

# 2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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**Budget Action Title:** Request that SDOT report on an evaluation of Seattle's Complete Streets policy against national best practices and develop an alternative to Level of Service analysis

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Mike O'Brien

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Calvin Chow

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) evaluate the City of Seattle's Complete Streets policy against current best practices as identified by Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition and shown in Attachment A. SDOT's evaluation should answer the following questions:

- (1) How does Seattle's Complete Streets policy incorporate equity into its vision, project selection criteria and performance measures?
- (2) Does Seattle's Complete Streets policy apply in all projects including retrofit, construction, maintenance and ongoing projects?
- (3) Does Seattle's Complete Streets policy focus on specific exceptions to the policy with a clear procedure that requires high level approval or public notice prior to the exception being granted?
- (4) How does Seattle's Complete Streets check list ensure that the most vulnerable users' (people walking and biking, including people with disabilities) needs are being met in each project?

Council further requests that SDOT develop an alternative to Level of Service analysis for assessing transportation impacts in project development, including recommendations for subsequent legislative action. Historically, Level of Service analysis has focused on vehicle throughput and has not captured the impact on other modes of travel. The alternative to Level of Service analysis should seek to quantify:

- (5) the degree to which a project contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- (6) the degree to which a project supports affordable multimodal transportation options;
- (7) the degree to which a project improves transportation safety, particularly for people with disabilities; and
- (8) the degree to which a project creates walkable neighborhoods, including promoting access via bike,

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scooter, or other multi-modal device.

Council requests that SDOT report to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee (or successor committee) and the Central Staff Director by June 30, 2020.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):**

Sustainability & Transportation

**Date Due to Council:**

June 30, 2020