

# W Seattle Bridge / Duwamish Corridor

IDT and Action Report



City Council Transportation Committee

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# Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connected people, places, and products

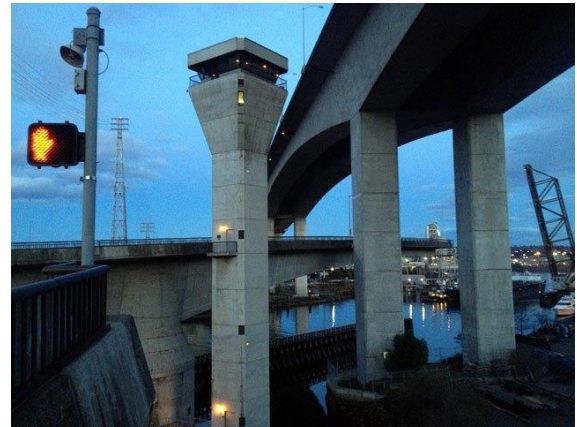
Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For **all**

# Briefing overview

- Background
- Deliverables
  - Action report including a prioritized project list
- Project highlights
- Next steps



# Project background

- CM Rasmussen and Mayor charged SDOT with compiling and prioritizing list of projects to address recurring congestion and incident management on Corridor
- Number of incidents is low, but impacts are high
  - 207 collisions between 2012-2015 on upper bridge (107,300 average weekday vehicle crossings)
  - 30% incidents in AM Peak/30% PM Peak/40% non-peak
  - Traffic impacts last on average 47-55 minutes per incident
- Concurrent SDOT/SPD consultant study examines incident management city-wide

# Project background (cont'd)

- 3 interdepartmental meetings with Council staff, SDOT and SPD Traffic Division to review existing studies, proposals and input previously received from stakeholders
- SDOT input from Transportation Ops, Bridges, Transit, Policy & Planning, and Street Use (Sam Schwartz Engineering study)

# Project background (cont'd)

- Drafted action report which includes consolidated issue papers and a prioritized project list
- Prioritized project list
  - Includes recommendations for “early implementation” (0-12 months)
  - Many early implementation recommendations are low/moderate cost or have identified funding
  - Majority of recommendations are Move Seattle levy-dependent, rely on partnership funding, or require new funding

## Identified priorities – early initiation (0-12 mo.)

Red bus lane on W Seattle Bridge	\$200k
Corridor/intersection ITS improvements: detection, blank-out & dynamic message signs, travel-time information	\$775k-\$1M*
Incident management protocols and training	TBD
Coordination with marine operators for Lower Bridge openings	\$25k
Enhanced crossings at 5-Way Alki Trail Connection	\$300-500k
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$1.22k-\$1.8 M</b>

*\*Priority relies in whole or in part on Move Seattle levy funding*

# Identified priorities – short-term (1-3 years)

2-Way Columbia St (and Interim Pathways)	Metro (\$275k for interim)
4 <sup>th</sup> Ave S. transit improvements	\$1.1M*
Move Seattle RapidRide Plus – Delridge Corridor	\$43M*
Arterial paving S Spokane St (E of Swing Bridge)	\$1.92M
ITS and adaptive signal timing at RR crossings	\$100k
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$47M</b>

*Priorities with TBD funding to be evaluated based on cost effectiveness*



# Identified priorities – mid-term (4-6 years)

S Lander St grade separation	\$150M <sup>§*</sup>
W Marginal Way bike/ped connection	\$600k-1.3M
Automated camera enforcement of W Seattle bus lane	TBD (requires legislative authority)
Alaskan Way – all-day BAT lanes (both directions)	Waterfront Program
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$151M+</b>

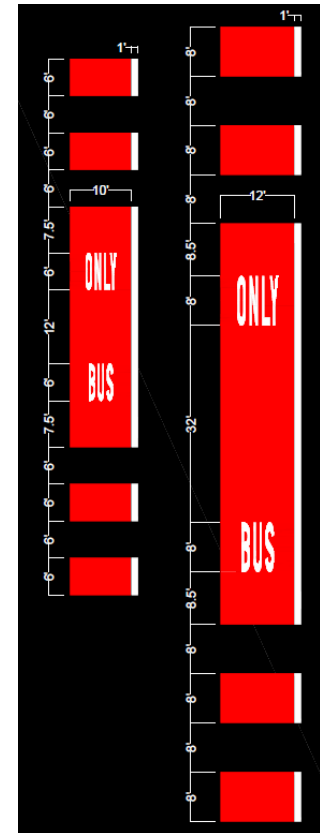
*§ Estimate based on 2008 design*

# Identified priorities – long-term (7 years+)

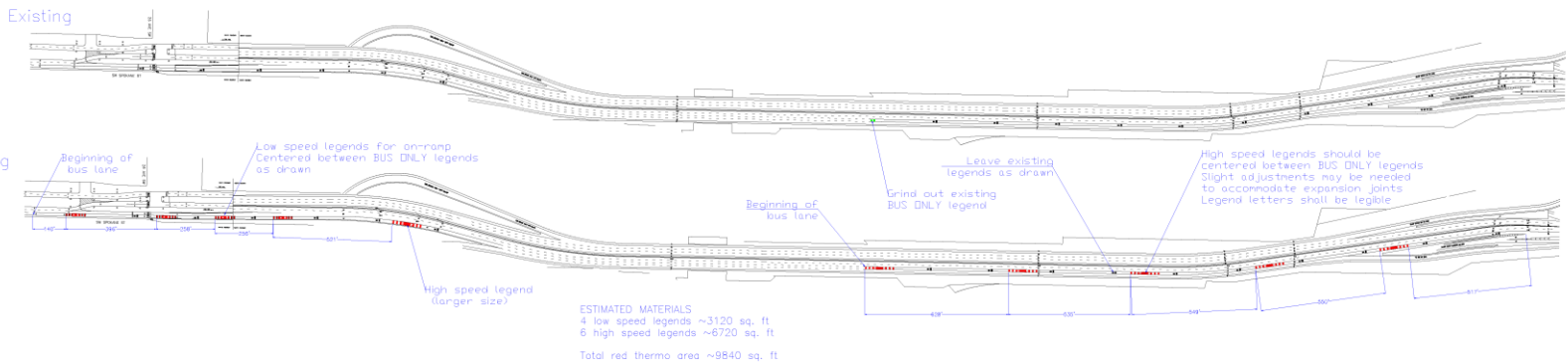
West Seattle to downtown light rail	ST3
Elevated crossing from T-5 overpass to Alki Trail	\$150-350k* (for analysis, conceptual design)
Add T-18 only lane for WB vehicles on Lower Spokane St	\$30M (funding TBD)
Construction of additional crossings/connections	TBD
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>TBD</b>

# Project highlights – red bus lanes

- Intent is to increase awareness of bus-only restriction and ease SPD enforcement
- 10 red legends, spaced 400-500' across 1 mile length
- \$200k to implement

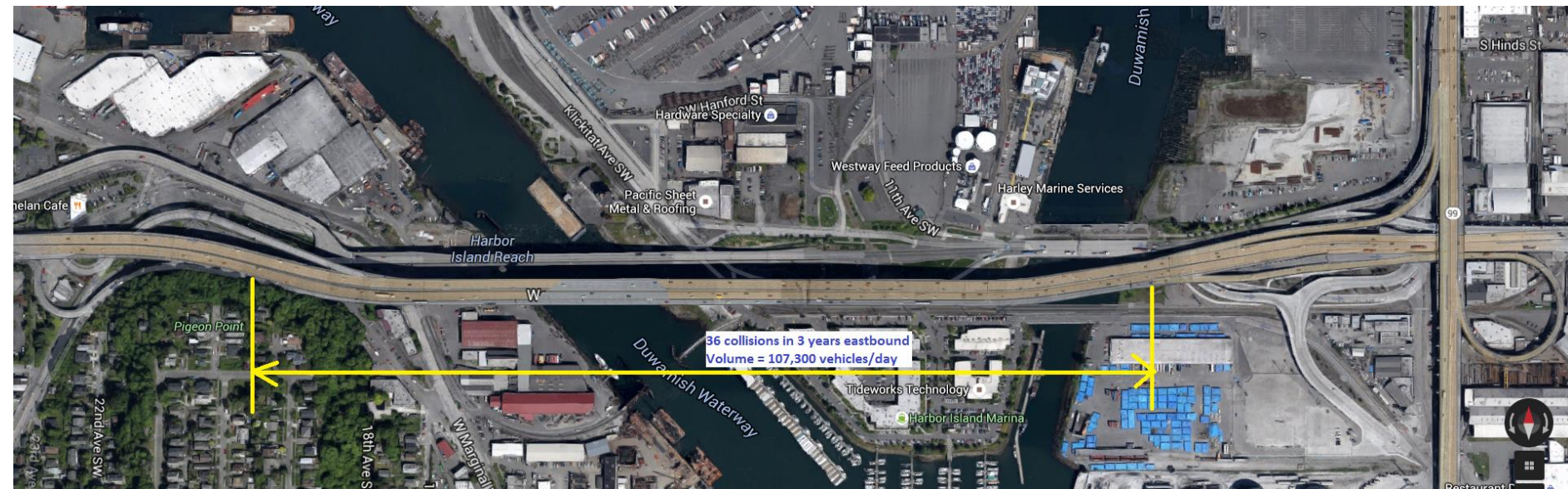


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 High speed legends w/ 400'-500' spacing  
 Retain most existing legends in the field  
 \*Lane widths and dimensions are from chann drawings, not field surveys



# Project highlights – operational improvements

- Incident response protocols
- ITS (including dynamic message signs)
- Tow-truck response readiness
- Re-striping and other potential operational and safety improvements



## Project highlights – capital improvements

- S. Lander St. Overpass
- South End Transit Pathways
- 5-way Alki Trail Connection improvements
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S Transit Improvements
- Delridge RapidRide
- Sound Transit 3 light rail extensions

# Next steps

- Sam Schwartz Engineering incident response recommendations being implemented
- Red bus lane on upper West Seattle Bridge
- Discussions with USCG and marine stakeholders on improved protocols for lower bridge openings
- 9-Year capital implementation plan

# Questions?

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