

# Budget Deliberations & Issue Identification

# Seattle Department of Transportation

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# Budget Summary (\$ in 000s)

	2020 Adopted	2021 Proposed	% Change
<b>Operating Appropriations by BSL</b>			
a. Mobility Operations	117,721	52,050	(55.8%)
b. Bridges & Structures	14,939	14,385	(3.7%)
c. Waterfront and Civic Projects	41,500	30,612	(26.2%)
d. Maintenance Operations	38,722	53,961	39.4%
e. ROW Management	40,114	42,995	7.2%
f. South Lake Union Streetcar Operations	4,357	4,224	(3.0%)
g. First Hill Streetcar Operations	9,421	9,466	0.5%
h. General Expense	54,641	55,286	1.2%
i. Leadership and Administration	1,584	908	(42.7%)
<b>Operating Subtotal</b>	<b>322,999</b>	<b>263,888</b>	<b>(18.3%)</b>
<b>Capital Appropriations by BSL</b>			
j. Mobility-Capital	210,558	194,579	(7.6%)
k. Major Maintenance/Replacement	107,135	79,944	(25.4%)
l. Major Projects	109	806	637.2%
m. Central Waterfront Fund	98,128	68,650	(30.0%)
<b>Capital Subtotal</b>	<b>415,930</b>	<b>343,979</b>	<b>(17.3%)</b>



# Budget Summary (\$ in 000s)

	2020 Adopted	2021 Proposed	% Change
<b>Appropriation Totals (Operating + Capital)</b>			
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	738,929	607,867	(17.7%)
<b>Total FTEs</b>	958	1,079	12.6%
<b>Revenues/Funds/Resources</b>			
n. General Fund	49,712	58,649	18.0%
o. Transportation Fund	391,098	282,964	(27.6%)
p. Interfund Loan to Transportation Fund	0	25,000	n/a
q. Move Seattle Levy Fund	140,757	110,145	(21.7%)
r. STBD Fund	84,652	16,683	(80.3%)
s. SSTPI Fund	10,621	7,327	(31.0%)
t. Seattle Streetcar Operations	13,778	13,691	(0.6%)
u. Real Estate Excise Tax II	19,345	17,648	(8.8%)
v. LTGO Bond Funds	14,504	66,260	356.8%
w. Waterfront LID Bond	7,008	0	(100.0%)
x. Central Waterfront Fund	7,455	9,500	27.4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	738,929	607,867	(17.7%)



# Issue Identification (1/9)

## 1. Financial Constraints

Proposed Budget projects that SDOT will have \$85.1 million less financial resources in 2021 than had been anticipated by the 2020 Adopted Budget.

Proposed Budget would reduce operational and capital spending by roughly \$60 million and proposes a short-term \$25 million interfund loan.

### Options:

- A. Contextual budget issue. No staff options identified at this time.



# Issue Identification (2/9)

## 2. Position Reductions

Proposed Budget abrogates 3 positions (3 FTE) and defunds 30 positions (29.5 FTE).

Nine of these positions are currently filled and would be subject to layoffs.

Proposed Budget retaining position authority which would allow SDOT to rehire positions when economy recovers.

### Options:

- A. Reduce position authority in line with budget.
- B. No action.



# Issue Identification (3/9)

## 3. Move Seattle Levy

Voter approved levy expires at the end of 2024. The Move Seattle Levy anticipated leveraging other local and external funding to deliver projects.

Levy revenues remain stable, but other funding sources have decreased. The 2021 Proposed Budget projects \$60 million less over the remaining four years of the levy.

Many capital projects are delayed or deferred.

### Options:

- A. Reprioritize spending within Move Seattle and the CIP (see Councilmember proposals).
- B. No action.



# Issue Identification (4/9)

## 4. West Seattle Bridge

West Seattle Bridge closed in March 2020, due to observed cracking in main span.

Mayor to announce preferred solution to replace or repair structure this year.

Council approved \$70 million for this project in 2020. The 2021 Proposed Budget adds an additional \$30 million in 2021.

### Options:

- A. Identify consulting resources to support Council review and oversight.
- B. See Budget Action Proposal #3 (CM Herbold)
- C. No action.



# Issue Identification (5/9)

## 5. Parking Enforcement Officers

Proposal to transfer Parking Enforcement Officers from SPD to SDOT.

Consolidates parking enforcement with other SDOT right-of-way management functions.

Proposed Budget includes \$800,000 for PEO overtime during special events.

### Options:

- A. Contextual budget issue. No staff options identified at this time.
- B. See Budget Action Proposal #4 (CM Herbold)





# Issue Identification (6/9)

## 6. Voter Approved STBD Transit Measures

Existing voter approved 2014 transit measure (\$60 VLF and 0.1% sales tax) expires at the end of 2020.

Council placed a replacement transit measure (0.15% sales tax) on the November 2020 ballot currently before voters.

### Options:

- A. Contextual budget issue. If voters approve the new measure, Central Staff will work with the Executive on budget adjustments for Council's consideration.



# Issue Identification (7/9)

## 7. Initiative 976 and Vehicle License Fee Authority

The Washington Supreme Court struck down Initiative 976, which would have eliminated the City's ability to collect VLF.

In addition to the 2014 transit measure, SDOT collects a councilmanic \$20 VLF that funds basic transportation infrastructure and maintenance.

Under state law, the City could consider raising additional VLF through council action or seeking future voter approval.

### Options:

- A. Consider additional VLF as part of the 2021 Budget.
- B. Consider additional VLF after taking action on the 2021 Budget.
- C. No action.



# Issue Identification (8/9)

## 8. Seattle Streetcar

In 2020, SDOT paused work on the Center City Streetcar project indefinitely.

Existing streetcar lines (First Hill and South Lake Union) saw reduced ridership in 2020.

The 2021 Proposed Budget reduces streetcar service by 10% from pre-COVID levels.

### Options:

- A. Consider further reduction of streetcar hours (frequency, hours of service, or both).
- B. No action.



# Issue Identification (9/9)

## 8. Waterfront (Eric McConaghy)

The Proposed CIP delays some Waterfront project spending in 2021 to future years, but maintains the overall project's scheduled completion in 2024.

The project received additional WSDOT funding for the Marion Street Bridge.

The Proposed CIP creates a new project to provide for on-going maintenance of the Waterfront project assets.

### Options:

- A. Contextual budget issue. No staff options identified at this time.



# Budget Legislation (1/4)

## 1. PEO Code Amendments

This legislation would amend the code to provide clear authority for PEOs to direct traffic as Special Police Officers outside of SPD.

### Options:

- A. Pass legislation.
- B. Do not pass.
- C. See Budget Action Proposal #4 (CM Herbold).



# Budget Legislation (2/4)

## 2. Move Seattle - Categorical Spending Limits

The Move Seattle Levy established categorical spending requirements for a) Safe Routes, b) Congestion Relief, and c) Maintenance and Repair.

Due to reduced local revenue to leverage Move Seattle funds, the Proposed Budget requires a shift in spending between categories. This legislation would approve these adjustments.

Move Seattle Oversight Committee will be providing written comment to Council on this proposal.

### Options:

- A. Pass legislation.
- B. Do not pass.



# Budget Legislation (3/4)

## 3. Move Seattle - Suspend Minimum General Fund Requirement

The Move Seattle Levy requires that a minimum of \$40 million (escalated for inflation) of General Fund be allocated to SDOT in order to collect levy funds. This requirement may be suspended by Council ordinance.

The Proposed Budget technically meets this threshold, but only due to transfer of PEO function from SPD to SDOT. This legislation acknowledges the PEO impact and suspends the requirement.

### Options:

- A. Pass legislation.
- B. Do not pass.



# Budget Legislation (4/4)

## 4. Transportation Fund Interfund Loan

SDOT's Proposed Budget relies on a short-term \$25 million interfund loan from the Housing Incentive Fund. The loan would be repaid by December 31, 2024.

The proposed loan would support SDOT's general operations and balance budget reductions over the next four years as the economy recovers.

The Housing Incentive Fund has sufficient resources to cover the loan.

### Options:

- A. Pass legislation.
- B. Do not pass.





# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (1/18)

## 1. Fautleroy Boulevard (Councilmember Herbold)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to reserve funding for the Fautleroy Boulevard Project. The amount of funding is to be determined.

This project was included in the Move Seattle Levy, but has been delayed by Sound Transit's light rail project. Previously, the 2020-2025 Adopted CIP included \$3 million for this project in 2021 and \$11 million in 2022.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (2/18)

## 2. Sidewalk Repair (Councilmember Herbold)

This proposal would redirect funding to prioritize additional sidewalk maintenance activities.

In response to Resolution 31908 requesting policy options for sidewalk maintenance, SDOT recommended a citywide five-year shim/bevel plan to mitigate existing sidewalk uplifts and other deficiencies. SDOT estimated this work would require \$3-4 million per year, in addition to existing sidewalk maintenance budget.

The amount of funding for this proposal is to be determined.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (3/18)

## 3. West Seattle Bridge Reporting (Councilmember Herbold)

This proposal would require or request reports regarding the West Seattle Bridge project and the Reconnect West Seattle program.

This proposal could be enacted through either a proviso on SDOT funding or as a Statement of Legislative Intent.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (4/18)

## 4. **Parking Enforcement Officer Proposal (Councilmember Herbold)**

This proposal would review and may amend the proposed PEO legislation and budget proposal.

This proposal may include additional PEO positions to ensure coverage of special events is not completed solely through overtime assignments.

This proposal may include consolidating PEO duties with the Emergency Communications Center and other community safety functions under a new office.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (5/18)

## 5. Thomas Street Redesigned (Councilmember Lewis and Councilmember Strauss)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to restore \$777,000 for the Thomas Street Redesigned Project.

Previously, Council approved funding for this project using Transportation Network Company Tax proceeds which have not materialized in 2020.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (6/18)

## 6. Market to MOHAI (Councilmember Lewis)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to restore \$396,000 for the Market to MOHAI Project.

Previously, Council approved funding for this project using Transportation Network Company Tax proceeds which have not materialized in 2020.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (7/18)

## 7. West Marina Place to 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West Multimodal Path (Councilmember Lewis)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to develop a new shoreline bicycle and pedestrian path near the southern edge of Magnolia Park.

This proposal would reprioritize \$1 million in 2021 for project development, with subsequent years funding to be determined.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (8/18)

## 8. Traffic calming improvements to Florentia Street (Councilmember Lewis)

This proposal would reprioritize or reserve SDOT funding to construct speed humps on Florentia Street between Nickerson Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West.

The amount of funding for this proposal is to be determined.





# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (9/18)

## 9. Your Voice Your Choice Funding (Councilmember Lewis)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to partially restore funding for the Your Voice Your Choice program that funds community projects. The Proposed Budget reduced planned 2021 funding for the program by \$1 million.

This proposal anticipates \$279,000 would be reprioritized for this program.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (10/18)

## 10. Sidewalk repair on West McGraw Street (Councilmember Lewis)

This proposal would reprioritize or reserve \$10,000 of SDOT funding for sidewalk panel replacement and tree removal/replacement on the south side of West McGraw Street between 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, in front of 3207 West McGraw Street.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (12/18)

## 12. Bridge Maintenance Funding (Councilmember Pedersen)

This proposal would add \$24 million to achieve recommended spending levels for bridge maintenance activities identified in the City Auditor's 2020 report.

This proposal would direct the funding to four SDOT programs, including: Bridge Load Rating, Bridge Painting, Bridge Structures Engineering, and Bridge Structures Maintenance.

Funding for this proposal is intended to come from reprioritized resources (i.e., General Fund) that are not currently included in SDOT's Proposed Budget.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (13/18)

## 13. Capitol Hill Public Life Study (Councilmember Gonzalez)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT spending to restore \$150,000 for a public life study of Capitol Hill in conjunction with community stakeholders around the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict.

Previously, Council approved funding for this project using Transportation Network Company Tax proceeds which have not materialized in 2020.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (14/18)

## 14. Georgetown to South Park Trail (Councilmember Morales)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to restore funding for the Georgetown to South Park Trail Project.

The 2021-2026 Proposed CIP includes no funding for this project in 2021 and identifies an unsecured future funding need of \$1.8 million.

The amount of funding for this proposal is to be determined.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (15/18)

## 15. Bicycle connections on East Marginal Way (Councilmember Morales)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT capital spending to provide additional funding for the East Marginal Way Corridor Improvement Project Phase 1.

In 2020, SDOT programmed \$400,000 for this project as part of the Bike Master Plan - Protected Bike Lanes CIP Project.

The amount of funding for this proposal is to be determined.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (16/18)

## 16. Sidewalk repair on Rainier Avenue South (Councilmember Morales)

This proposal would reprioritize \$1 million of SDOT spending for sidewalk repair in the Rainier Avenue South corridor.



# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (17/18)

## 17. Direct additional General Fund-Payroll Tax revenue to SDOT (Councilmember Sawant)

This proposal would eliminate cuts and austerity measures in SDOT's budget by allocating an additional \$117 million of General Fund to SDOT.

It is the intention of the sponsor to support this increased spending with a proportional increase in the tax rate of the Payroll Expense Tax on big businesses.





# Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers (18/18)

## 18. West Marginal Way Safe Street and Accessibility Improvements (Councilmember Sawant)

This proposal would reprioritize SDOT spending to fund pedestrian safety and crossing improvements along West Marginal Way at the Duwamish Longhouse.

Previously, Council approved \$500,000 for this project using Transportation Network Company Tax proceeds which have not materialized in 2020. The CIP project page identifies a future funding need of \$2.75 million which is currently unsecured.

The amount of funding for this proposal is to be determined.



# Questions?

## Budget Timeline

FALL 2020

