



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Lid I-5 Resolution

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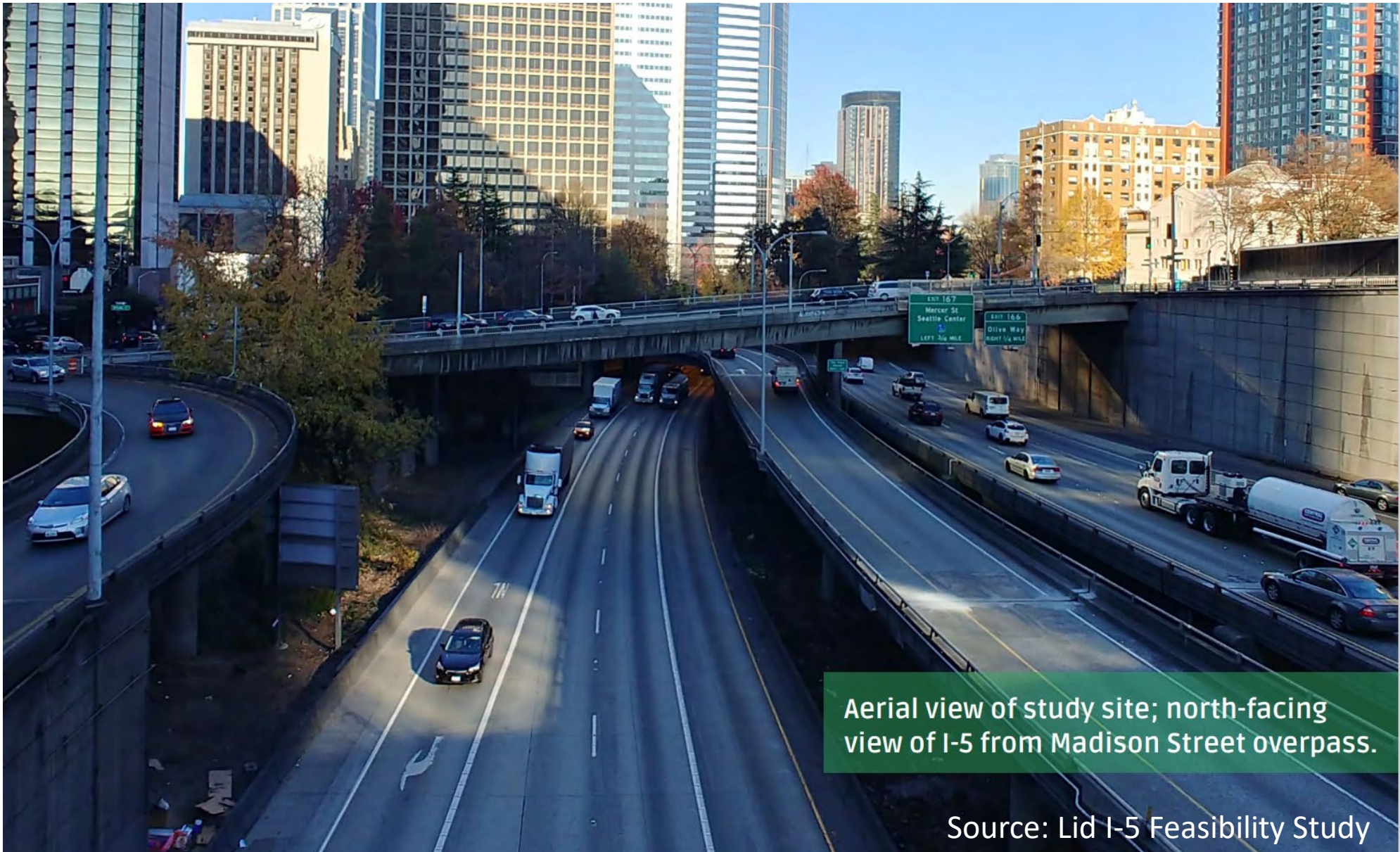
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HISTORY

- Community members have been working to lid additional sections of I-5 through Seattle since at least 2011
- The Seattle Convention Center funded a city study on the I-5 lid as part of the public benefits for the Convention Center Summit project in 2018
- In December 2020, OPCD released the results of a preliminary feasibility study
- The 2023-2025 biennial transportation budget includes funding for WSDOT to begin an I-5 Master Plan



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Aerial view of study site; north-facing view of I-5 from Madison Street overpass.

Source: Lid I-5 Feasibility Study

FINDINGS FROM STUDY

- Study is very preliminary
- Lidding in this area is possible, but it would be challenging
- The more the lid has to hold up, the more expensive it is to build
- On- and off-ramps are particularly challenging
- Vehicle parking and slope issues would require creative solutions
- This would be a large and expensive undertaking, requiring a variety of funding and financing sources
- How you do it will depend on what you're doing
- This area of the city has significant needs beyond re-linking neighborhoods and mitigating the environmental impacts of I-5
- Significant benefits could flow from this investment
- Work does not need to be done as a single project
- This would require significant and ongoing partnership
- This is a first step

Core Technical Advisory Team



AREA COVERED BY THE RESOLUTION



Resolution

- Supports lidding efforts
- Supports work to:
 - Integrate lidding into plans
 - Explore a Public Development Authority to lead work
 - Seek federal grant funding
 - Identify whether on- and off-ramps can be removed to facilitate lidding and reduce conflicts



Questions?