SDOT'S BEST OF 2023 Our Top Highlights

Hello Seattle! I'm Greg Spotts, Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation. In 2023, I heard directly from hundreds of people at more than 100 community listening tour events. Here are our SDOT year-in-review highlights!

In January, we gave free ORCA cards to residents of Seattle public housing, and in February we published a top-to-bottom review of our safety programs.

During our prime summer construction season, we completed projects large and small to make it safer and more comfortable to walk, bike, and use transit throughout the city. In August, we published a draft Seattle Transportation Plan, to help guide our investments over the next 20 years. In October, we broke ground on the MLK safety project, the first of four major bike lane projects in South Seattle.

With a focus on bus travel times, we opened the RapidRide H Line to West Seattle and improved Route 44 to the University of Washington. And In 2024, we will complete RapidRide G, break ground on RapidRide J, upgrade East Marginal Way to keep freight moving, and finish strong on our Levy to Move Seattle projects.

I can't wait to get started on the work ahead in 2024, in partnership with YOU, our Seattle community.



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Thank you and happy New Year!

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Advancing safety & bike projects in South Seattle Moved forward vital projects in Beacon Hill, along East & West Marginal Ways, from along East & West Marginal Ways, from Georgetown to South Park, Georgetown to Downtown, and MLK Jr Way S.



Reimagining safety on Aurora Avenue North

Engaged with public to envision greater safety along Aurora Ave N, while installing early improvements such as upgrading sidewalks while preserving street trees.

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Preserving our bridges

Maintained bridges across the city, including an emergency response to repair the Spokane St Swing Bridge (low bridge) in early 2023, following damage during an ice storm.



Right Size, Then Electrify

Launched pilot programs to begin to electrify the SDOT fleet of vehicles, equipment, bike lane sweepers, and more.

Vision Zero action

Completed top-to-bottom review, advanced momentum-building actions including more than 70 new No Turn on Red signs across the city.



Transit transformations

Opened RapidRide H Line service, finalized design on RapidRide J Line and Route 40 projects, and reached 75% complete on Madison RapidRide G Line construction.

Looking Ahead to 2024

We're embarking on a new year teeming with progress and purpose! As we step into the final stretch of the voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle, our determination is stronger than ever to deliver equitable, impactful projects across our beautiful city.

We'll break ground on the RapidRide J Line project, set to bolster transportation options for even more residents. We're charging forward by kicking off safety and paving work in Ballard, extending bus lanes on Rainier Ave S in southeast Seattle, and reaching completion of the Madison RapidRide G Line in the heart of Seattle!

Safety sits at the top of our priorities. We're introducing more Leading Pedestrian Interval signals, No Turn on Red signs, and fortifying bike lane routes – enhancing safety for everyone! Our 2024 theme is: "Deliver Safer Streets."

Tackling the climate crisis is a major goal. We're electrifying our fleet and teaming up with local businesses, non-profits, partner agencies, and you – the public – to slash emissions and meet our climate targets!

We can't do this solo. We're counting on your collaboration, passion, and spirit as we transform these blueprints into real, tangible change – united as *One Seattle*, pooling our strengths and ideas to deliver a transformative transportation system.



