



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

2024 Transportation Levy Chair's Amendment

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON 2024 TRANSPORTATION LEVY

JUNE 4, 2024

Chair's Proposal

- Detailed in Central Staff May 31 Memorandum to Select Committee
- **Chair's Amendment** to CB 120788
 - Increase size of levy by \$100 million to **\$1.55 billion** over eight-years
 - Revise Levy Spending Breakdown (Attachment A)
 - Text amendments to CB 120788
- **Companion Resolution** to levy legislation
 - Provide Council guidance on implementation issues
 - Will be drafted for Select Committee consideration with CB 120788

Chair's Amendment - Revised Spending (1 of 4)

Category	Mayor's Proposal		Chair's Amendment		Change
	Spending	% share	Spending	% share	
a. Vision Zero, School & Neighborhood Safety	\$162	11.2%	\$160.5	10.4%	(\$1.5)
a.1 Vision Zero	\$70		\$70		--
a.2 Safe Routes to School	\$7		\$14		\$7
a.3 Aurora Avenue N Safety	\$30		\$30		--
a.4 Neighborhood-Initiated Safety Partnership Program	\$41		\$25.5		(\$15.5)
a.5 District Project Fund	\$14		\$21		\$7
b. Street Maintenance and Modernization	\$423	29.2%	\$423	27.3%	--
b.1 Arterial Roadway Maintenance	\$350		\$350		--
b.2 Paving Spot Improvements	\$67		\$67		--
b.3 Markings	\$6		\$6		--
c. Bridges and Structures	\$221	15.2%	\$221	14.3%	--
c.1 Bridge Structural Repairs and Upgrades	\$71		\$71		--
c.2 Bridge Preventative Maintenance	\$127		\$127		--
c.3 Project Readiness	\$20		\$20		--
c.4 Areaways	\$3		\$3		--

Chair's Amendment - Revised Spending (2 of 4)

Category	Mayor's Proposal		Chair's Amendment		Change
	Spending	% share	Spending	% share	
d. Transit Corridors and Connections	\$145	10.0%	\$151	9.7%	\$6
d.1 Transit Spot Improvements	\$27		\$27		--
d.2 Transit Passenger Safety	\$3		\$9		\$6
d.3 Transit Improvements and Access to Light Rail	\$115		\$115		--
e. Pedestrian Safety	\$135	9.3%	\$193	12.5%	\$58
e.1 New Sidewalks	\$63		\$126		\$63
e.2 Sidewalk Safety Repair	\$19		\$19		--
e.3 Sidewalk and Infrastructure Solutions <i>(moved and renamed k.3)</i>	\$5		\$0		(\$5)
e.4 ADA Program	\$30		\$30		--
e.5 Stairways	\$4		\$4		--
e.6 Crossing Improvements	\$14		\$14		--
f. Signals and Operations	\$100	6.9%	\$100	6.5%	--
f.1 Traffic Signal Timing	\$32		\$32		--
f.2 Traffic Signals and Maintenance	\$45		\$45		--
f.3 Sign Maintenance	\$5		\$5		--
f.4 Transportation Operations	\$18		\$18		--

Chair's Amendment - Revised Spending (3 of 4)

Category	Mayor's Proposal		Chair's Amendment		Change
	Spending	% share	Spending	% share	
g. Bicycle Safety	\$114	7.9%	\$114	7.4%	--
g.1 Neighborhood Greenways	\$20		\$20		--
g.2 Bike Lane Maintenance	\$8		\$8		--
g.3 Protected Bike Lanes	\$68		\$68		--
g.4 Upgrade Bike Lanes	\$8		\$8		--
g.5 Bike Spot Improvements	\$10		\$10		--
h. People Streets and Public Safety	\$66	4.6%	\$66	4.3%	--
h.1 People Streets Capital Projects	\$39		\$39		--
h.2 Downtown Activation	\$15		\$15		--
h.3 People Streets and Wayfinding Maintenance	\$2		\$2		--
h.4 Pedestrian Lighting	\$10		\$10		--
i. Climate and Resiliency	\$59	4.1%	\$69	4.5%	\$10
i.1 Climate and Electrification Program	\$22		\$32		\$10
i.2 Low Pollution Neighborhoods	\$8		\$8		--
i.3 Urban Forestry	\$29		\$29		--

Chair's Amendment - Revised Spending (4 of 4)

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	Spending	% share	Spending	% share	
j. Freight and Goods Movement	\$25	1.7%	\$45	2.9%	\$20
j.1 Freight Spot Improvements	\$17		\$17		--
j.2 Heavy Haul Network	\$8		\$8		--
j.3 Freight Program <i>(new)</i>	--		\$20		\$20
k. Good Governance & Equitable Implementation Initiative <i>(new)</i>	--	--	\$7.5	0.5%	\$7.5
k.1 Oversight Committee Auditing and Professional Services <i>(new)</i>	--		\$1		\$1
k.2 Property Tax Relief Outreach and Education <i>(new)</i>	--		\$1.5		\$1.5
k.3 Durable Infrastructure Solutions <i>(e.3 moved and renamed)</i>	--		\$5		\$5
Total	\$1,450		\$1,550		\$100

Chair's Amendment - Spending Requirements

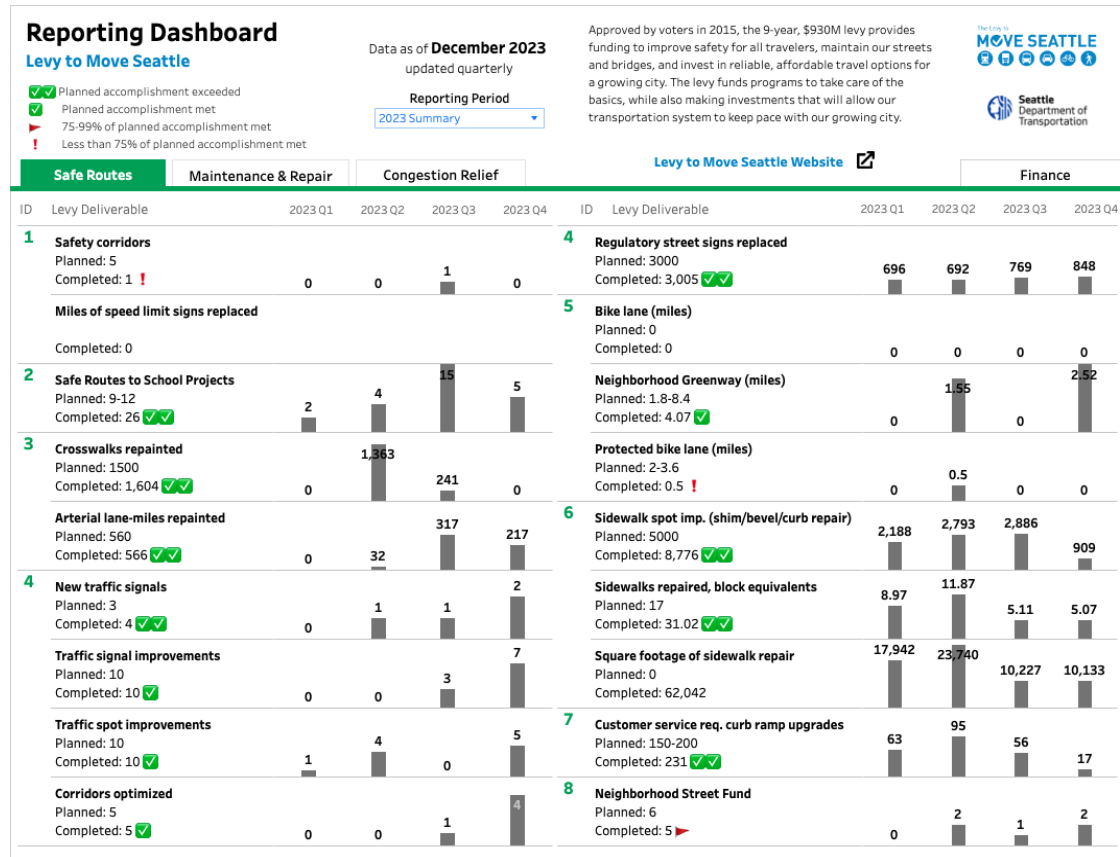
- Requires minimum eight-year total appropriations of:
 - No less than \$126 million for **New Sidewalks**
 - No less than \$221 million for **Bridges and Structures**
 - No less than \$350 million for **Arterial Roadway Maintenance**
 - No less than \$27 million for **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**
- Includes provision to waive requirement by separate ordinance, after Levy Oversight Committee has been given an opportunity to comment

Chair's Amendment - Oversight Committee

- Re-establish the **Chair of the Transportation Committee** as a member of the Levy Oversight Committee
- Add aspirational goal to strive for at least **two members** of the Levy Oversight Committee to have **auditing experience**
- Emphasize **performance evaluation** of levy programs in the scope of the Levy Oversight Committee's responsibilities

Chair's Amendment - Reporting

- Require **dashboard reporting**, as has become standard practice for the Move Seattle Levy



Chair's Amendment – Revisions to Recitals

- Federal Safe Systems approach to road safety
- Electric vehicle charging needs
- Impacts of **Initiative 747** and other cost factors
- Current pavement conditions and basic transportation infrastructure needs
- Council priorities identified in **Resolution 32131** (Seattle Transportation Plan)
 - Prioritize maintenance of bridges and roads
 - Once in a generation investment in sidewalks
 - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
 - Improvements to the transit rider experience
 - Vision Zero programs and projects
 - On-time performance of transit in the Denny Way corridor
 - Safety of Lake Washington Boulevard

Companion Resolution

- Provides for **Council guidance** on implementation issues
- Can be modified by future Council action **without** going back to voters
- Intent is to draft resolution and refer to Select Committee for **action** in conjunction with CB 120788
- Proposed resolution has **three sections**:
 - Levy Implementation Issues
 - Oversight and Reporting Issues
 - Issues for Future Council Consideration

Companion Resolution – Levy Implementation

- Request proposal for administering the **District Project Fund**
- Request proposal for administering the **Neighborhood-Initiated Safety Partnership Program**
- Provide direction on **Transit Passenger Safety** funding for transit and public safety personnel services
- Request proposal for delivering **Electric Vehicle Charging**
- Provide direction on **ADA compliance and pedestrian access** during construction
- Provide direction on **Financial Task Force**

Companion Resolution – Oversight/Reporting

- Request the Levy Oversight Committee focus on **Asset Conditions:**
 - Paving (asset sustainability ratio, pavement condition index)
 - Sidewalks (missing sidewalks, sidewalk inventory)
 - Bridges (bridge rating)
- Request the Levy Oversight Committee focus on the performance evaluation of **bridge, sidewalk, paving, and pothole maintenance** programs
- Request SDOT provide an **Initial Readiness Assessment**, including a financial plan
- Request SDOT provide **Annual Levy Delivery Plans** for levy spending and deliverables

Companion Resolution – Future Consideration

- Identify Council's interest in specific issues as part of levy implementation:
 - **Vision Zero** and integration of the **Federal Safe Systems Approach**
 - SDOT scoping of paving/corridor projects
 - **Complete Streets** policy and funding efficiency
 - **Community input** and project decision making
 - Council **approval** of individual project budgets
 - Consideration of **General Fund** support for transportation purposes

Questions?