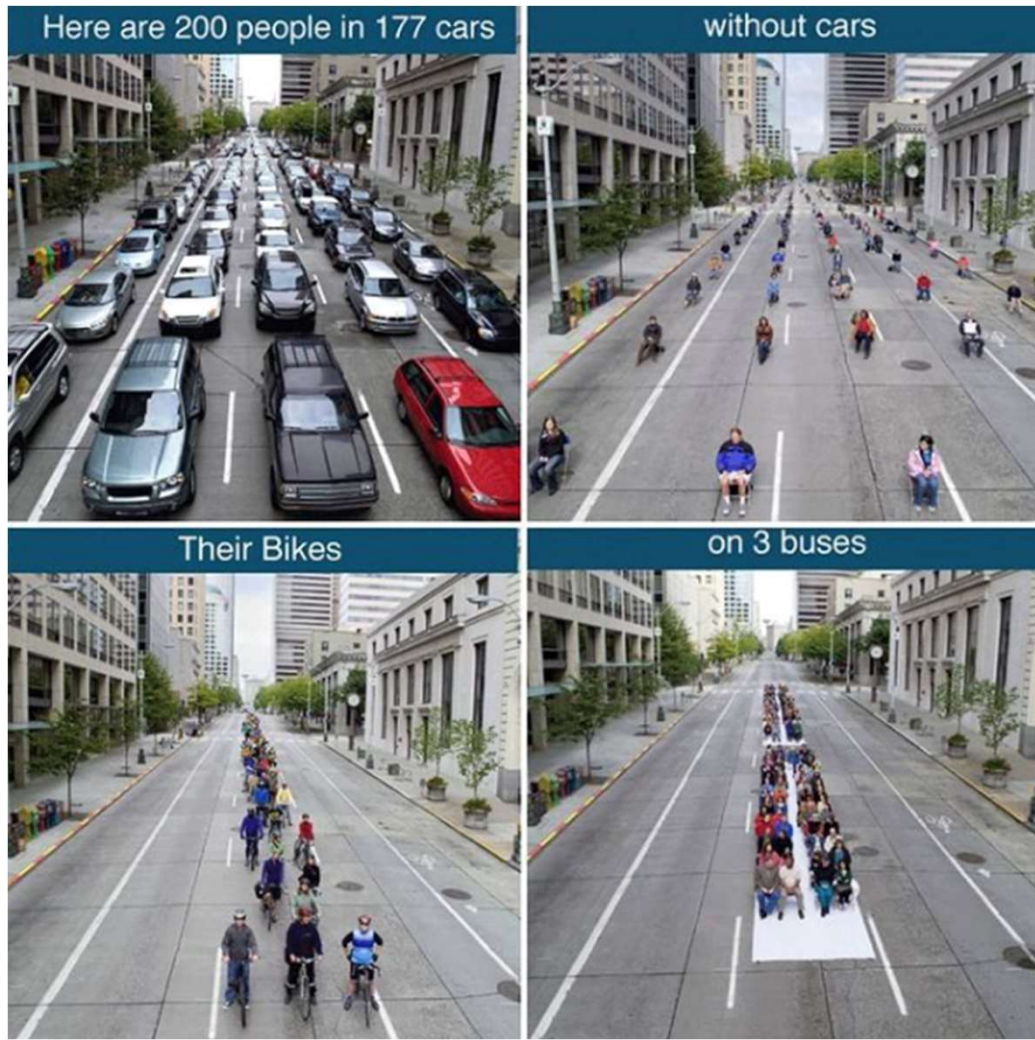
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...but our street network is not getting any bigger

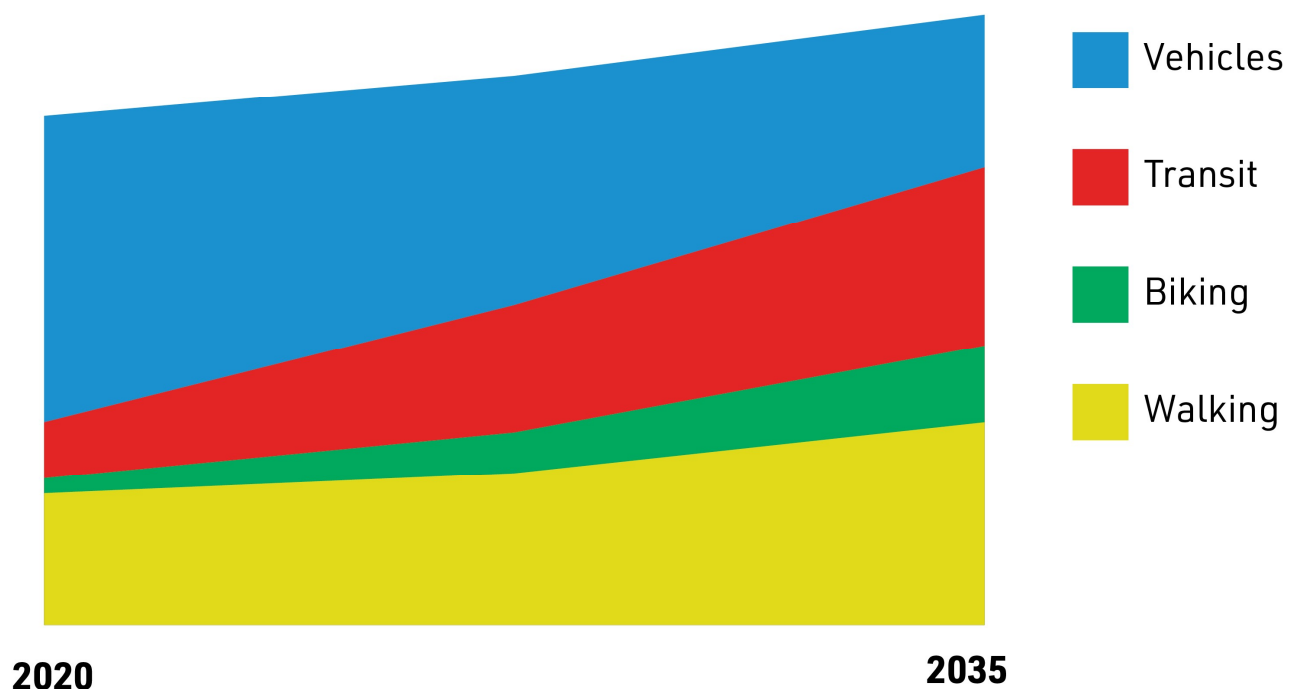


Transportation policy in response: focus on space-efficient ways of getting around



Our goal is that 75% of non-work trips are made by modes other than driving alone by 2035.

Our plans set targets to increase the number of trips made by transit, bicycling and walking while reducing the number of trips made in motor vehicles



The problem: our streets are largely designed to accommodate vehicular movement

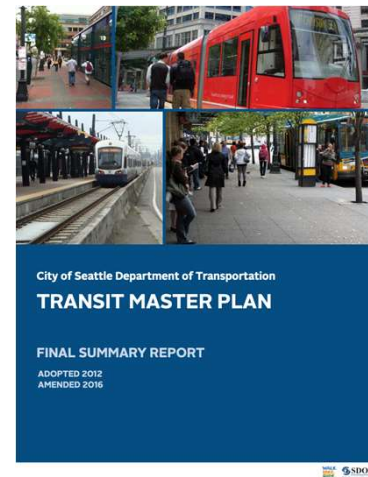


How do we get there?

Modal planning and projects

What do modal master plans do?

- Establish strategic long-range vision for mobility for bikes, trucks/delivery, transit, and pedestrians
- Identify citywide mobility networks to ensure key connections to destinations
- Guide and prioritize investments for building critical infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, bike lanes, bus-only lanes) to support these networks



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We've already laid the groundwork in many ways, with conversations with community engagement informing each plan

Comprehensive Plan

Seattle's 20-year vision to guide growth to create an equitable and sustainable city

Complete Streets Ordinance

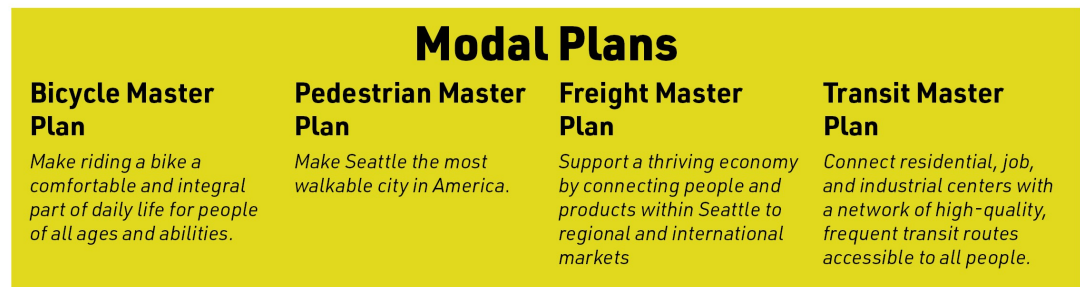
Design, operate, and maintain Seattle's streets to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users

Climate Action Plan

Carbon neutrality by 2050

Race and Social Justice Initiative

Eliminate racial disparities and achieve racial equity in Seattle



What's missing from this approach?



Community engagement focused on mobility needs, not mode-specific needs



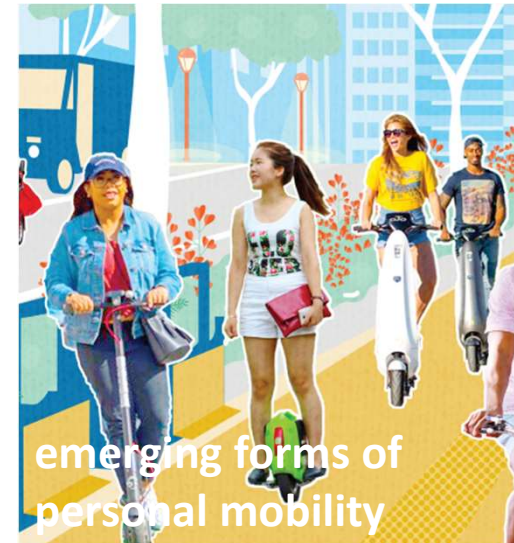
Strategic direction and accountability for meeting our climate and safety goals



Funding strategies that align with our vision and values, including what to build and what to maintain

What's missing from this approach?

Vision for and policies about **other ways of getting around** to ensure alignment with our goals (safety, equity, and sustainability)



What's missing from this approach?

Vision for and policies about **other uses of our streets and sidewalks**



The opportunity

By early 2024, SDOT will have a plan that tells the story of our **SHARED TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE VISION** with steps on how we will achieve it.



The opportunity

With a proposed list of initiatives—including a potential transportation funding package—the plan will capture our collective commitment to a **RACIALLY EQUITABLE AND SOCIALLY JUST** transportation and public space system that addresses **SAFETY, THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND ONGOING SYSTEM INVESTMENT AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS.**

Equity



Safety



Climate



Maintenance



The opportunity

The process will allow us to **build partnerships with community** to create informed recommendations that **center racial equity**. We intend to use this as an opportunity embody the Transportation Equity Framework through improved transparency and accountability with community.

We see this as an opportunity to transform our typical planning process through directly addressing and attempting to correct the City's past and current harms through our processes and projects.



Additional STP goals

- Align with 2024 Comp Plan growth strategy
- Refocus on equity (aligning with our Transportation Equity Framework), climate action, safety, and asset mgt
- Plan to achieve key access, modal, climate, and safety goals
- Expand consideration of the role of vehicles and internal combustion engines, and new and emerging mobility options.
- Incorporate maintenance and operations
- Create cohesive priority modal networks, including vehicular
- Elevate other essential functions of the ROW (e.g. access, livability, greening)
- Create a single plan document in everyday language



STP inclusive engagement

Intent

Consult with people who may be harder to reach as a way of exploring new formats and structures to build partnerships, reduce barriers to participation, center race, and gain input to address and repair barriers to transportation where investments have been traditionally lacking.

Who

Primary focus: BIPOC communities, people with disabilities, youth and elderly, immigrants and refugees. Also, the broader public citywide and stakeholders.

Methods

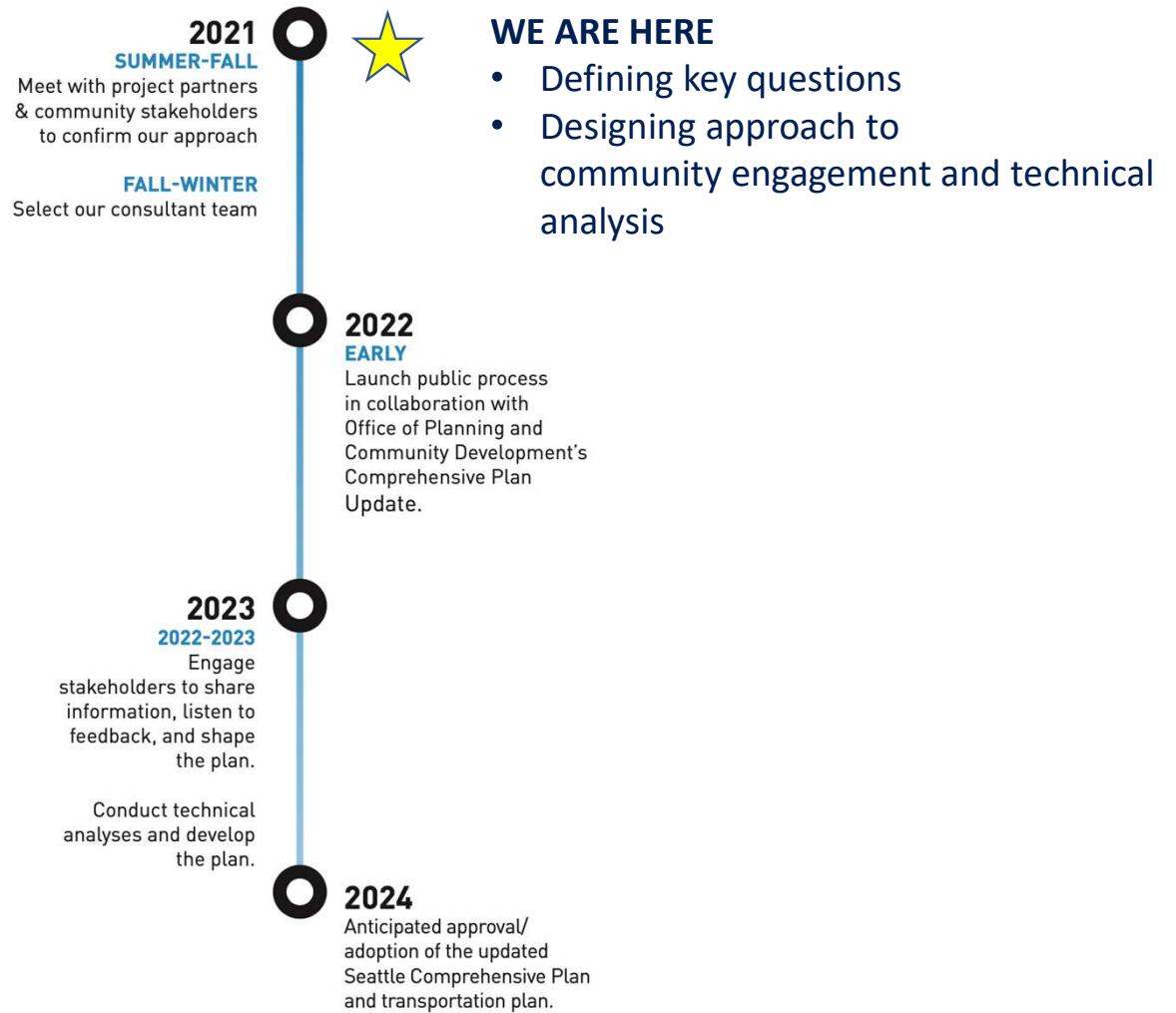
Methods may include working with community--based organizations (CBOs), focus groups, attending neighborhood events, random intercept surveys, walking audits, etc. We may also use engagement techniques that require technology such as multicultural media, online surveys, or web-based mapping.

Collaboration

Partner with OPCD's Comprehensive Plan engagement to prevent confusing or overburdening community with two significant simultaneous planning processes



Timeline



Questions?

Thank you!

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