Vision Zero Status and 5-Year PMP Implementation Plan

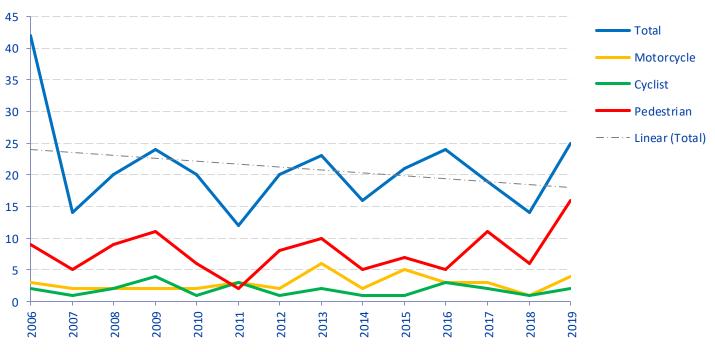
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Background

- Fatal collisions increased sharply in 2019
- The worst year on record in more than a decade
- Swift action warranted to deter collision trends

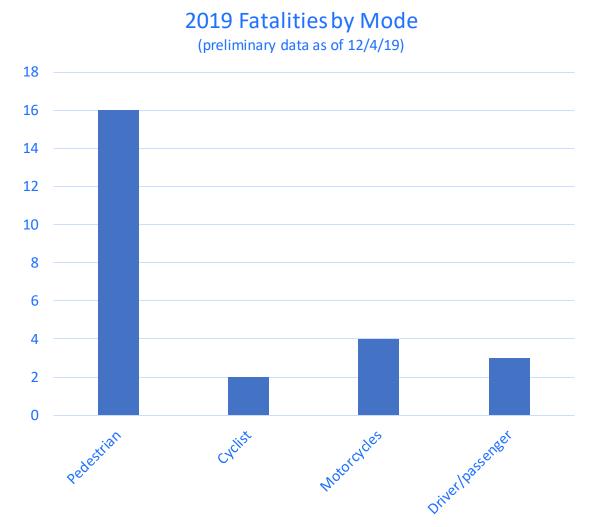
Traffic Fatalities on Seattle Streets (preliminary data as of 12/4/2019)





Background

- Fatal pedestrian collisions have tripled year-to-date over 2018
- Pedestrians top mode for fatalities last 8 years
- Median age of pedestrians killed in 2019 collisions is 63 years old
- 5 pedestrian fatalities on Aurora





Seattle taking swift action to reverse trends

- Lower speed limits citywide
- Expedited deployment of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)
- Creation of Major Crash Review Task Force
- New Vision Zero Street Teams
- Pedestrian Safety Emphasis Patrols
- More red light and school zone safety cameras



Goals

The intent of these actions is to change behaviors, deter collisions and save lives:

- Lower speeds limits citywide: reduce the frequency and severity of collisions
- LPIs: Reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts
- Major Crash Review Task Force: develop new recommendations for safer streets
- Street Teams: reach underrepresented communities
- Pedestrian Safety Emphasis Patrols: improve awareness and compliance with pedestrian right-of-way laws
- More red light and school zone safety cameras: Reduce the frequency and severity of collisions



Bike & Ped Safety Analysis, Phase 2

- Based on 10 years of crash data
- Expanded analysis allowing SDOT to take proactive, systemic action
- Used in prioritizing Vision Zero investments

Release January 2020

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CITY OF SEATTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ANALYSIS PHASE 2



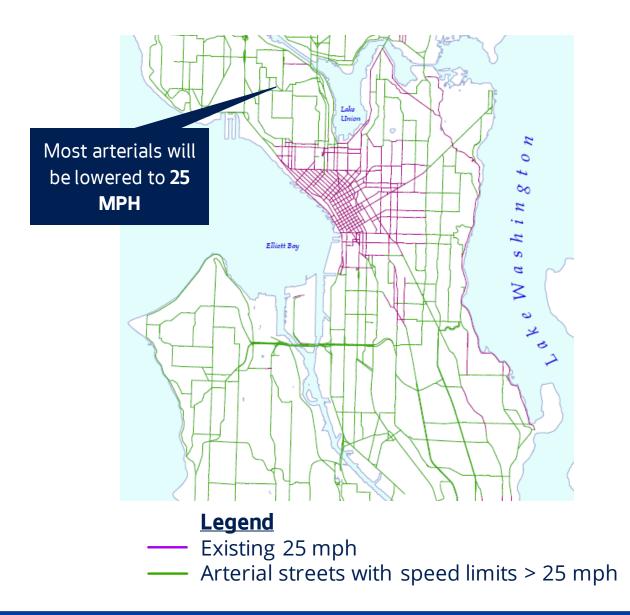




Citywide Speed Limit Reductions

- Revise speed limit setting policy
- Implement lower speed limits across the city, including new signs
- SDOT and WSDOT to evaluate State Routes, such as Aurora and Lake City Way
- Crash reductions of 20% to 40% on streets recently lowered to 25 MPH

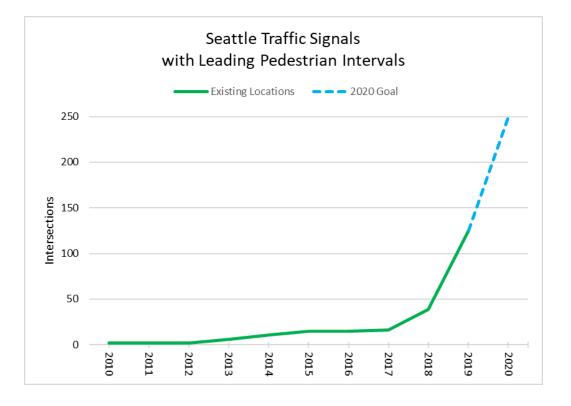
Launch Citywide 2020





Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)

- LPIs give pedestrians 'walk' signal before vehicular traffic get green lights
- LPIs reduce ped collisions up to 60%
- 125 currently installed citywide
- Goal: Double number of LPIs in 2020. (250 total / 25% of traffic signals)
 In progress

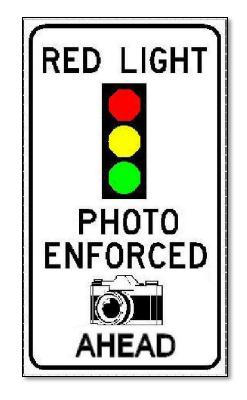




Expand camera enforcement

- Red-light cameras reduce angle and pedestrian collisions
- Double the number of red-light cameras at high priority intersections
- Install an additional five school zone speed cameras

2020-2021





Pedestrian Safety Emphasis Patrols

 Focusing on drivers that fail to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks

Vision Zero Emphasis Patrols

 600 annual hours of additional enforcement focusing on high crash corridors and top contributing factors to collisions (impairment, distraction, speeding, failure to stop for pedestrian)

November 2019 – December 2021





Major Crash Review Task Force

- Review details of serious and fatal collisions and develop recommendations to enhance safety
- Task Force Members to include SDOT, SPD, Public Health, WSDOT, Modal Advisory Board representatives, local hospitals and institutions, and others
- Proven public health strategy to understand full range of safety issues and potential solutions

Launch 2020





Aurora Avenue North (SR-99)

- 2019 WSDOT partnership installed 63 new curb ramps, intersection improvements at N 83rd St, new red bus lane markings and repaved entire corridor
- Implement \$2 million in capital investments through Aurora Safety Corridor Project (2020-2024)
- Launch planning study to develop longterm, high capital street design concepts for Aurora Avenue North in (2021)

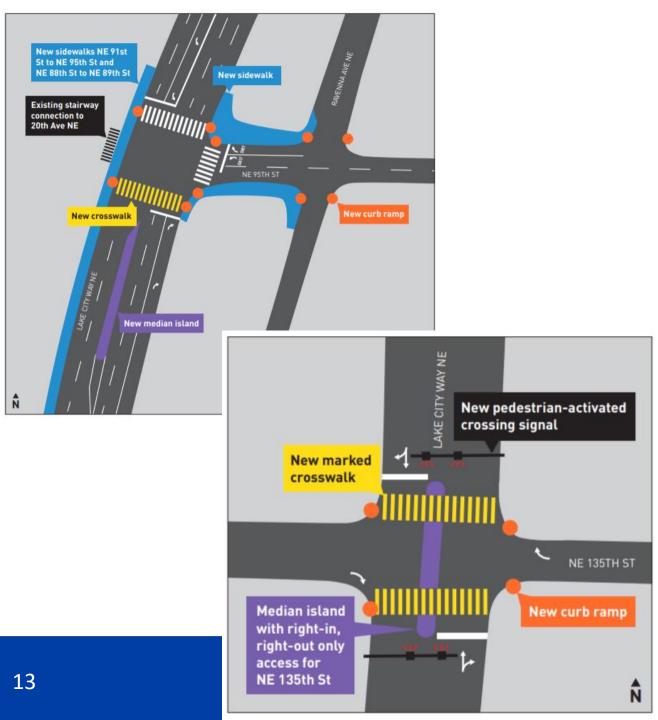




Lake City Way (SR-522)

- Partnership with WSDOT
- \$8.5 million of capital investments through Lake City Way Safety Corridor Project (2020 – 2021)
 - Five blocks of new sidewalks
 - New signals and crosswalks at:
 - NE 82nd St
 - NE 135th St
 - Intersection improvements and new crosswalks at:
 - NE 95th St
 - NE 137th St





Vision Zero Street Teams

- In-person transportation safety education efforts focusing on older adults and historically underrepresented communities
- Learning from successful communications around Seattle Squeeze

Launch 2020

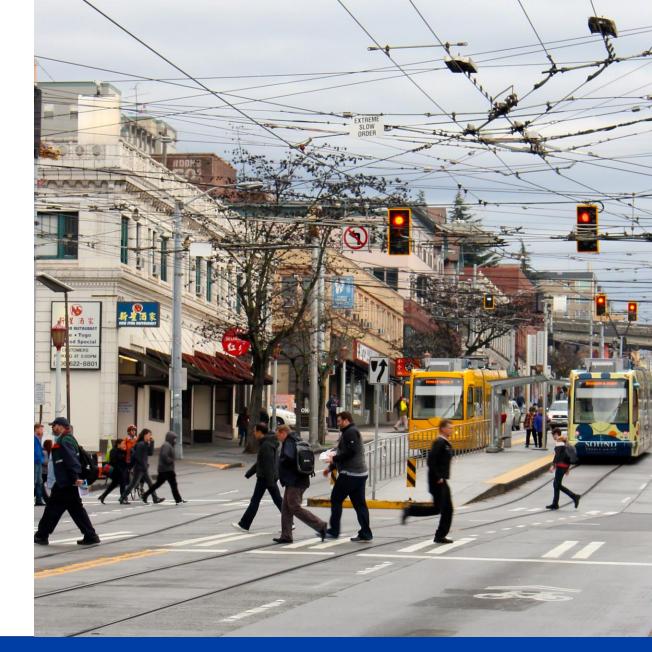






Budget Supplemental Funds

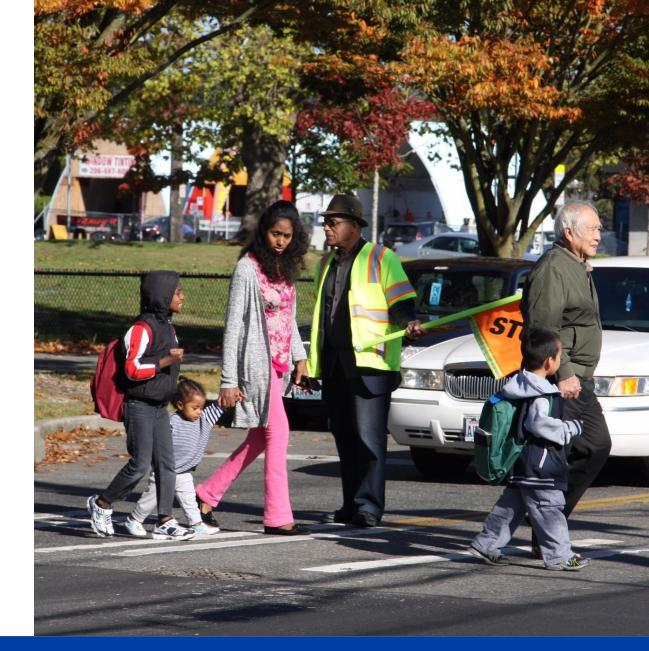
- Nearly \$20 million in new funding added to budget to support capital projects including:
 - Safety Corridor Projects
 - Pedestrian crossing improvements
 - Neighborhood Greenways
 - Bicycle Master Plan Implementation





2020-2024 PMP Implementation Plan

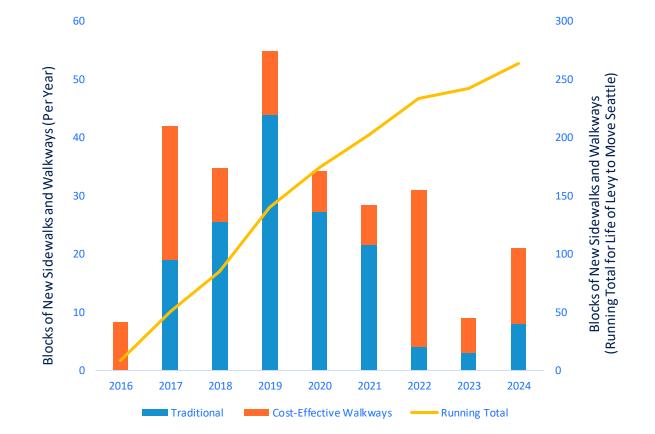
- 5-year updated project list contains 121 sidewalk blocks and 164 crossings to evaluate or upgrade
- In 2019, we are on track to construct:
 - 50-56 blocks of new sidewalks
 - 16 improved crossings
 - 29-32 improved walking routes to school
- Projects prioritized based on:
 - Transit
 - Schools
 - Safety
 - Health/equity
 - Urban villages
 - Age-Friendly factors





Implementation Plan Highlights

- Delivery strategy includes a mix of traditional sidewalks and "costeffective" walkways
- Continuing programmatic and policy initiatives to improve pedestrian safety and access (e.g. policy changes for signals and LPIs, new speed limit reductions in key locations)





Questions?

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