



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

2019 - 2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Commitment to Transit and Strengthening Seattle's Transportation System

To help meet the demands of our growing city, address climate change, and ensure Seattle is a city of the future, Mayor Durkan's budget makes significant investment in our transit and Seattle's transportation system – from focusing on essential services like repairing sidewalks to supporting our partnership with Sound Transit to delivering more light rail to Seattle as soon as possible. **To support Seattle's our transportation and transit goals, Mayor Durkan is proposing a \$609 million budget at the Seattle Department of Transportation, an additional \$128.3 million above 2018 levels in transit and transportation. Her budget focuses on three key transit and transportation priorities:**

Investments in transit, walking, and biking, and managing congestion in the downtown core. Key investments include:

- 30% increase in the City's investments in King County Metro service in the next two years by requesting 100,000 additional Metro service hours for key routes in addition to the existing 270,000 service hours;
- \$9 million for new capital investments to improve transit speed and reliability with new transit pathways, build new multimodal corridors, and upgrade bus zones for passengers;
- Continuing the ORCA Opportunity program, which provides free ORCA passes to Seattle Public Schools high school students and Seattle Promise students;
- \$1 million to help low-income residents access transit;
- \$4 million for new first- and last-mile bus connections to access transit hubs like light rail;
- \$2.3 million to support Sound Transit 3, including project planning to advance work on Graham Street Station;
- \$14 million to support the costs of the First Hill Streetcar and South Lake Union Streetcar;
- \$26.7 million to support safe routes, including pedestrian and bike safety, and Vision Zero improvements;
- \$20 million for bike paths and trails;
- \$38 million for freight mobility;
- \$34 million for new sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements; and
- \$15.3 million of new investments – including 20 new full-time employees – to support Move Seattle deliverables including: \$5 million for additional curb ramp construction; \$4.1 million for sidewalk repairs; \$1.4 million for greenways; a new \$1.1 million for the Northgate Bridge and Protected Bike Lane to enhance access to the planned Northgate Sound Transit Station; and \$550,000 for pedestrian lighting.

Maintaining our existing streets, sidewalks, bridges, and other key infrastructure. Key investments include:

- \$101.6 million to provide maintenance and replacement of key roads, trails, bike paths, and bridges, including: \$4.1 million for sidewalk maintenance, an increase of over \$2 million from 2018 levels; \$50.4 million for road maintenance; \$42.4 million to maintain bridges and other key structures; and \$1.1 million for trails and bike paths.

More effectively managing the public right-of-way to help keep buses, cars, and trucks moving. Investments include:

- An additional \$3.7 million to support mobility downtown; and
- Updated street use fees to incentivize best practices, so that projects slowing down traffic or blocking transit lanes or sidewalks pay a higher rate than projects that do not.