

Council Transportation Committee
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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

### **Term Permits**

- Term permits are for significant structures in the right-of-way
  - Skybridges and other structures (pedestrian tunnels, private communication and utility lines, and other private encroachments, etc.)
- All term permits are approved by City Council by ordinance
  - Ordinance specifies the fee, length, public benefit and other conditions
- Authorized by Seattle Municipal Code 15.64 and 15.65
- A term permit ordinance can be for a new, renewal, or re-permit of an existing structure after term expiration
  - New skybridge permits require public benefit



### Presentation overview

- The University of Washington is seeking a new permit for five existing pedestrian skybridges located around the perimeter of the campus
- The Campus Pedestrian Skybridge Network provides connections from the main campus to the U District neighborhood on the west and east, and the UW medical facilities south of campus
- SDOT recommends approval of the term permit ordinance

# Project area - University of Washington



- 1. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE skybridge
- Pacific/Hitchcock skybridge
- Pacific/T-wing skybridge
- Montlake Wahkiakum skybridge
- Montlake Whatcom skybridge

# **UW Campus Pedestrian Skybridge Network**

15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE



Pacific/Hitchcock



# UW Campus Pedestrian Skybridge Network, cont.

Pacific/T-wing



Montlake Wahkiakum



Montlake Whatcom



Public benefit proposal

**Completed in 2016** 

- Improvements to a 1.8-mile segment to the Burke-Gilman Trail
  - Trail widening
  - Pedestrian and bike users separation
  - Bicycle shelters and new trail furnishings
  - Creating "mixing zones" for pedestrian corridors that intersect the trail
  - Replacing non-ADA compliant connections with universal access infrastructure
  - New transit plaza at NE Pacific St
  - New vertical circulation between trail and the Pacific St overpass and transit plaza
  - Improved sightlines, lighting levels, and other Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design changes



## Requested action

SDOT is seeking Council approval of the term permit ordinance for the existing Campus Pedestrian Skybridge Network, including fees, public benefit, and other conditions

- Fees
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE \$2,193.60
  - Pacific/Hitchcock \$3,345.60
  - Pacific/T-Wing \$26,254.80
  - Montlake/Wahkiakum \$2,803.20
  - Montlake/Whatcom \$2,219.20
- Inspection reports

If the ordinance is approved, this permit will be in place until 2030

### **Questions?**

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