

# District Project Fund

Seattle City Council

STEPS Committee - May 7, 2026



# District Project Fund Overview

- Funds neighborhood-scale traffic safety improvements and other district priorities at the direction of the City Council
- 2025 Budget and CIP identified \$7 million in 2025 and \$7 million in 2026
- Any unspent funding automatically carries forward to future years
- No secured funding for 2027 or beyond

**Today, we will provide an update on the 2026 project selection process and next steps.**

# Annual Program Schedule

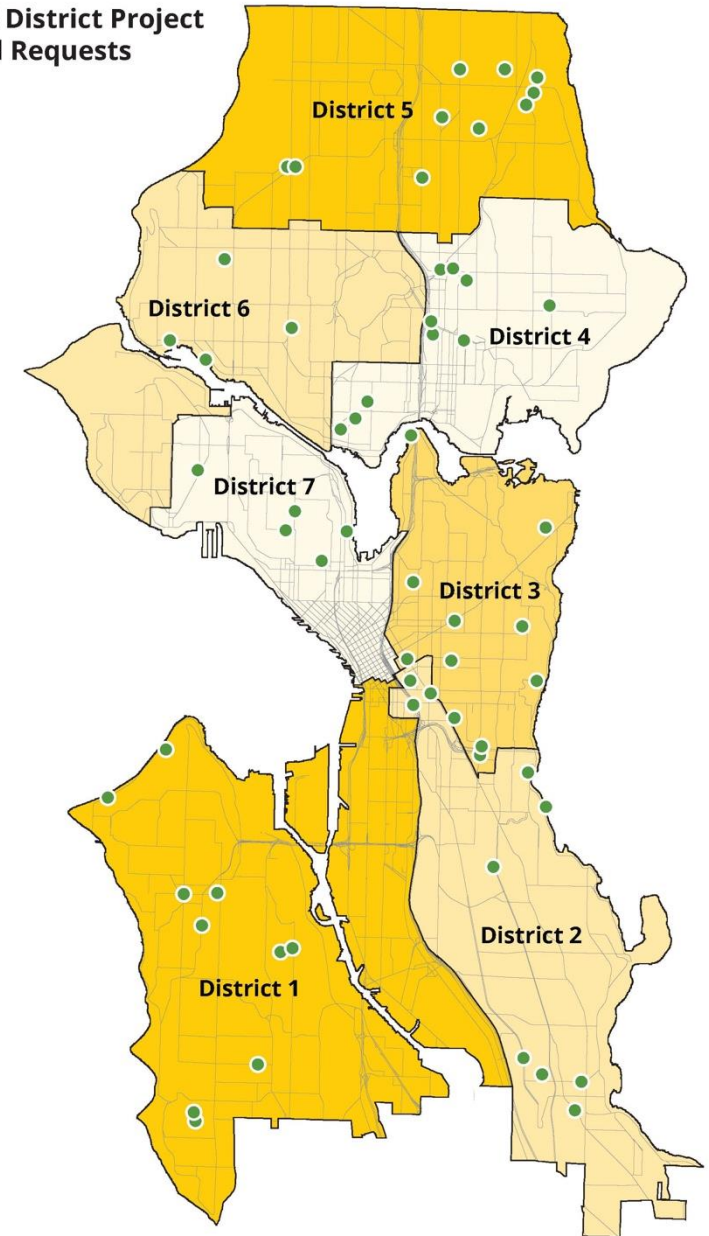
- **Fall-Winter:** Share project selection resources with Councilmembers
- **March 1:** Councilmembers submit project ideas to SDOT for review
- **May 1:** SDOT shares feasibility review and cost estimates with Councilmembers
- **June 1:** Councilmembers select projects to fund
- **After project selection:** SDOT designs and builds projects, typically withing 1-2 years

# 2026 Project Requests

This March, we received 60 project requests across the 7 Council Districts:

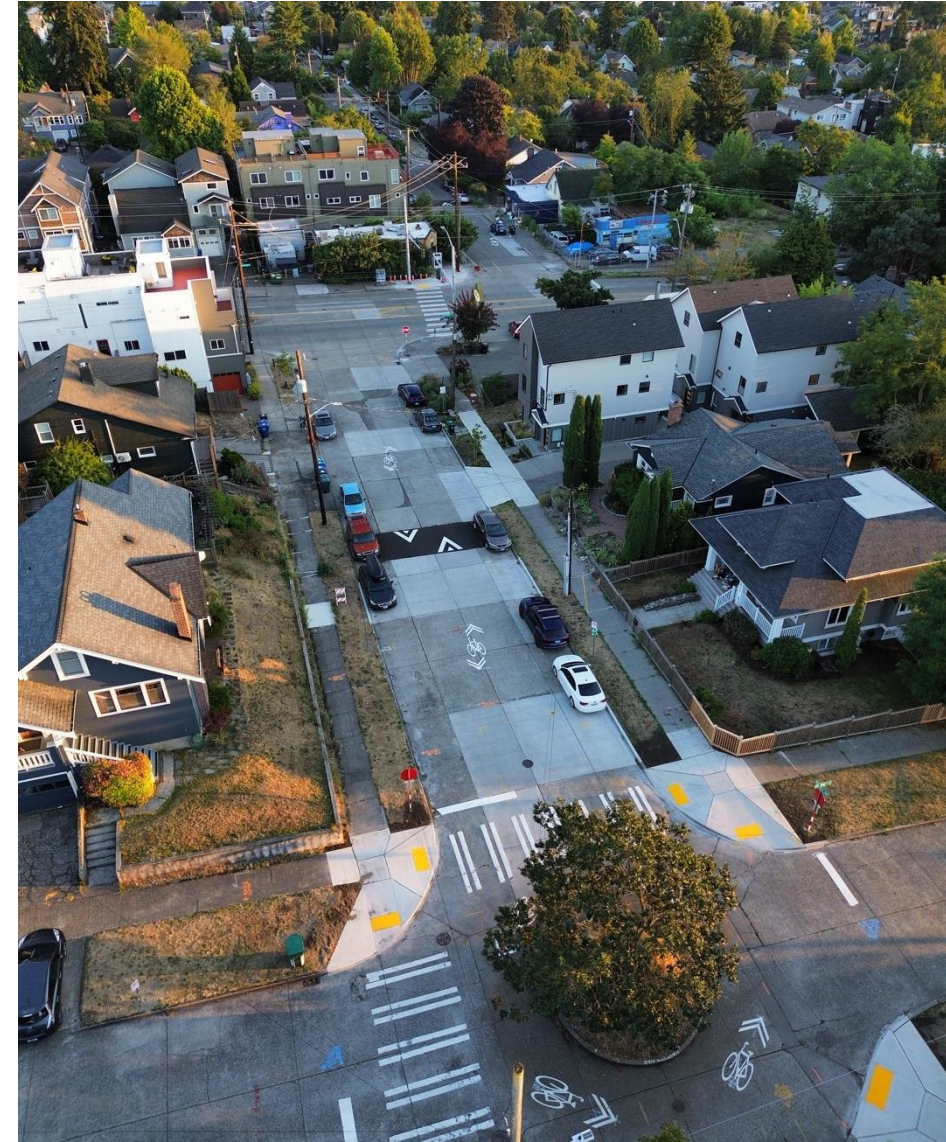
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- District 3: 10
- District 4: 10
- District 5: 10
- District 6: 4
- District 7: 5

2026 District Project Fund Requests



# 2026 Project Types

- Projects range from street maintenance to public realm improvements
- Most requests are for **crossing enhancements** and **traffic calming**
- Most projects directly support safety and improve connections to parks, schools, and businesses



# 2026 Project Review Process

## **In March and April, we reviewed all 60 project requests:**

- Confirmed project feasibility based on City and federal standards, guidelines, and best practices
- Developed cost estimates, which include design, construction, standard contingencies and staff review time
- Prepared project review forms with comments, design concepts, cost estimates
- Where appropriate, we provided multiple design options for consideration

# 2026 Project Review Outcome

**We recommend 55 of the 60 project requests:**

- Most projects can be delivered by SDOT crews in 2027
  - A couple projects recommended for 2028-2029 delivery due to overlapping work or coordination opportunities
- 5 projects are not recommended, due to:
  - Already planned/funded improvements
  - Scope not deliverable by SDOT crews

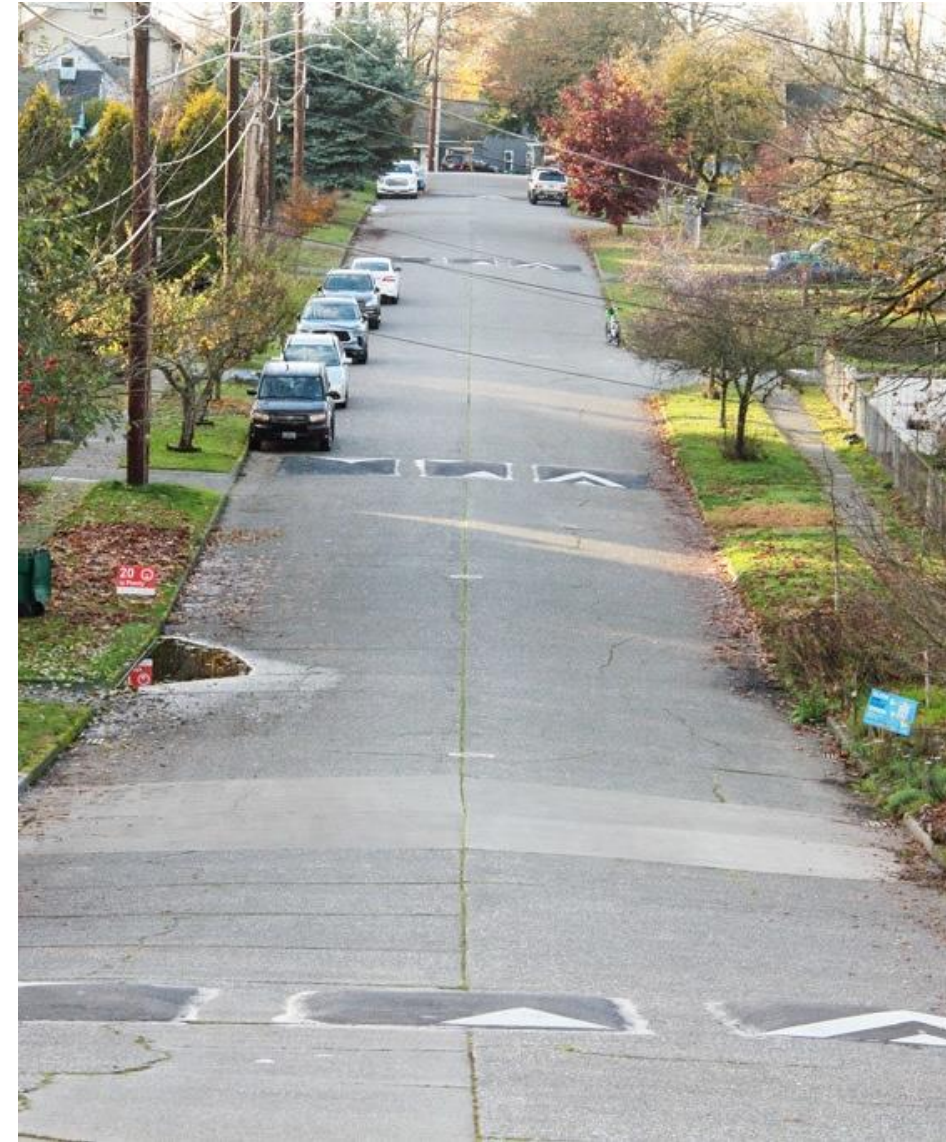
*Projects that are not recommended have been discussed with the respective Council offices*



# 2026 Project Selection

**Councilmembers have until June 1 to select projects to fund:**

- \$2 million currently available for each Council District
- Total project costs for some districts exceed \$2 million, so may need to consider lower cost options or defer some projects
- Any unspent funds will carry forward to future years



# Next Steps

- Answer questions about the project review and cost estimates
- Councilmembers to select projects to fund by June 1
- Design and build selected projects – most by 2027
- Provide regular projects updates to you and community

# Questions?