

SDOT'S BEST OF 2024

OUR TOP HIGHLIGHTS

HELLO SEATTLE!

I'm Greg Spotts, Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation. 2024 was a major year for SDOT and our work to serve you. Our central theme was to Deliver Safer Streets.

In April, we broke ground on the East Marginal Way project, which better separates people biking from freight traffic coming in and out of the Port of Seattle. In July, we completed the MLK Jr. Way Safety Project, one of six South Seattle bike and safety projects that the community prioritized with us. In August, we celebrated the grand opening of the RapidRide G Line on Madison St, supporting transit access and safer travel for everyone in Capitol Hill, First Hill, Central District, and Madison Valley.

In summer and fall, we repaved the Ballard Bridge, resurfaced the S Spokane St Viaduct, and completed proactive maintenance on bridges throughout Seattle. We made progress toward completing a series of projects to strengthen 16 bridges across Seattle to be more resilient during an earthquake, including the McGraw Bridge in Queen Anne, the Admiral Way Bridges in West Seattle, and pedestrian bridges over Aurora Ave N.

Since 2015, the voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle has made projects of all sizes possible. From completing a Safe Routes to School project at every public school in Seattle, to building over 250 blocks of new sidewalks, to performing more than 3,400 bridge repairs, our team is working every day to keep you moving.

As we look ahead to 2025, our unifying theme is to "Maintain and Modernize our streets". We'll deliver a safer, more equitable transportation system for all Seattleites, with support from the new 8-year, \$1.55 billion Seattle Transportation Levy approved by voters in November. Thank you for your continued engagement, and Happy New Year!

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2024 HIGHLIGHTS

RELIABLE BRIDGES



We accelerated our bridge maintenance and preservation efforts. We resurfaced the S Spokane St Viaduct, repaved and replaced expansion joints on the Ballard Bridge, and made progress toward completing a series of 16 bridge seismic strengthening projects throughout the city.

MLK JR. WAY SAFETY PROJECT



We completed construction of this project to make it safer and more comfortable to travel along MLK Jr. Way S, including new protected bike lanes, improved street crossings, and traffic calming. This is one in a series of safety and bike projects making progress in South Seattle, including North Beacon Hill, Georgetown, SODO, and East and West Marginal ways.

TRANSIT TRANSFORMATIONS



In August, we completed major construction on the RapidRide G Line – Madison St project, and King County Metro launched the new frequent service to the public. We continued our work on more transit projects, kicking off Route 40 construction in June, completing the Route 48 project in August, and officially launching work on the RapidRide J Line project in October.

A 20-YEAR VISION



In February, we published the Seattle Transportation Plan, a 20-year vision for the future of transportation in Seattle. The Seattle City Council unanimously approved it in April. The plan was co-developed with thousands of community members over two years, and brings together several previous 'modal' plans into one unified plan.

CORE FOCUS ON SAFETY



In May, we published an updated Vision Zero Action Plan to take tangible steps toward improving safety for every Seattleite when they travel. In 2024, we installed over 100 pedestrian head-start signals, No Turn on Red restrictions at 130 more intersections, 27 enhanced crossings, over 2 miles of new protected bike lanes, and nearly 30 blocks of new sidewalks and walkways. The plan also identifies safety work ahead in 2025 and 2026.

BIKE AND SCOOTER ENTHUSIASM



In 2024 alone, we saw a record level of ridership in Seattle – over 6 million rides on bike and scooter share! We've continued to support riders by building better bike and scooter lanes with hardened protection such as along 4th Ave in downtown Seattle. These trips support our goal of offering sustainable travel options to address climate change.

The Levy to

MOVE SEATTLE



HIGHLIGHTS (2016-2024)

Seattle voters approved the 9-year, \$930 million Levy to Move Seattle in 2015, and it concluded at the end of 2024. This levy allowed us to make transformative changes to Seattle’s streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, bridges, and transportation network as a whole. Below are a few top stats at-a-glance, and examples of several signature projects we completed as part of the levy.

... TOP STATS ...



3,500+

Bridge “spot” repairs



3,400+

New trees planted



250+

Blocks of new sidewalks installed (exceeds original goal of 150 blocks)



234+

Lane miles of repaved streets



225+

Safe Routes to School projects (1 or more at every K-12 school in Seattle)



73+

Miles added to Seattle’s bike network



48

Projects to improve freight mobility



7

Major projects completed or in progress to improve safety and mobility for people across all modes on key transit routes

... SIGNATURE PROJECTS ...

Fairview Ave N Bridge Replacement Project

COMPLETED 2021

Replaced Seattle’s last wooden bridge on a major street in Seattle with a new bridge with sidewalks on both sides, a separated 12-foot 2-way bike lane, and vehicle travel lanes.



John Lewis Memorial Bridge

COMPLETED 2021

Built a new bridge for people walking, biking, and rolling across I-5, connecting communities in North Seattle with the new Northgate light rail station opened in 2021.



RapidRide G Line – Madison St Project

COMPLETED 2024

Transformed Madison St into a safer street designed for people walking, rolling, and taking the bus, maintained and modernized street and utility infrastructure, and supported the launch of the region’s most frequent bus service.



E Marginal Way Corridor Improvements Project

BEGAN CONSTRUCTION APRIL 2024

Upgrades the street to support the weight of heavy freight loads and includes protected biking facilities, better serving our industrial businesses and enhancing safety for all travelers.



WHAT'S AHEAD FOR

2025 AND BEYOND

We're gearing up for another big year, with a 2025 theme to **Maintain and Modernize** our streets. As our work ramps up on the new Seattle Transportation Levy, we'll kick off new initiatives to accelerate sidewalk construction and expand our preventative bridge maintenance work to keep our vital connections in good working order. These projects will take shape in 2025 and many will continue in the years beyond.

Some top examples of our upcoming work in the new year include:



Accelerating sidewalk construction by beginning community walks to select new sidewalk projects for the first four years of the levy.



Continuing Downtown Activation, and People Streets and Public Spaces investments on Third Avenue, Fortson Square, Occidental Promenade, and other key locations in advance of FIFA and other major events.



Starting to plan major corridor maintenance and modernization projects, with early focus on streets such as Roosevelt Way NE, Pinehurst Way NE, and E Marginal Way.



Starting design work for major repairs on Fremont, University, and Ballard bridges, as well as crew-delivered bridge repairs.



Expanding Vision Zero work citywide on high-injury network corridors, intersections, and installation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals and safer crossings.



Advancing Aurora Avenue N planning in partnership with WSDOT.



Adding more hardened protection to bike lanes and ongoing maintenance.

