

Seattle Transportation Levy Delivery Progress and 2026 Look Ahead

Transportation Committee

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Our Vision, Values, & Goals

Vision:

Seattle is an equitable, vibrant, and diverse city where moving around is safe, fair, and sustainable. All people and businesses can access their daily needs and feel connected to their community.

Values & Goals:

Safety, Equity, Sustainability, Mobility & Economic Vitality, Livability, Maintenance & Modernization, and Excellence.

Agenda

- 2024 Seattle Transportation Levy
- Levy Highlights
- Levy Reporting
- 2026 Levy Delivery Plan

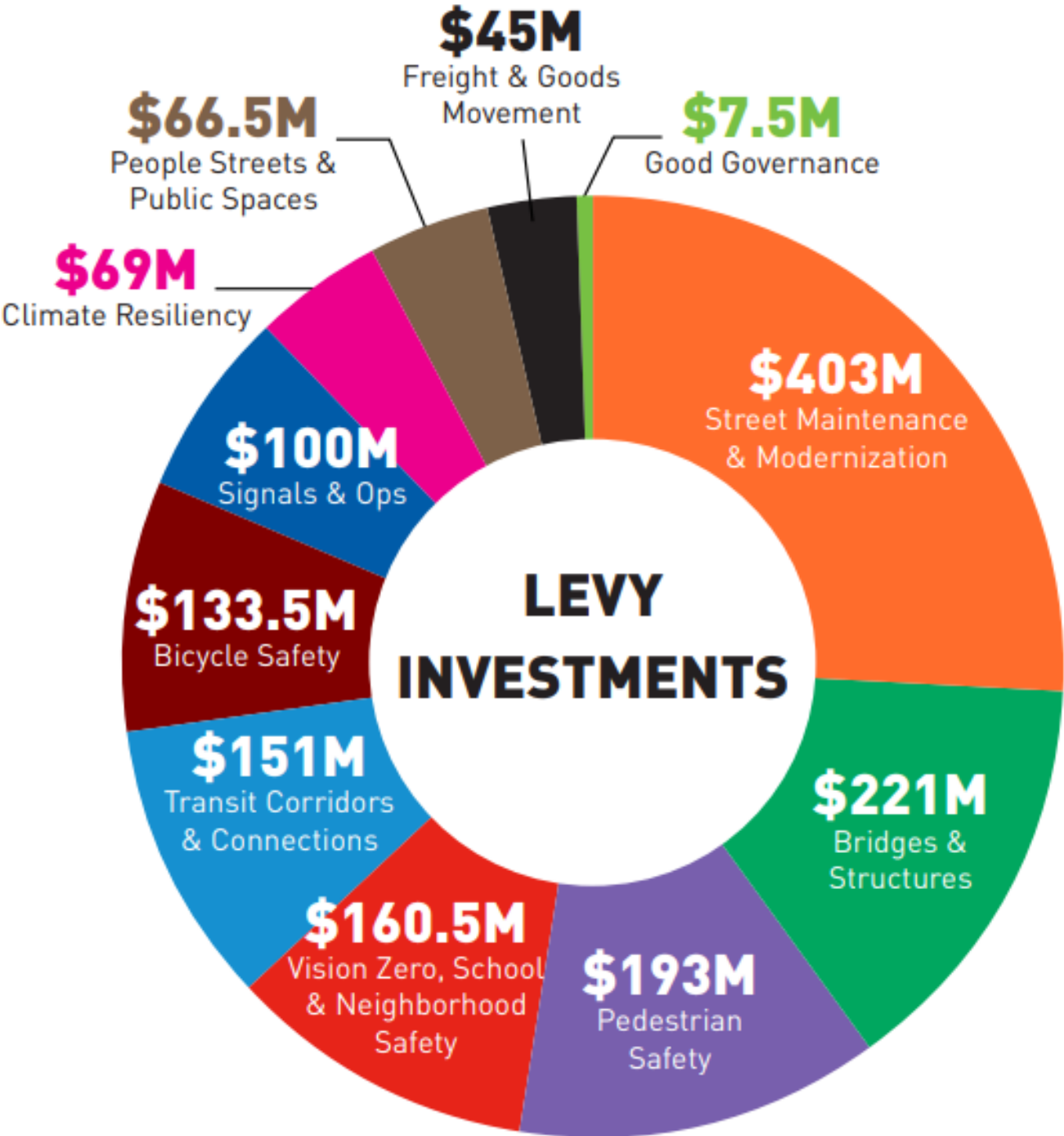


*8th Ave NW in Ballard, one
area of traffic calming work
in 2025-2026*



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2024 Seattle Transportation Levy



2024 Seattle Transportation Levy Overview



Vision Zero, School & Neighborhood Safety (\$160.5M):

Make targeted and community-requested improvements to streets, sidewalks, intersections, and crossings to reduce traffic collisions, severe injuries, and fatalities.



Street Maintenance & Modernization (\$403M): Repave arterial streets that carry the most buses, trucks, and cars, and improve infrastructure for people walking, rolling, biking, and taking transit.



Bridges & Structures (\$221M): Keep bridges and structures in reliable working condition and prepare for future bridge projects.



Transit Corridors & Connections (\$151M): Connect people safely to transit hubs, including Link light rail stations and bus stops, and reduce delays on bus routes.



Pedestrian Safety (\$193M): Build and repair sidewalks, crossings, and curb ramps so people walking and rolling can safely get to where they need to go.



Signals & Operations (\$100M): Install, maintain, and upgrade existing traffic signals for safe, reliable movement; improve pedestrian and bike accessibility signals; and support traffic operations during large events, incidents, and for trips in and out of the port.



Bicycle Safety (\$133.5M): Expand Seattle's protected bike lane network; connect schools to bike lanes, paths, and neighborhood greenways; and maintain and upgrade existing bike lanes.



People Streets & Public Spaces (\$66.5M): Activate public spaces and improve lighting in partnership with business districts and community organizations so people can enjoy unique and vibrant neighborhoods and business districts.



Climate & Resiliency (\$69M): Address climate change directly, reducing air pollution and making sustainable transportation options more available.



Freight & Goods Movement (\$45M): Make freight improvements to support trucks delivering goods and providing services.



Good Governance & Equitable Implementation Initiative (\$7.5M): Maintain accountability and transparency for Seattle taxpayers and the public.

2025 Levy Highlights



Seattle Transportation Levy in 2025

Early momentum

- ✓ **Hit the ground running** on January 1 with crew-delivered levy projects, new sidewalks community walks, and more
- ✓ Recruited for and established new **Levy Oversight Committee**
- ✓ **Hired** 52 positions to support Levy delivery and launched new programs
- ✓ Worked with City Council to **lift the proviso** on levy spending; delivered 2025 Workplan



BEFORE

AFTER

N 130th St Vision Zero Project



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Swipe to see what it
looked like *before*



Safe Routes to Schools



LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- Neighborhood Scale Traffic Safety Program
- Neighborhood Initiated Safety Partnership

Vision Zero, School, and Neighborhood Safety Highlights through Q3 2025

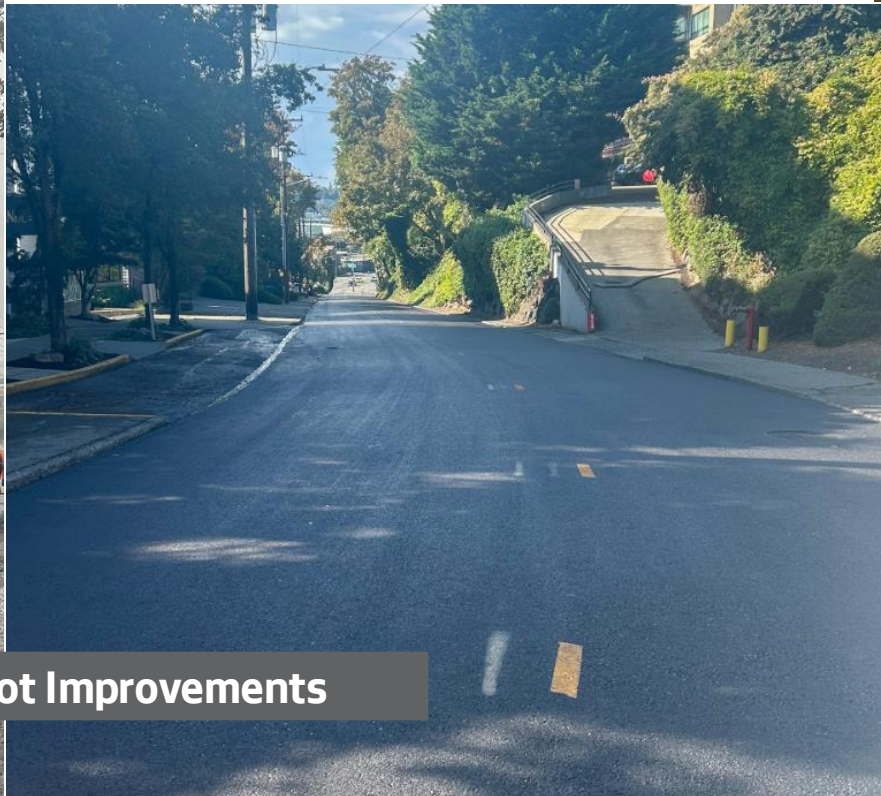
- N 130th St Vision Zero Corridor Project
- 20 intersections with new leading pedestrian intervals
- 20 Safe Routes to Schools Projects
- 2 high-collision safety projects
- 7 Neighborhood traffic safety improvements



High Collision Safety Projects



Neighborhood Traffic Calming



Paving Spot Improvements



Markings



Street Maintenance and Modernization Highlights through Q3 2025

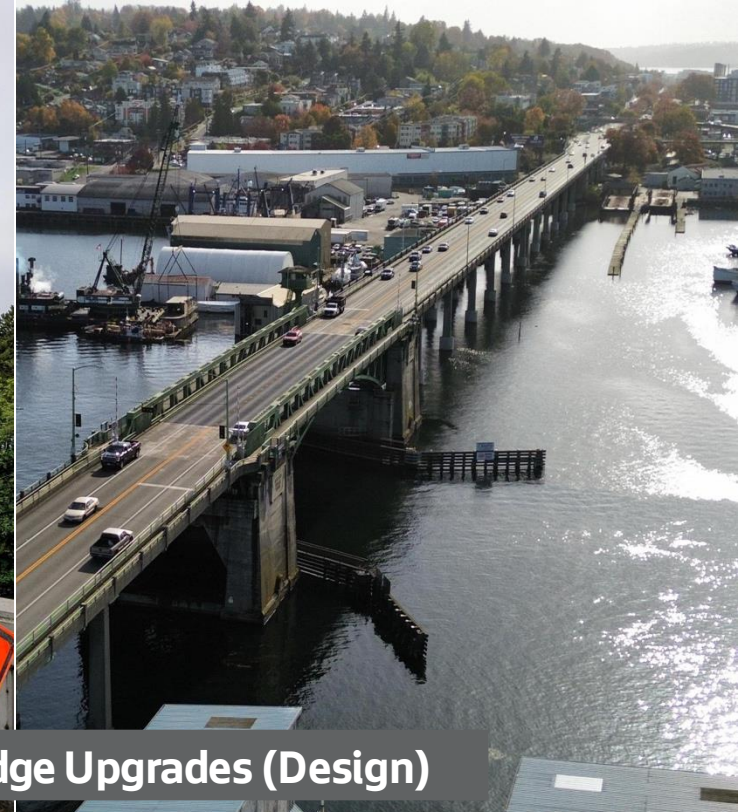
- In design on paving projects on E Marginal Way, N 130th St, Pinehurst Way NE, and Roosevelt Way NE
- Paving spot improvements at 47 locations (over 6 lane-miles)
- 4,127 potholes filled, 90% within 72 hours (goal 80%)
- 560 arterial lane-miles restriped
- 1,360 crosswalks remarked (~1/4 of all crosswalks)



Bridge Preventative Maintenance



Moveable Bridge Upgrades (Design)



Bridges and Structures Highlights through Q3 2025

- 107 bridge preventative maintenance projects
- 12 areaway inspections
- Progressing on design for Ballard, Fremont, and University Bridge moveable ship canal bridge upgrades

LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- Bridge Preventative Maintenance
- Areaways Studies



Areaways

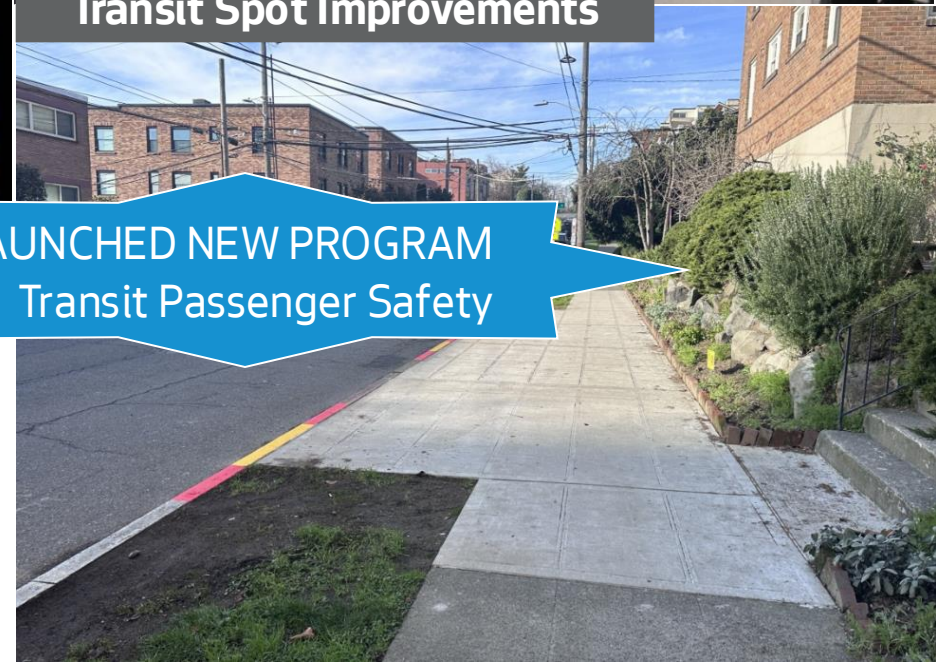


Transit Passenger Safety

(photo credit King County Metro)



Transit Spot Improvements



LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAM

- Transit Passenger Safety

Transit Corridors and Connections Highlights through Q3 2025

- 40 transit spot improvements
- 8 new Metro Transit Security Officers
- Progress on N 130th St - Bitter Lake to Haller Lake Mobility Improvements design and Graham St Station access planning



New Sidewalks (Planning and Construction)

Pedestrian Safety Highlights through Q3 2025

- 36.5 blocks of new sidewalks are complete or are in construction
- Hosted 10 community walks to identify new sidewalk needs
- 12,000+ sidewalk spot repairs
- 37 crossing improvements



Crossing Improvements



New Signals



Transportation Operations Center

Signals and Operations Highlights through Q3 2025

- Continued preventative maintenance on traffic signals (453 signals in 2025)
- 2,087 signs replaced
- Response to over 5,500 community inquiries through Transportation Operations Center (TOC)
- 24/7 operation of TOC
- 1 new traffic signal nearly complete*



Upgraded Bike Lanes



Neighborhood Greenways

Bicycle Safety Highlights through Q3 2025

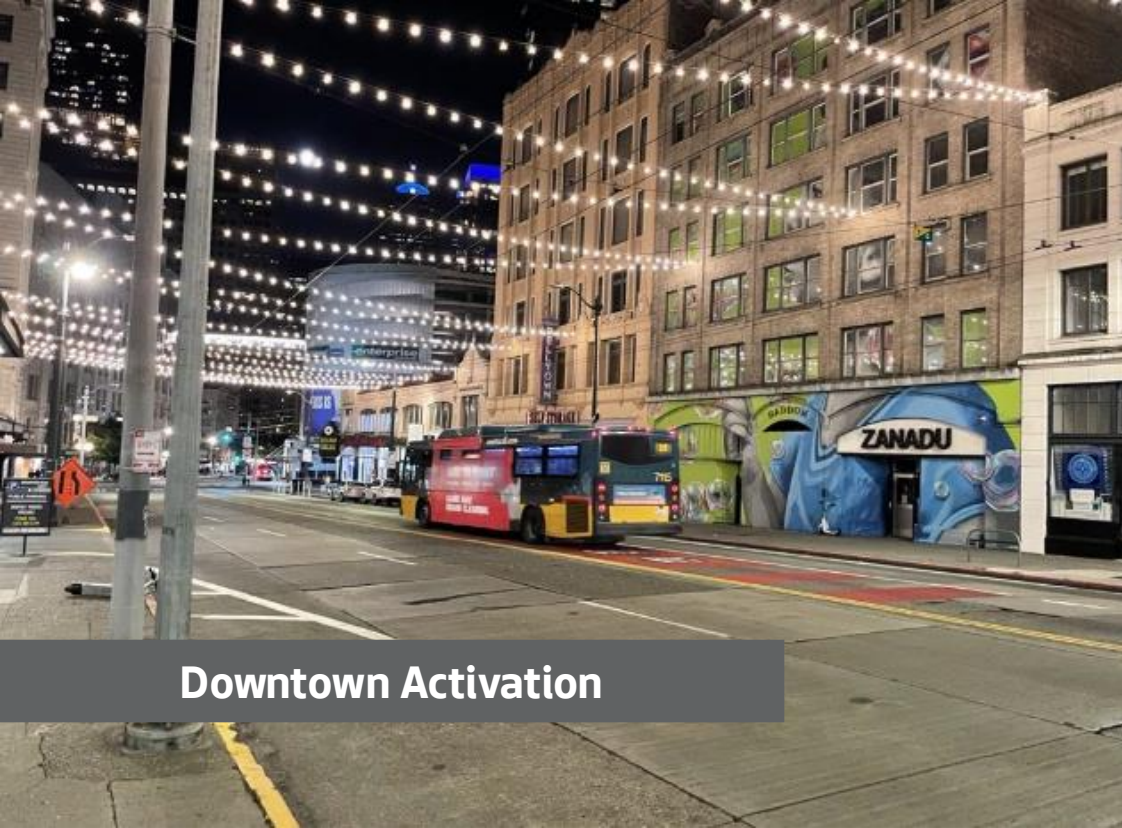
- Upgraded bike barrier progress; project in E Yesler Way
- 1 New Neighborhood Greenway, and construction/design progress on others including 12th Ave NE and Alki Point
- Design progress on several protected bike lanes including 8th Ave, Beacon Ave S, & Highland Park Way SW
- 364 repairs to protected bike lane posts
- Over 100 new bicycle parking spaces added as part of bike spot improvements program

LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- Bike Lane Maintenance
- Upgraded Bike Lanes



Bike Lane Maintenance



Downtown Activation



LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- People Streets Capital Projects & Maintenance
- Pedestrian Lighting

People Streets and Public Spaces Highlights through Q3 2025

- New lighting on 3rd Ave as part of Downtown Activation work
- Refreshed striping along Ballard Ave people street
- 2 large capital project commitments are underway:
 - Fortson Square Redesign
 - Occidental Promenade



Occidental Promenade (Planning)



Climate and Electrification

Climate and Resiliency Highlights through Q3 2025

- Evaluating ~30 existing EV charging sites to understand usage
- Launched interdepartmental workgroup with Seattle City Light and other departments to identify sites for new EV charging
- 133 trees planted
- 2,525 areas of landscaping maintained
- Planning for Low Pollution Neighborhoods work

LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- Climate & Electrification
- Low Pollution Neighborhoods



Urban Forestry



Freight Spot Improvements (Holgate St Study)



Freight Improvements (FAB lane study)

Freight & Goods Movement Highlights through Q3 2025

- Planning progress on several spot improvements including on Airport Way S, Diagonal Ave S, and Industrial Area ROW activation
- Planning progress on Holgate Rail Crossing Elimination Study
- Progress with Urban Freight Lab & continued data collection on Freight and Bus (FAB) - Only Lane on Route 40

Welcome to the Transportation Levy Oversight Committee (LOC)

June 17, 2025

Thank you, Levy Oversight Committee

We are looking forward to collaborating with you!

Good Governance and Equitable Implementation Highlights through Q3 2025

- Recruited for and established new Levy Oversight Committee; in partnership with LOC, working on confirming life-of-levy targets for programs without defined numerical deliverables in levy legislation
- Began efforts to develop Transportation Funding Task Force, including selecting consultant
- Began planning for Property Tax Exemption Outreach

LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS

- Transportation Funding Task Force (Durable Infrastructure Solutions)

Levy Oversight & Reporting



Levy Oversight Committee Key Roles

(per legislation)

✓ Annually review Levy:

- Priorities
- Spending
- Financial plans

✓ Monitor Levy:

- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Program and project implementation

✓ Advise the City Council, the Mayor and SDOT on:

- Spending of Levy proceeds
- Performance of Levy programs

✓ May also:

- Audit Levy-funded programs
- Make recommendation to the Mayor and City Council regarding the advisability of proposing to Seattle voters a replacement levy after this one expires

Ways We Report to LOC & Public on Levy Progress

- ✓ Levy dashboard
- ✓ Written reports
- ✓ LOC meetings/presentations
- ✓ Blog posts, social media, and media
- ✓ Site visits at Levy projects
- ✓ And more



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New and improved crosswalks are among the many SDOT crew-built projects that the [#SeattleTransportationLevy](#) funds. Signs & Markings crew members recently visited 8th and 7th Ave S at S Henderson St to help make crossing the street more comfortable.



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Levy Reporting Cycle

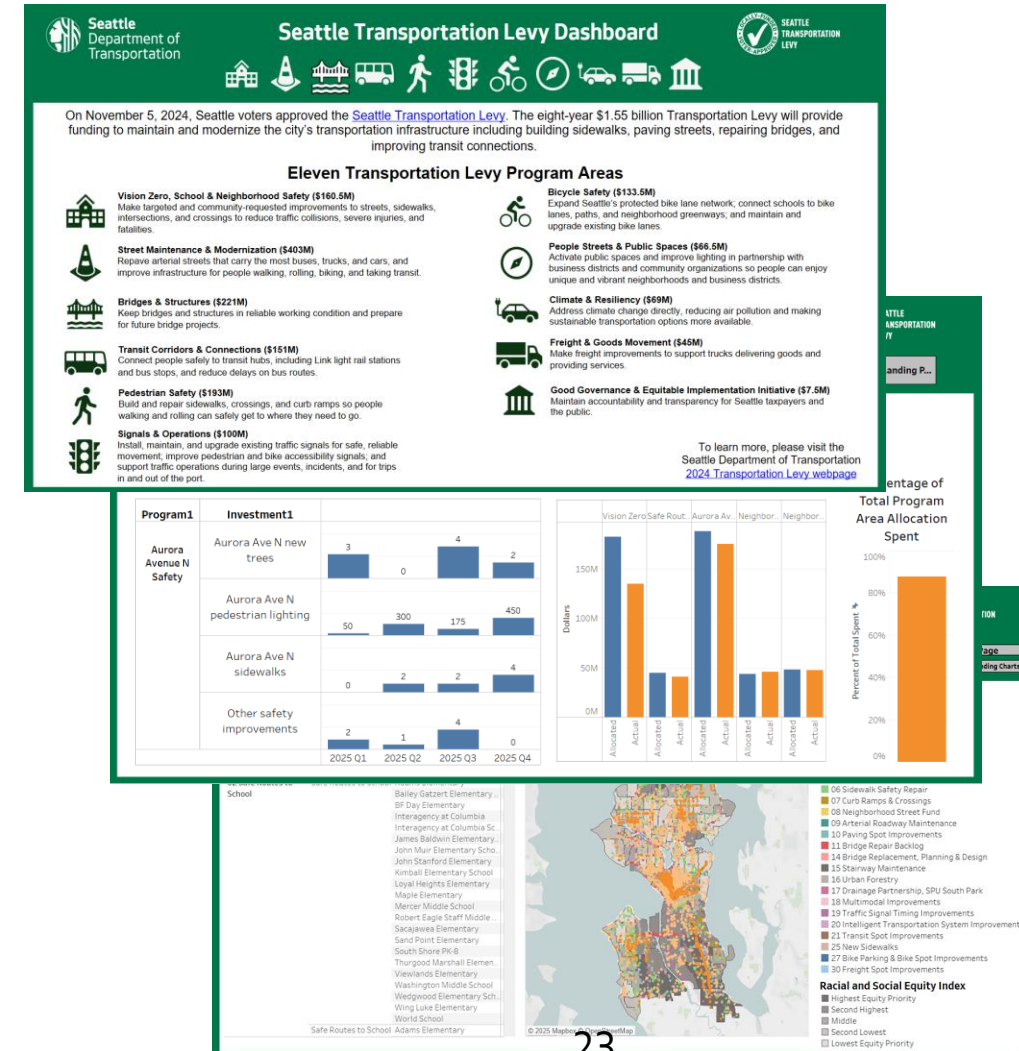
Future Reporting on Spending & Levy Delivery

- Annual Delivery Plan due to Council on January 31 each year per Council Resolution
- Quarterly updates on levy delivery and spending provided to the LOC and the public dashboard in May, August and November
 - Dashboard will publicly launch in January 2026
 - Q1-Q3 2025 will be published in January 2026
- Annual Report published and public dashboard updated in March
- Seattle Transportation Plan Performance Report published every two years

What is contained in the dashboard

- Per program, quarterly updates on completed projects, with some information on in-progress work
- Per program, quarterly spending of levy and grant/partnership funds & allocated budget
- Map of completed deliverables

Draft Dashboard



2026 Levy Delivery Plan



What is the Levy Annual Delivery Plan?



- ✓ Shows a list of work funded with Seattle Transportation Levy dollars that SDOT expects to progress in that year
- ✓ Includes the amount of funding appropriated to each program area in that year
- ✓ Informed by many factors

2026 Levy Delivery Plan Development

- 2026 Levy Delivery Plan is currently under development and is on track to be submitted by January 31, 2026
- There will be a similar level of detail as the 2025 Levy Delivery Plan
- Incorporating lessons learned on new programs
- Careful consideration of how WSDOT Revive I-5 work and FIFA World Cup may impact Levy delivery



Questions?

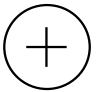
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From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!



Better Bike Barriers



Bike Lane Sweeping



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