

A nighttime photograph of a city street in Seattle. In the foreground, a bus stop shelter is visible with several people waiting. The background shows city buildings and the iconic Space Needle tower illuminated against the dark sky. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

Seattle City Council

Transportation and Utilities Committee
SDOT Grant Acceptance Ordinance

Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving, equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

Increased Federal Funding Share

In September 2021, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) was awarded \$4M in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for COVID-19 relief for two projects. These grant agreements are drafted and ready for execution.

In March 2023, SDOT was awarded \$2M in federal funding directly from the U.S. Department of Transportation

In April 2023, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) reached out to SDOT and offered to award Federal grant awards to projects on PSRC's contingency list. This is a common practice as the PSRC works to commit its full allocation of Federal funds to projects before obligation deadlines expire. SDOT confirmed readiness and was awarded federal funding for preliminary engineering/design on two such projects, totaling \$1.1M.

Five Projects Will Receive Funding

| Project Name | Brief Summary | Additional Federal Award | Match amount |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------|
| Seattle Center Monorail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award funds preventative maintenance and revenue recover funds for monorail operations in response to COVID-19 pandemic impacts Expected outcomes are to improve, maintain, and sustain the Monorail system and its existing facility to enhance passenger experience | \$2,807,384 | \$0 |
| Seattle Streetcar – First Hill Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities to be performed include operations activities for the Seattle Streetcar. The First Hill line of the Seattle Streetcar connects the diverse and vibrant residential neighborhoods and business districts of Capitol Hill, First Hill, Yesler Terrace, Central Area, Chinatown-International District, and Pioneer Square. Expected outcomes include mitigating operating funding deficits caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This allows the Seattle Streetcar to continue to provide frequent, reliable, and equitable service to transit riders in the City of Seattle. | \$842,215 | \$0 |

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| Seattle Streetcar – South Lake Union Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports operations and maintenance activities for the Seattle Streetcar. • The South Lake Union line connects the South Lake Union neighborhood to Seattle's downtown core. • Expected outcomes include mitigating operating funding deficits caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This allows the Seattle Streetcar to continue to provide frequent, reliable, and equitable service to transit riders in the City of Seattle. | \$360,949 | \$0 |
| Last Mile Freight Curb Access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve curbside access for commercial vehicles and make the City’s limited curb space perform more efficiently • Provide SDOT with curb utilization data via a shift to a digital permit and automated pricing • Pilot the project for 18 months in north Downtown with the potential to scale city-wide via a Phase 2 grant if successful | \$1,996,000 | \$0 |

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| <p>80th St and 85th St ITS Corridors</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade and install signals and leading pedestrian intervals to support movement and improve safety for all travel modes to and through north Seattle • Design and build traffic management systems to reduce congestion and delay on a corridor in north Seattle, improving speed and reliability for public transportation • Address the mobility gap and improve access to housing, employment opportunities, and other daily destinations | <p>\$845,000</p> | <p>\$131,879</p> |
| <p>Pioneer Square Historic Areaway Restoration, Phase 1</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate two below-grade areaways in Pioneer Square to support the weight of modern traffic, removing limitations on 1st Ave S • Support existing transportation needs (pedestrians, trucks, and general-purpose travel), and take an important first step toward allowing transit service on 1st Ave S • Create an appealing pedestrian environment that will attract commuters on foot as well as window shopping, sidewalk cafes, and other active uses. • Preserve a historical asset in Pioneer Square | <p>\$350,000</p> | <p>\$54,624</p> |

Thank you!

