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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

### New \$20 Vehicle License Fee process

**January to March 2021** Develop a spending plan for additional \$20 VLF with stakeholder involvement March 2021 July through 2022 and Beyond November 2020 February 2021 December 2021 Briefing 2: \$7.2+ million in April/May 2021 Increase of Briefing 1: \$3.6 million forecasted annual Share proposed current \$20 VLF to Submit spending forecasted revenue; 2021 Share information spending plan and plan to Council for \$40 (additional program-based revenue; use on \$20 VLF and discuss how your \$20 VLF we are approval spend plan as a spend plan to SDOT's budget priorities were discussing today) guide investment guide incorporated



### We heard from (in alphabetical order):

Afghan Health Initiative

**Bicycle Advisory Board** 

Congolese Integration Network

**Downtown Seattle Association** 

Environmental Justice Committee (Alumni)

Freight Advisory Board

International Drop-in Center

Iron Workers Local 86

**Laborers Local** 

Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee

**Neighborhood Greenways** 

Pedestrian Advisory Board

**Peer Transit Educator** 

PROTEC 17

Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute

**Seattle Building Trades** 

Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Solid Ground

The Nature Conservancy

**Transit Advisory Board** 

**Transit Riders Union** 

Transportation Choices Coalition

Transportation Equity Workgroup

# Engaging communities typically underrepresented in public forums

- Aligned with recommendations from the Transportation Equity Workgroup
  - Improving our engagement and outreach practices with community members from BIPOC and vulnerable communities
- Meetings held separately to allow space for conversation & feedback



We heard several priorities for the spend plan





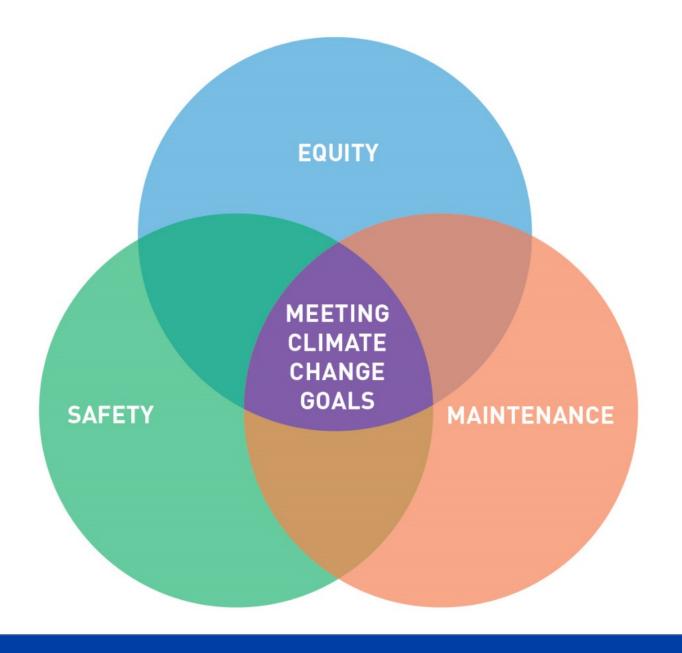
### **Community Evaluation Results**



	Climate Change Benefits	Equity Potential	Funding Challenge	Increase Safety & Reduce Risk	Move Seattle Levy Performance	Proactive Asset Management	Reduce Maintenance Backlog
SDOT Staff							
Transpo. & Labor Stakeholders							
Equity-focused Stakeholders							
Outcome							

# Turning feedback into a values-based, actionable plan

Amplifying the impact of the funding through the selection of programs that help address multiple needs.



### **Safe Streets**



#### What we've heard:

Safety in transit is a huge issue, often due to lack of accessible facilities.

More stop signs and overall better signage is needed at intersections.

#### **Objective:**

Make investments and improvements to the streets and in communities experiencing the bulk of Seattle's serious crashes.

- Vision Zero corridor projects
  - Project examples: Martin Luther King Jr Way, Rainier Ave S, Airport Way S
- Elements of Stay Healthy Streets

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$1.1 million	\$2 million



### Safe Sidewalks





#### What we've heard:

\* = direct quote

We have seen the struggles of our elderly walking the streets of Seattle particularly in the southeast\* There should be a further drive to add green mobility transportation options and encouraging...walking and carpooling.

#### **Objective:**

Make investments and improvements to help Seattle become the most walkable and accessible city in the nation.

#### What this could do:

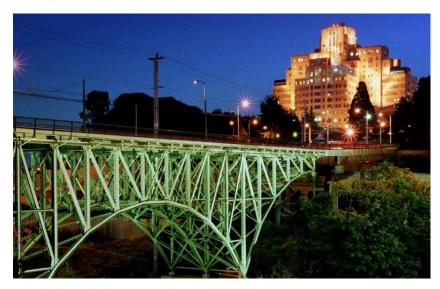
- Restripe marked crosswalks
- Replace crossing beacons
- Repair sidewalks especially those around street trees
- Install new ADA curb ramps

2021 2022 and beyond (annually)

\$1.03 million \$2.05 million



### **Strong Bridges & Structures**





#### What we've heard:

\* = direct quote

Coming out of this pandemic, people need jobs...the roads and bridges in Seattle are crumbling\*

#### **Objective:**

Make proactive investments and reduce the maintenance backlog, extending the service life of bridges, and maintaining safe travel for all modes.

- Major maintenance and rehab program for bridges, stairs and essential roadway structures
  - Project examples: Key elements of Jose Rizal Bridge, Spokane S Swing Bridge, University Bridge, Fremont Bridge, Ballard Bridge

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$850,000	\$1.7 million



### **Active Transportation Maintenance**





#### What we've heard:

\* = direct quote

Safety is a concern especially for youth and people biking...it doesn't feel safe to bike.

By putting money into maintenance, you provide education through apprenticeship and a career (job) in construction. Jobs are what is needed coming out of this pandemic!\*

#### **Objective:**

Make investments and improvements to maintain onstreet and off-street bicycle facilities to promote safe, active transportation and reduced carbon emissions from vehicles.

- Re-paint bicycle lanes
- Install protective barriers between people driving and biking
- Make improvements to bicycle signals
- Bike lane sweeping

2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$350,000	\$700,000



### **Planning Ahead**





#### What we've heard:

We should use money to support TEW [Transportation Equity Workgroup] and the plan that comes out of the effort.

#### **Objective:**

Plan for a future transportation system that addresses our shared values and goals for equity, safety, and sustainability (including climate change responses).

- Initiate development of a citywide multimodal plan
- Plan will engage
   Transportation Equity
   Workgroup in long-term
   planning process

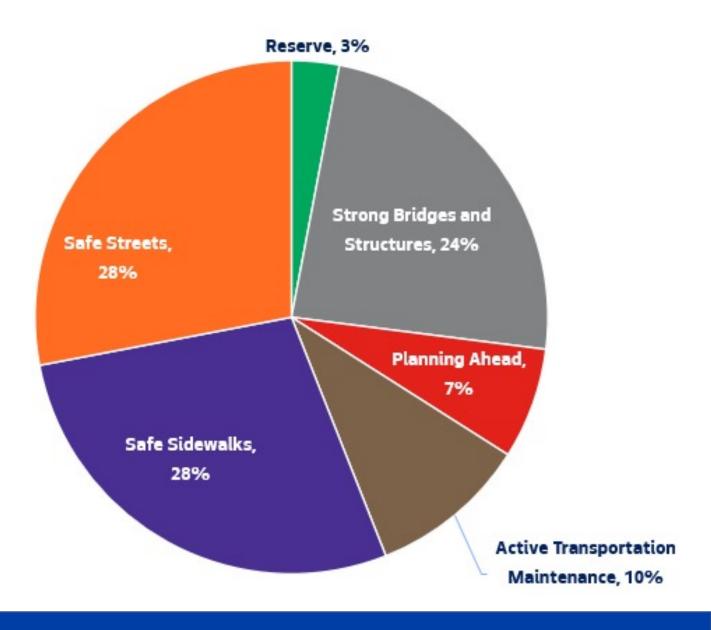
2021	2022 and beyond (annually)
\$250,000	\$500,000



### Proposed Spend Plan 2021-2024

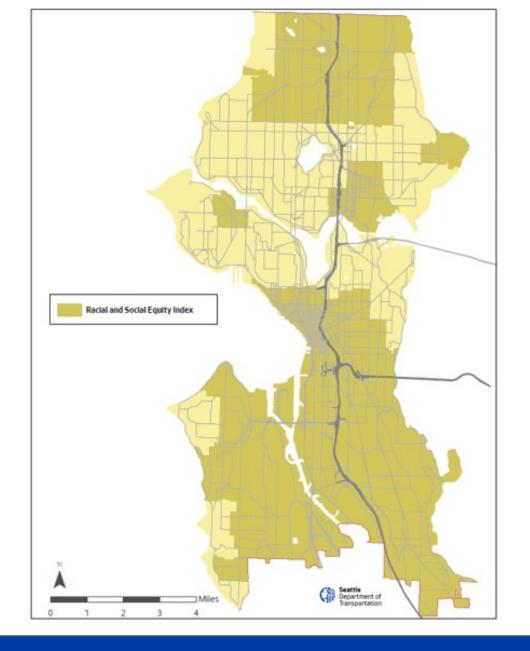
TOTAL REVENUE		
2021	2022 and beyond (annually)	
\$3.6 million	\$7.2* million	

<sup>\*</sup>Actual annual funding allocations would follow percentages established in the spend plan, with some flexibility, and are subject to annual budget processes.





<sup>\*</sup>Annual revenue is an estimate and subject to change.





About 75% of the new VLF revenue would be dedicated to investments and projects in neighborhoods facing higher risk of displacement and lower access to opportunities, as indicated in dark yellow.

### Investing in the future

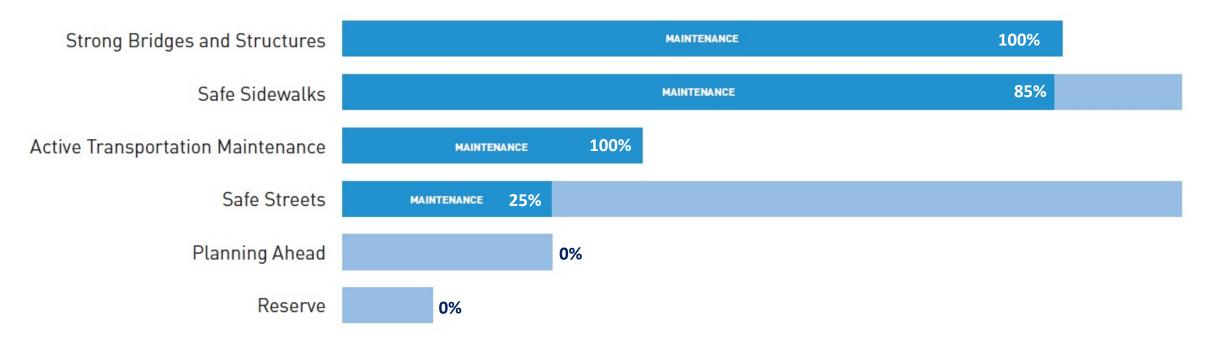
Spending \$1 to preserve and maintain public assets in a fair or good condition can save \$6 to \$10 in rehabilitation or replacement costs.



About **60%** of the annual allocation will be for maintenance work to **repair** and improve our infrastructure.

This plan will **proactively manage our maintenance backlog,** getting
things done while **supporting family- wage jobs and workers** 

## A focus on infrastructure maintenance Annual proportion of investment in each category dedicated to maintenance



Bar length represents total investment in that category annually.

### More of what we heard:

#### **Hester Serebrin**

Transportation Choices Coalition,
Levy to Move Seattle Oversight
Committee

"This participatory approach has resulted in a spend plan that reflects the community's feedback, needs, and priorities. We are happy to see investments in areas that are traditionally underserved and support a clear equity lens on this work going forward."

#### **Lanvin Andres**

International Drop-In Center Filipino Senior & Family Services

"I am very happy to see a large portion of this funding geared towards safety. Specifically, safer sidewalks will make our city and streets more age-friendly for our senior community, and allow them to navigate independently and confidently around their neighborhood. I look forward to seeing the impact of these investments."

### More of what we heard:

### Sam Ferrara Co-Chair of the Levy to Move Seattle

"The proposed spend plan for the \$20 VLF prioritizes equity and safety. This aligns with the values the Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee holds paramount. This spend plan also has the potential to complete many Move Seattle Levy projects that are at risk of not being completed which will help ensure voters get what they were promised."

**Patrick Taylor**Bicycle Advisory Board

**Oversight Committee** 

"I am in favor of the \$20 VLF spend plan because it supports our city's existing commitments around climate change, equity, and Vision Zero. By committing 75% of funds to much needed investments for walking, biking in transit, including crucial maintenance work, it will aid in our transition away from auto dependence and to safer, more climate friendly modes of transportation. By also spending 75% of funds in neighborhoods at higher risk of displacement and lower access to opportunities it is helping to undo historic underinvestment by the city."

### **Next steps**

- May: Council to finalize the spend plan and appropriate funding
- July: DOL starts collecting funds
- Summer: SDOT to begin implementing projects
- Ongoing: Further engage with the community to discuss travel needs and future opportunities to fund unmet needs

### Thank you!