



City of Seattle

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Director's Report for Transportation Committee

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CURRENT ISSUES

Transportation Levy Announcement

- Initial outreach on the draft proposal is nearing completion and is being evaluated. Outreach metrics to date include 4,700 survey respondents and over 1,500 people talked to in person through meetings, briefings, and outreach at events like farmers markets.
- On April 29, a revised proposal reflecting public feedback will be presented to the Mayor for consideration.

Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement and Seawall Project:

- Tunnel boring machine disassembly and repair continues. WSDOT's contractor, Seattle Tunnel Partners, anticipates completing repairs and resuming mining by the end of August. City is working with WSDOT to include City staff and consultants in due diligence review of STP repair and revised operating plans prior to re-starting tunneling. WSDOT is currently targeting early June for these discussions.
- Interior roadway structures in the tunnel are taking shape. The first few hundred feet of the upper level of the stacked roadway is built (see photo).



SR 520

- West Approach Bridge North (WABN) construction: The temporary work bridge needed to construct the permanent westbound SR 520 bridge between the new floating bridge and Montlake Boulevard is nearing completion. Crews are currently constructing components of the new westbound off ramp to Montlake.
- “Rest of the West”: SDOT and WSDOT are completing documentation of 2014-15 conceptual design work for SR 520 between Lake Washington and Interstate 5. The City is seeking to participate in discussions with WSDOT and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to better understand a land ownership conflict at the northwest quadrant of the SR 520/Montlake interchange. NOAA has indicated that it is not open to allowing an easement or property transfer that will be required to implement future improvements to the regional pedestrian/bicycle facility.

First Hill Streetcar

- Key commissioning/systems integration tasks are planned in Ostrava this week, with commissioning staff from our contractors all present.
- Inekon believes they have diagnosed the communication issues that have been holding up the final commissioning/software for the battery; there appears to be electromagnetic interference with the battery control panel at certain charging voltages. The next step is to address this interference—several possible strategies have been identified. It is anticipated this will require further iterative testing, making the timeframe uncertain.

Capitol Hill Light Rail Station Access

- The NEPA Record of Decision for U-Link requires ST to mitigate the impacts of high pedestrian volumes that the station will generate at Broadway and John streets. SDOT briefed Sound Transit staff on recommended improvements—developed in consultation with Metro—that would move two Metro bus zones. The existing locations would require transferring passengers to make at least one crossing of the intersection of Broadway and John Street; the new locations would allow them to cross at intersections with fewer conflicts and lower background pedestrian volume. We are awaiting a response from ST.

DIVISION UPDATES

Urban Forestry - Landscape Crew

- Judkins Park street maintenance





Maintenance Operations

- Paving

	PROGRA	District	PROJECT LOCATION (Red, OT)	PROJECTED START DATE	Complete Date	COMMENTS
60	UC	SE	1st Ave S, SCL Temp Restorations	4/6/2014	In Cons	Utility Cut/Trench Interim Patching Next 4/18-19
61	PM - Prep	SE	Microsurfacing Prep - Grid 9A (A, B, C Rainier)	4/7/2015	In Cons	Spot HMA Repair - Microsurfacing Grid
62	AMM-WCR	W	21st W & W Armour	3/16/2015	In Cons	PCC Curb Ramp
63	NACR	Downtown	Pike Place - Virginia to Pike	3/25/2015	In Cons	Brick/Cobble Paver Repair (est comp 4/23)
64	NACR	Downtown	Pike Place - Stewart to Pine	3/25/2015	In Cons	Brick/Cobble Paver Repair (est comp 4/23)
65	NACR	Downtown	Pike Place - Pine to Pike	3/25/2015	In Cons	Brick/Cobble Paver Repair (est comp 4/23)
66	Traffic - PMP	SE	Rainier Ave S & 52nd Ave S	3/30/2015	In Cons	PCC Curb Ramps (3-5)
67	UC	NE	University Way - SCL BGT Restoration	4/1/2015	In Cons	PCC Utility Cut Restoration (est 4/24)
68	AMM-WCR	NE	Brooklyn Ave NE, NE 45th to NE 47th	4/1/2015	In Cons	PCC Curb Ramps (2) - St Use coord pending/fiber optic discovered.
69	AMM-WCR	SE	Industrial Way S & 6th Ave S	4/4/2015	In Cons	PCC Curb Ramp
70	AMM-PCC	SE	6th Ave S & Industrial Way S	4/4/2015	In Cons	PCC Panel Replacements
71	NACR	W	16th Ave W, W Bertona/W Thorndyke	4/14/2015	In Cons	PCC Panel Replacements
72	Traffic	E	9th & Thomas	4/14/2015	In Cons	PCC Curb Ramp (1) (est comp 4/23)
73	SSRP	E	23rd Ave, Cherry to Marion	4/14/2015	In Cons	Interim sidewalk repair with HMA
74	AMM-HMA	E	Eastlake Ave E, Furhman to Harvard	4/18/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay
75	AMM-PCC	NW	College Way N s/of N 103rd	4/21/2015		PCC Panel Replacements
76	Traffic	NW	College Way N s/of N 103rd	4/21/2015		PCC Panel Replacements
77	AMM-HMA	NE	7th Ave NE - NE 45th and NE 50th	4/25/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay - Spot Repair - Freeway Ramps in Coord w/WSDOT
78	AMM-WCR	W	W Galer & 1st Ave W (E Leg)	4/25/2015		PCC Curb Ramp
79	AMM-WCR	W	W Galer & 1st Ave W (W Leg)	4/25/2015		PCC Curb Ramp
80	AMM-WCR	W	W Galer & 2nd Ave W	4/25/2015		PCC Curb Ramp
81	AMM-PCC	W	Taylor Ave N, Prospect to Ward	4/25/2015		PCC Panel Replacements
82	AMM-WCR	NW	Meridian Ave N & N 133rd	4/28/2015		PCC Curb Ramp & HMA path
83	AMM-WCR	NW	Meridian Ave N & N 130th	4/28/2015		PCC Curb Ramp & HMA path
84	AMM-HMA	NW	Shilshole Ave NW/24th Ave NW s/o Market	4/28/2014		HMA Patching
85	Traffic	NW	Shilshole Ave NW, Market to 15th	4/29/2015		HMA Road Edge Repair
86	Mtc	W	W Etruria - dead end east of 8th Ave W	April		Spot HMA patching.
87	SSRP	NW	College Way N, N 92nd to N 97th	April		PCC sidewalk repair
88	Transit	Downtown	3rd Ave Transit Improvements - 3 Locations, Detail TBD	5/4/2015		PCC - May start target, July completion required.
89	AMM-WCR	SW	Alki Ave SW - 1564	5/5/2014		PCC Curb Ramp
90	AMM-WCR	SW	Alki Ave SW - 1716	5/5/2014		PCC Curb Ramp
91	Mtc	NW	5422 Shilshole Ave NW	5/5/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay
92	AMM-HMA	SE	S Spokane, Columbian Way to 16th Ave S	5/7/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay
93	AMM-HMA	SE	15th Ave S, S Spokane to S Hinds	5/12/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay
94	AMM-HMA	NE	1st Ave NE, 130th to 133rd	5/14/2015		HMA Mill/Overlay

Policy & Planning

- **Pavement to Parks**

- Best practice research is underway to explore the existing pavement to parks programs in San Francisco, New York City, Philadelphia and Los Angeles
- An interim design toolkit is also being produced to build design cohesion in the installations (similar to what NYC did) and to gain support from Transportation Operations on edge treatments, surface treatments and amenities. This should reduce design and review time for each individual application.

- **SCL Substation/Distribution Network**

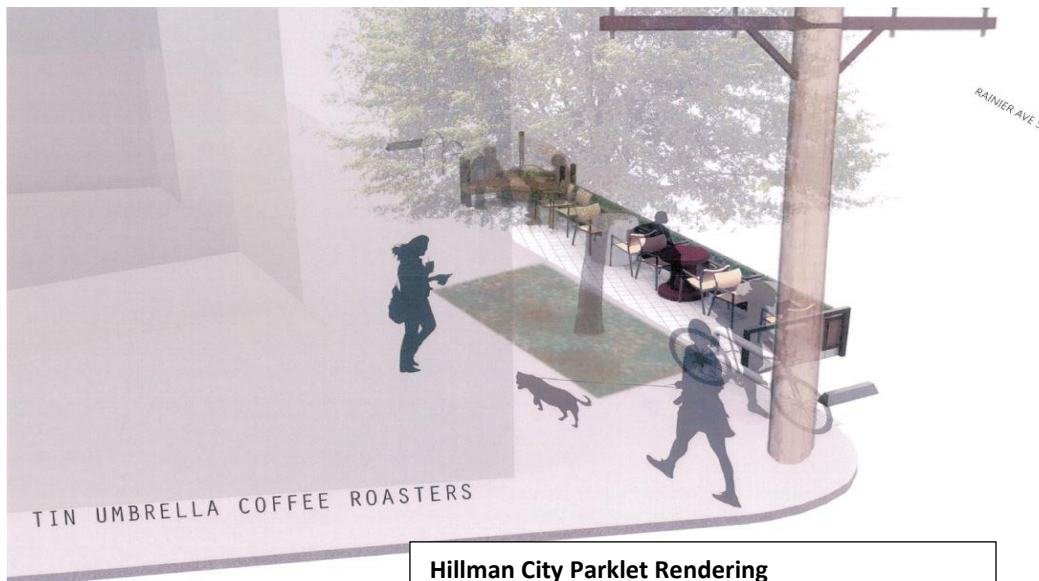
- Urban design staff met with CM Bagshaw, the neighborhood task force and SCL Substation/Distribution Network program manager, Michael Clark, to discuss ways to improve the streetscapes in the Cascade/SLU neighborhood as part of the distribution network project, beyond restoration requirements and beyond what is already being proposed.
- SDOT has already contributed \$800K to deliver the green street concept for Thomas Street in collaboration with this project.
- SDOT has also prepared a street concept plan for Pontius to guide the public benefits that SCL is proposing as part of their street vacation request.

- **Grants**

- TIGER pre-submittal application is due on May 4
- PSRC obligation deadlines are June 1
- TIGER applications are due June 6

Street Use

- **Parklets**

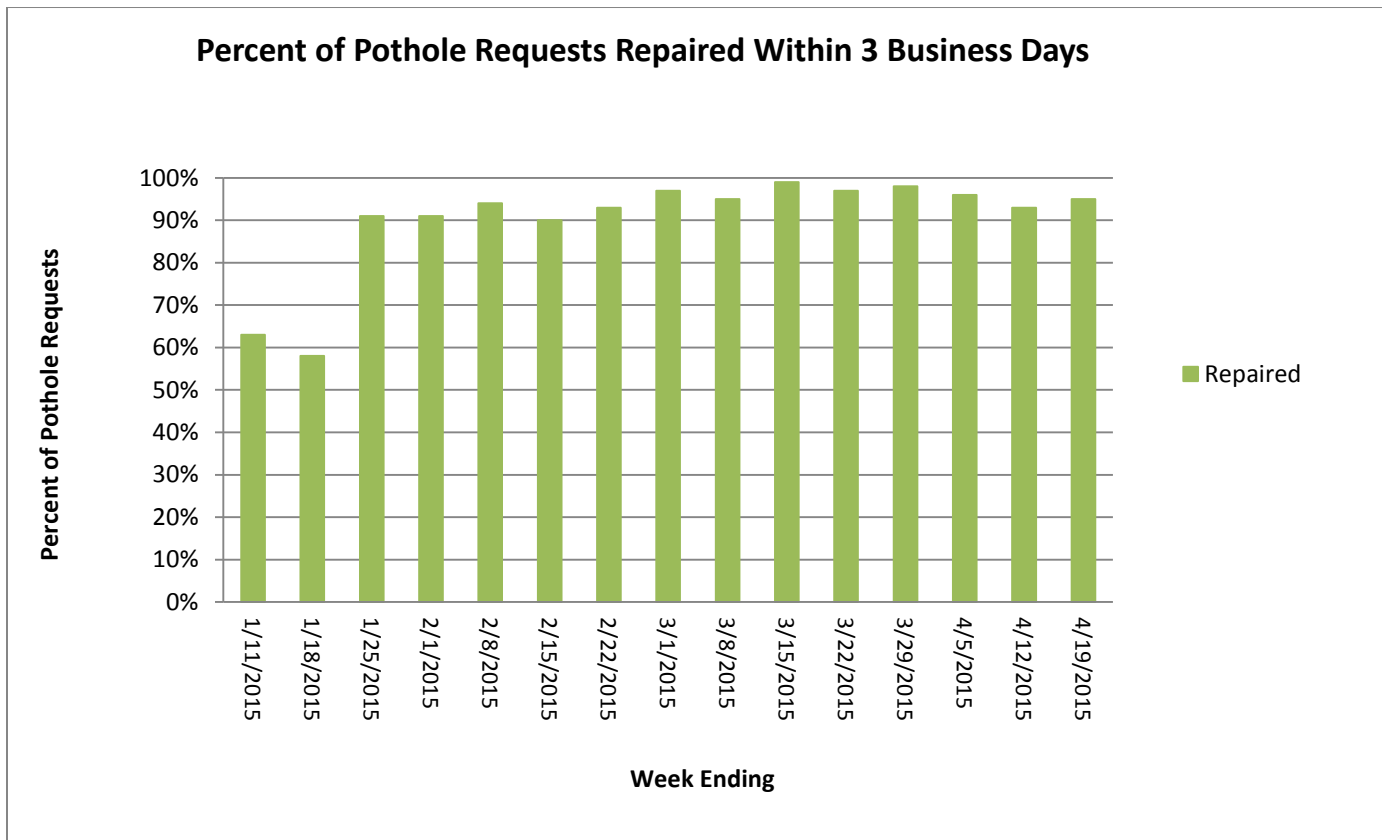


Hillman City Parklet Rendering

PERFORMANCE DATA

Pothole Repairs:

- Maintenance Operations responded and filled 94% of Potholes within 72 hours



PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Burke Gilman Trail

- Developing EIS schedule
- Execute contract amendment with consultant to move into alternative analysis based on the scoping summary and alternatives selection

47th & Admiral Signal:

- Sidewalk was removed on southwest and southeast corners of the intersection.
- Work began for new inlet on the southeast side of the intersection.
- Design change has been issued for poles on the south side of the intersection and drilled Monday, 4/20.

Westlake Cycle Track:

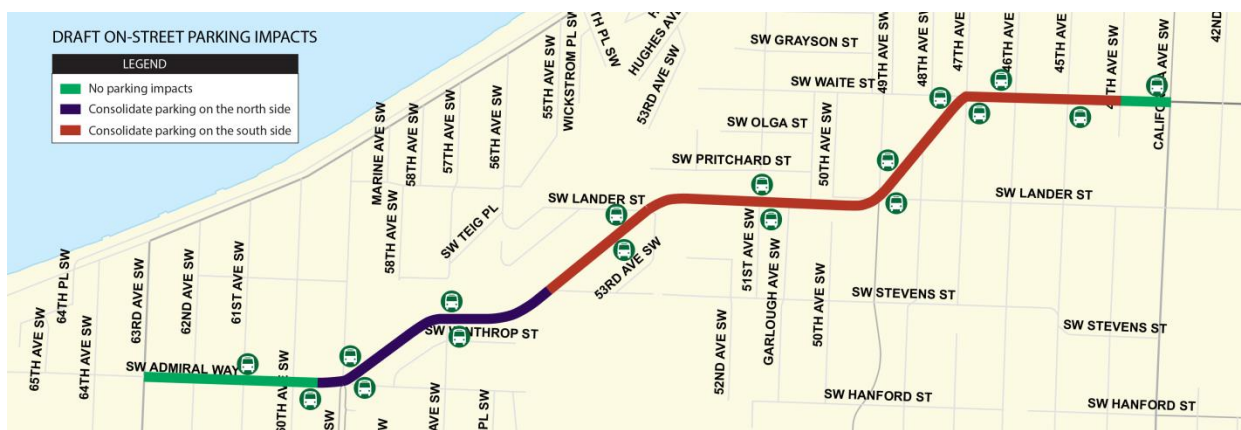
- Working with artist to incorporate public art into the design. Conceptual designs due early May.
- Meeting with Nautical Landing to discuss their loading needs being scheduled.
- Scheduling one final DAC meeting in May to present final design.
- Scheduling 3 community drop-in sessions May/June to share final design.

Vision Zero:

- Safety Corridor Projects
 - Rainier Avenue South Road Safety Corridor Project
 - SDOT will go back the community with final recommendations in June
 - Coordinating outreach strategies with Accessible Mt. Baker and Rainier Beach Safety Improvement Project
 - 35th Avenue SW Road Safety Corridor Project
 - Final recommendations for 35th will be presented to the community in late May/early June
 - SW Roxbury Street Road Safety Corridor Project
 - Staff hosted a lightly attended drop-in session on April 16
 - Implementation scheduled to occur starting August 17
 - Lake City Way Traffic Safety Project
 - Two projects will get underway within the next three months on Lake City Way and 24th Avenue NE and NE 110th Street and Lake City Way
 - Both projects contain significant pedestrian safety and transit enhancements

Bicycle Master Plan Implementation:

- SW Admiral Way (California Ave SW to 63rd Ave SW)
 - SDOT staff attended the Admiral Neighborhood Association (ANA) /West Seattle Bike Connections meeting on April 14th
 - Plan will accommodate existing maximum on-street parking occupancy
 - The community briefing was very well attended and set record ANA attendance.
 - Community feedback was mixed:
 - Most of the controversy was about the loss of half the on-street parking between 57th and 60th Ave SW and the number of vehicle run-off collisions with parked cars
 - Some people also expressed support for the project because it will provide a safer, calmer connection between Alki and the California Ave SW business district
 - Next steps:
 - SDOT staff will repeat the parking occupancy study when the weather is nice to better capture Alki Beach spillover parking
 - SDOT staff will brief the SW District Council on May 6
 - SDOT staff will host a community open house on May 21
 - Installation planned for August 2015



Access Seattle:

- **Construction Site Enforcement Opens Ped Pathway**
 - Nearly \$7K in fees recovered and site now in compliance with pedestrian pathway opened
 - Project at 2900 3rd Ave W is for 3-story, 128-room assisted living facility including below grade parking for 47 vehicles
 - Construction company was working well beyond scope and w/out Ped Access
 - Contractor cited for:
 - improper use of “no parks” in place sine 1/4/15
 - Use area set up for 420 sq foot expanded to an unpermitted 2,200 sq ft
 - Unpermitted Moblie Crane setup blocked only sidewalk
 - Future enforcement: Permit Services increasing requirements to better reflect intended “no parks” on site plans



King Street Station:

- OED is working with community to find tenants

Fautleroy Boulevard Project:

- Nothing new to report

SDOT Outreach and Important Dates

- Transportation speaker series
 - May 6 | “Mobility as a Force for Health, Wealth and Happiness”
Gil Penalosa, CEO of 8-80 cities and former Parks Commissioner of Bogotá, Colombia
Moderator: Carolyn Adolph, KUOW
Seattle Central Library
 - June 10 | “Build a Better Block: Rethinking Streets & Sidewalks as a Social Setting”
Jason Roberts of The Better Block
Moderator: Joshua McNichols, KUOW

Nesholm Family Lecture Hall at McCaw Hall

- Ballard Multimodal Transportation Plan & HCT Station Area Assessment open house: April 30
- Launch of Vision Zero “See Me” Campaign
- 35th Avenue SW Traffic Safety Improvements announcement of recommended alternatives: May/June
- Rainier Traffic Safety Improvements announcement of recommended alternatives: June
- Transit measure service investments begin: June
- Georgetown Festival Street ribbon cutting: June 13
- 47th & Admiral signal ribbon-cutting: Mid-June
- Ballard Bridge charrette to improve access/safety for pedestrians and cyclists: Summer 2015
- Rainier Traffic Safety Improvements groundbreaking: Spring/summer
- First Hill Public Realm Action Plan park installation: Summer