

A Vision for the

# Future of Transportation in Seattle



**Seattle**  
Department of  
Transportation

## SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

AT A GLANCE | August 2023

**The Seattle Transportation Plan (STP)** is a 20-year plan for the future of transportation in Seattle. It will help guide how we modernize and maintain our transportation system to sustainably connect people to opportunities, to nature, and to each other. It's a plan to provide reliable travel options for people and goods and to reimagine streets as welcoming places for people, culture, business, recreation and gatherings. It's an opportunity to come together—as One Seattle.

The **STP At a Glance** highlights the main parts of the plan. Further info can be found in the full STP document (see scannable code on the back of this brochure).

**VISION** The result of a yearlong conversation with people throughout Seattle.

*Seattle is an equitable, vibrant, and diverse city where moving around is safe, fair, and sustainable. All people and businesses can access their daily needs and feel connected to their community.*

**GOALS** Shaped by the people of Seattle, these goals help us make decisions about our transportation future.



### Safety

Prioritize safety for travelers in Seattle, with no serious injury or fatal crashes



### Equity

Co-create with community and implement restorative practices to address transportation-related inequities



### Sustainability

Respond to climate change through innovation and a lens of climate justice



### Mobility

Provide reliable and affordable travel options that help people and goods get where they need to go



### Livability

Reimagine city streets as inviting places to linger and play



### Maintenance & Modernization

Improve city transportation infrastructure and ready it for the future



# THE KEY MOVES

Key Moves help us achieve the STP Vision and Goals. For Seattle to make good changes happen faster, we need to use known methods that work and try new ways that match what our communities want.

## Safety

- Reduce vehicle speeds to increase safety
- Concentrate safety investments at the most collision-prone locations
- Make all journeys safer, from departure to destination
- Provide safer routes to schools, parks, transit, community gathering spaces, and other common destinations

## Sustainability

- Improve neighborhood air quality and health outcomes by promoting clean, sustainable travel options
- Green city streets through landscaping and street trees to better handle changing climate
- Foster neighborhood vitality and improved community health
- Support the transition from fossil fuel to electric vehicles for personal, commercial, and delivery trips
- Advance mobility management strategies to encourage walking, biking, and transit trips

## Livability

- Boldly reallocate street space to prioritize people while preserving access for goods delivery and emergency response
- Transform community and mobility hubs into welcoming places
- Co-create and enhance public spaces for playing and gathering to improve community health
- Activate and maintain public spaces to create a welcoming and age-friendly public realm

## Equity

- Center the voices of communities of color and underrepresented groups in planning and decision-making processes
- Address inequities in the transportation system by prioritizing investments for impacted communities
- Remove cost as a barrier so everyone can take the trips they need to make

## Mobility

- Create seamless travel connections
- Make walking, biking, and rolling easy and enjoyable travel choices
- Create world-class access to transit and make service more frequent and reliable
- Enhance economic vitality by supporting freight movement and growth in deliveries
- Manage curbspace to reflect city goals and priorities

## Maintenance & Modernization

- Transform city streets for safety and sustainable travel choices through optimal timing of asset maintenance and replacement
- Reduce neighborhood disparities in the quality of streets, sidewalks, public spaces, and bridges
- Ready city streets for new travel options and emerging trends and technologies

# We asked you to co-create the STP with us—and this is what we heard.

*"The time for action is long overdue."*

*"[Transportation] should be affordable to everyone, in that everyone should be able to use transit, walk, or bike cheaply."*

*"Improve our public transit network and, more importantly, prioritize non-motorists with our street space. Create more bike and transit lanes on our main corridors, removing general travel lanes and on-street parking when necessary to do so. It must be safe and convenient to use these services"*

*"Pay attention to the majority who want safer, more equitable, more climate resilient ways to move around Seattle."*

*"Accommodating freight and commercial traffic, especially north of the ship canal. Having sufficient alternate traffic corridors in case of an emergency, i.e., earthquake and/or tsunami."*

*"Maintenance is the unglamorous but incredibly important job that makes our city tick."*

*"People-scale, diverse, and livable communities provide equity by default. More housing, employment, recreation, and business opportunities for all!"*

*"We need fast, safe, affordable transit that doesn't require walking more than a few blocks to a hub."*

*"When good planning and engagement is done, there should be a fast track to change."*

*"Equity should be at the center of every initiative. Improving transportation options/safety in neighborhoods that have adequate transportation/safety... should come after improving areas that have been historically ignored."*

## This is how we used your feedback.



**Information on how we will conduct future outreach**  
Engagement



**Guide for where and what we invest in first**  
Prioritization



**Strategy for how we pay for and implement the plan**  
Implementation Strategy



**Targets that track progress**  
Performance Measures



**Policy direction that reflects city values**  
Policies



**Maps that show us where to make improvements**  
Investment Networks



**Projects and programs to improve the transportation system**  
Program and Project Needs

# ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Throughout STP engagement, we reached thousands of people—to build awareness, hear feedback, and co-create the future vision of transportation in Seattle.

**76,000+**

Individual data points collected through STP engagement

**7,000+**

People engaged at outreach events for the STP

# STP ELEMENTS

In Part I of the STP, we talk about how different pieces of the transportation system work together to reach our goals. Part II has a special chapter for specific ways to move around and important ways we use our streets. These elements show our big plans to support the main goals and Key Moves of the plan. Some elements also have maps that show where we'll focus first.

The STP includes eight elements:

- Pedestrian
- Transit
- People Streets and Public Spaces
- New and Emerging Mobility
- Bicycle and E-Mobility
- Freight and Urban Goods
- Curbside Management
- Vehicle

## PUTTING PLANS INTO ACTION

People in Seattle told us they want big and fast changes to how they travel around the city. We want your thoughts on how this draft plan meets the STP vision, how we'll decide what to do first, and how we'll find money. This way, we can give you the changes you want.

## WHY WE NEED THIS PLAN

As we take on important problems today, we also need to think about how our transportation system will change over time to meet our future needs.

We need a plan to help us make smart choices and invest in solutions that match our city's values and goals for the future.

### This plan advances these 7 outcomes:

- Protect people
- Invest in equity
- Cultivate green transportation
- Connect jobs and housing
- Expand affordable access
- Reflect community priorities
- Evolve and innovate with emerging trends

**Thank you for taking part in developing the Seattle Transportation Plan! We look forward to continuing to work with you and your neighbors to create a transportation system that meets our collective needs.**

Do you need more information, have questions, concerns, or comments?

Send us an email: [STP@Seattle.gov](mailto:STP@Seattle.gov)

Call our voicemail line: **(206) 257-2114**

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