

Joint Transportation
Commission/BPTAG Meeting

Bike Share Planning Study

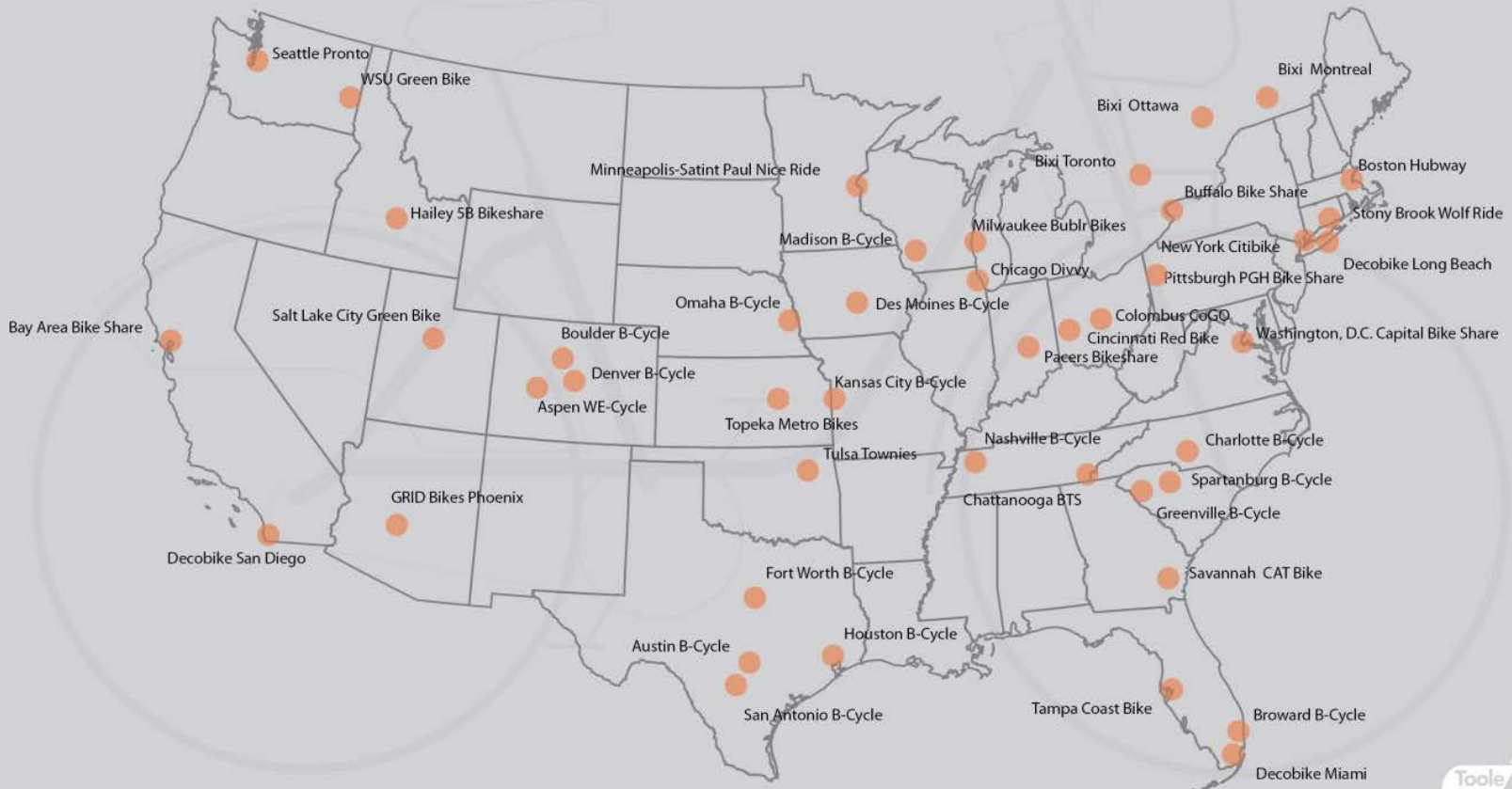
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Overview



- What is bike share?
- What are the benefits?
- What are the challenges unique to Tacoma?
- What might a system cost?
- What makes a successful system?



Bike Share Systems in North America



Traditional

- Bikes docked at stations
- Membership fee, with free short rides
- Automated check-out



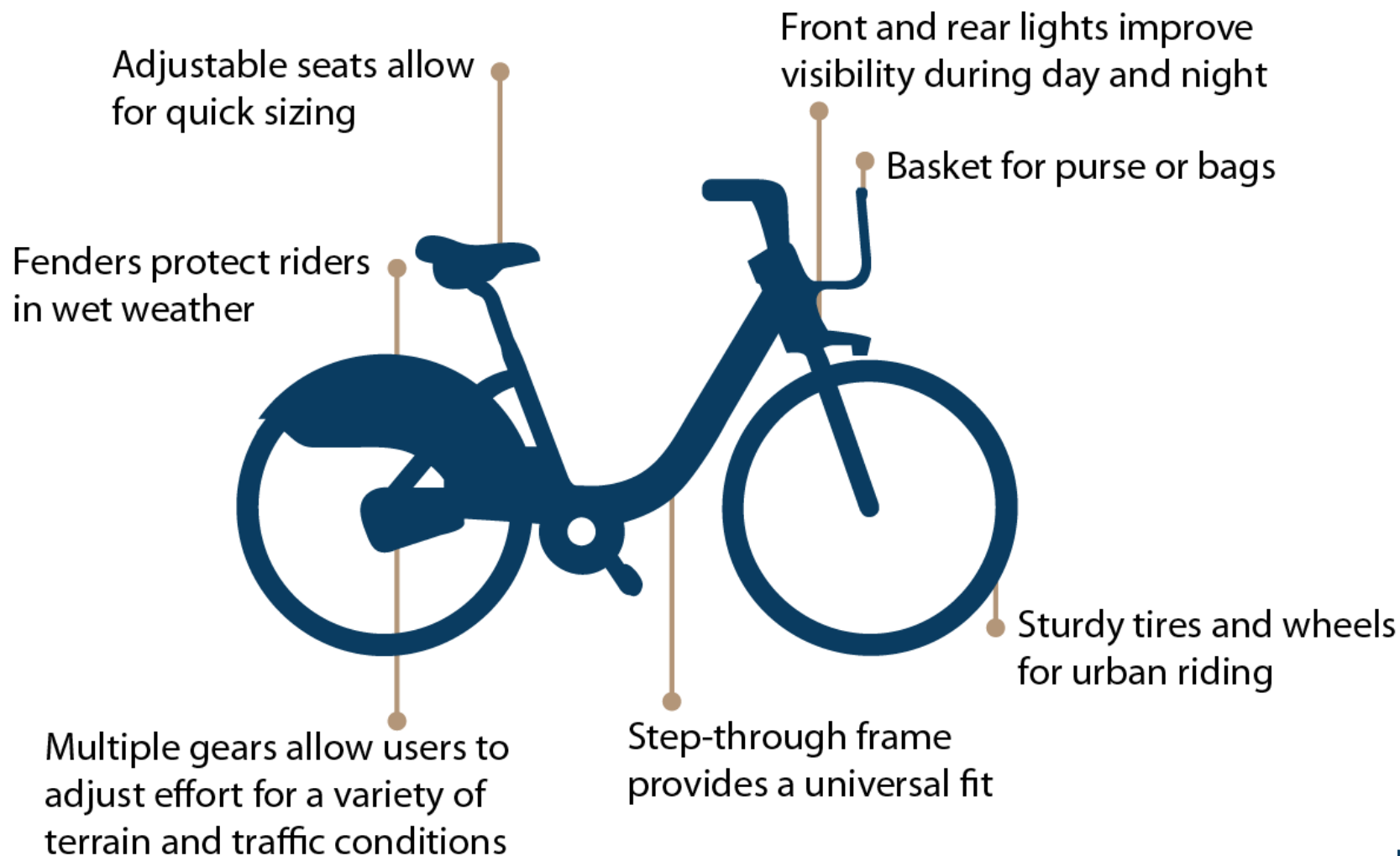
BIKE SHARE: 4 EASY STEPS



Source: UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies



What is bike share



Emerging Technologies

- Smart Bikes
- Smart Locks



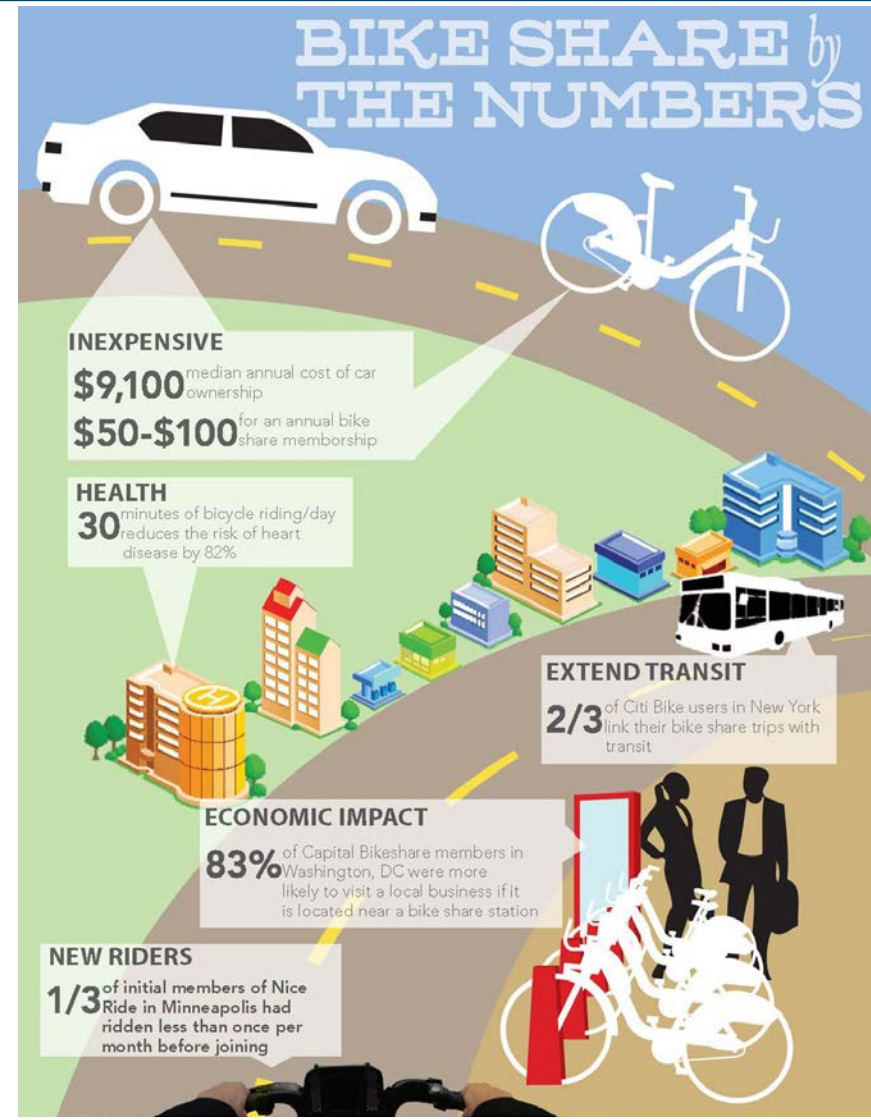
Non-traditional

- Bike library or community supported
- Multiple fare structures; generally encouraging longer rides than traditional systems
- Bike or key obtained in person



What are the benefits?

- Extends reach of transit
- Decrease commute time
- Personal savings
- Improve physical and mental health
- Catalyst for new and more comfortable bicycle facilities
- Economic development and competitiveness



- Hills
- Helmet requirement
- Population and employment densities
- State of bicycle infrastructure



E-bikes in Birmingham



Helmet rental bins in Seattle

What might a system cost?

Rough estimates*

Smart Dock



\$3,000-\$5,000

~~\$3,000~~
*Philadelphia Bikeshare Pro-Forma,
Poursquare ITP
Email correspondence from nextbike*

Smart Bike



\$2,000-\$5,000

SOBI pricing brochure, 2014

Smart Lock



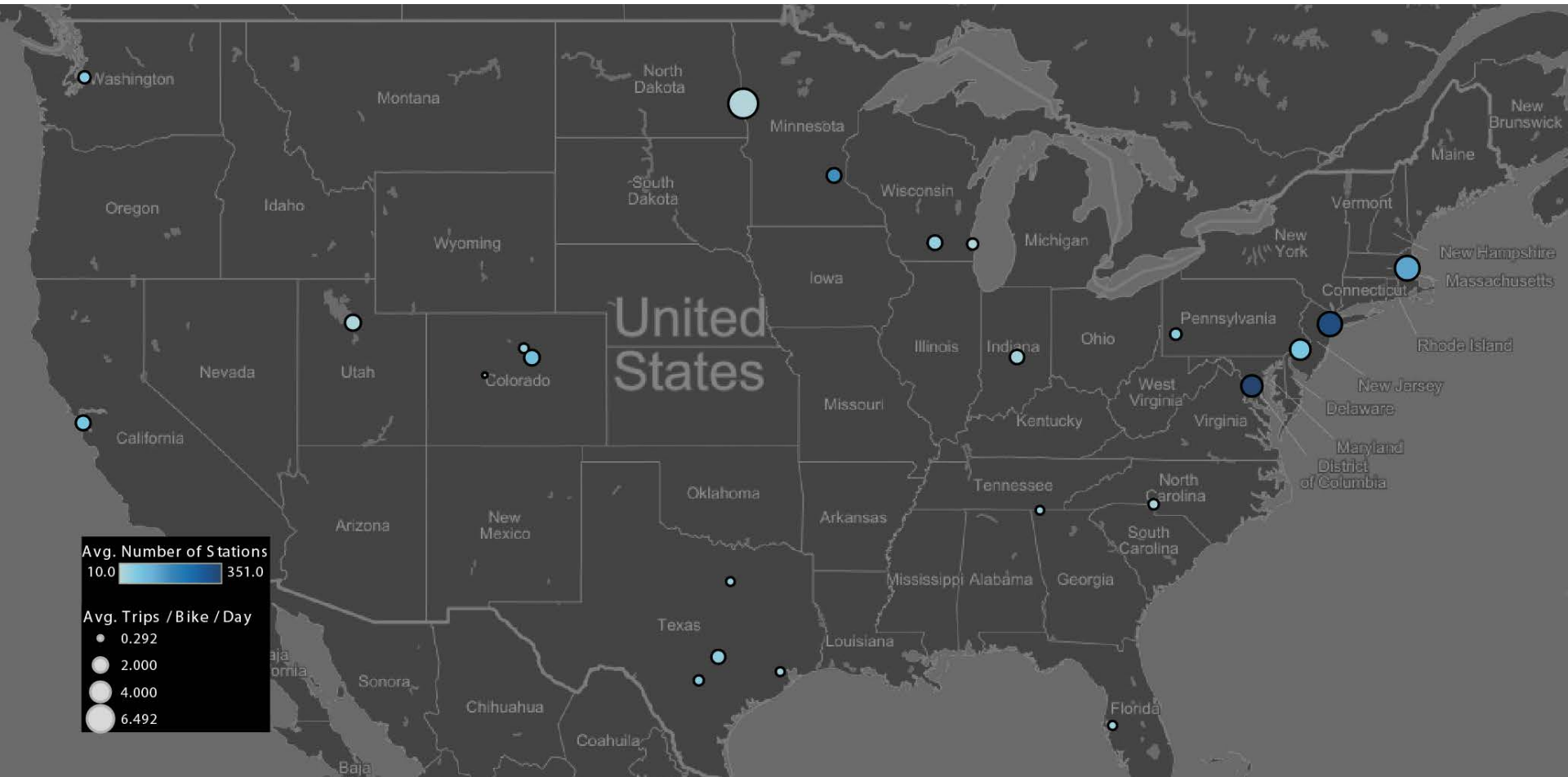
\$1,000-

www.bitlock.com

*per
bike

Tacoma Bike Share

What makes a successful system?



Bike share ridership in cities with available data



What makes a successful system?

GOAL: High ridership

- Station density
- System size
- Stations located in dense areas

GOAL: Community amenity

- Visible stations
- Low membership barrier

GOAL: Recreation

- Stations located in safe, enjoyable places to ride





What makes a successful system?

GOAL: Equity

- Stations located in underserved areas
- Reduced fees for low-income members
- Option to purchase membership without a credit card

Tacoma Bike Share



Comparable Cities

Boulder

\$65 / \$7



May 2011 / 22 stations / 25,000 rides

Chattanooga

\$75 / \$6



July 2012 / 31 stations / 32,000 rides

Charlotte

\$65 / \$8



April 2012 / 21 stations / 38,000 rides

Nashville

\$50 / \$5



Aug 2013 / 20 stations / 37,000 rides

February-
March

- Existing and future conditions analysis
- Public and stakeholder engagement
- Develop system goals

March-May

- System Planning
- Business pro-forma and policy review

June-July

- Draft report
- Public meeting
- Final report



Questions?





VISION ZERO

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GLOBAL & LOCAL PROBLEM

- 1.24 million **worldwide** traffic deaths per year
- 35,200 **U.S.** traffic deaths per year
- 180 **Puget Sound** traffic deaths in 2014
 - 23% pedestrians
 - 2% bicyclists

We call this phenomenon traffic
accidents.

But, in reality, we have the power to
prevent traffic *collisions*.





1997

**“No one shall be killed
or seriously injured within
the road traffic system.”**





Changing our mindset: Safety as a precondition for mobility.





Human behaviour.





Any loss of life is unacceptable!



TO SUMMARIZE...

1. All traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable.
2. No loss of life is acceptable.
3. We are human and make mistakes.
4. Transportation system must be designed to protect us.
5. Safe mobility is a basic right for all people.



Vision Zero Action Plan

2014

No level of fatality on City streets is inevitable or acceptable.

Vision Zero San Francisco Two-Year Action Strategy

Eliminating all traffic deaths by 2024

Achieving Vision Zero in San Francisco

Vision Zero SF: Because a mistake on the road should never result in serious injury or death.

San Francisco is a beautiful city, and it's our responsibility to ensure that our streets are safe for everyone who uses them. That's why we've adopted a Vision Zero strategy to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries on our streets by 2024.

Our strategy is based on the principle that human error is inevitable, but it doesn't have to be fatal. By designing streets that are forgiving and resilient, we can reduce the severity of crashes and prevent them from happening in the first place.

Our strategy is based on three pillars:

- Design:** We will invest in safer streets that are forgiving and resilient, such as protected bike lanes, pedestrian plazas, and transit priority lanes.
- Education:** We will launch a comprehensive public education campaign to raise awareness about safe driving and walking practices.
- Enforcement:** We will increase enforcement of traffic laws, particularly those related to speeding, impaired driving, and distracted driving.

A VISION FOR SAFER STREETS

Seattle is consistently recognized as one of the nation's cities in the "Top 100" for quality of life. One of the reasons for this is our city's commitment to safety.

In 2013, there were 10,310 police-reported collisions in Seattle. 150 people were seriously injured and 23 were killed. This is unacceptable.

Our goal is to reduce the number of collisions, injuries, and deaths on our streets by 50% by 2025. This is a challenging goal, but it's one we're committed to achieving.

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VISION ZERO

ONE DEATH ON OUR CITY STREETS IS TOO MANY.

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Vision Zero San José

Reducing serious traffic deaths and preventing unnecessary injuries, as much as possible.

Traffic Safety in San Jose

San Jose's History as a Safe City

San Jose has a long history of being a safe city. In 1990, San Jose was named the safest city in the nation. This was a testament to the city's commitment to safety and its focus on providing a high quality of life for its residents.

Our goal is to maintain San Jose's reputation as a safe city by reducing the number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on our streets by 50% by 2025.

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Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2013

About Target Zero?

Why is Goal of Zero?

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THE PATH TO VISION ZERO IS A PROCESS

- **First step:**

- Safety initiatives & disparate projects

- **Second step:**

- Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan, or any other modal plan

- **Third step (the ultimate goal):**

- Stand alone Vision Zero plan & ordinance



TARGET ZERO

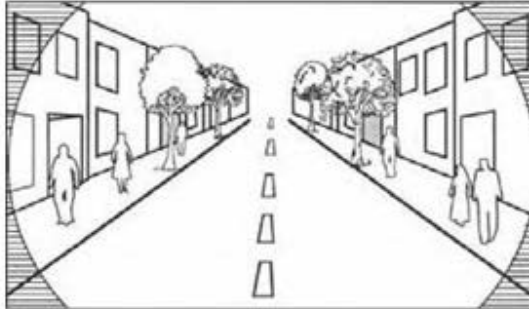
- WSDOT initiative adopted in 2000
- New strategy focuses on data, brings together state agency experts with critical traffic safety data
- Analyzed data, made recommendations based on biggest contributors to death and serious injury
- **Pro**
 - Stronger state partnerships and collision reductions on key corridors like HWY 99 through Seattle
- **Con**
 - Reducing car fatalities, but not enough focus on vulnerable users like bicyclists and pedestrians



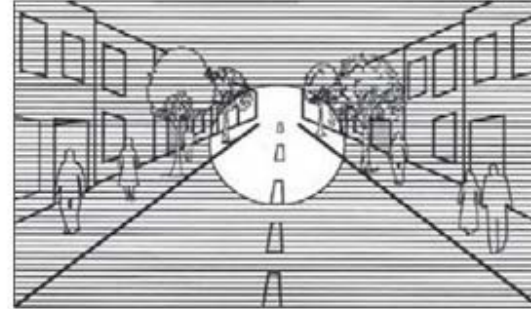
5 VISION ZERO PLAN COMPONENTS



#1 MANAGING SPEED



Field of vision at 15 MPH



Field of vision at 30 to 40 MPH

A driver's field of vision increases as speed decreases. At lower speeds, drivers can see more of their surroundings and have more time to see and react to potential hazards.

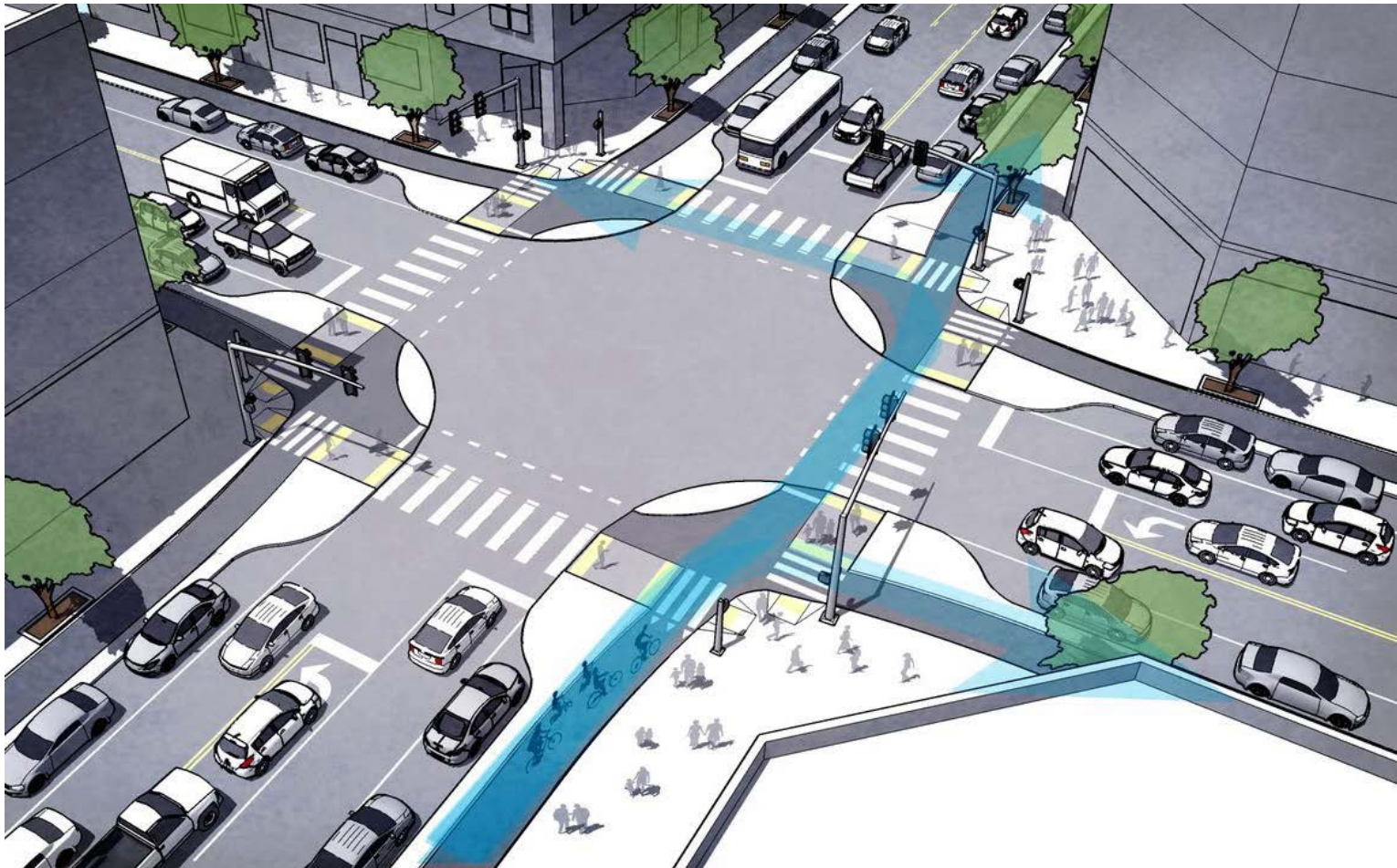


Speed is especially lethal for vulnerable users like pedestrians and people biking. The risk of injury and death increases as speed increases.

#2 DESIGNING STREETS FOR MODAL SPEED DIFFERENTIALS



#3 STREET RE-DESIGN FOR SAFETY OF ALL USERS



#4 PRIORITIZE ENGINEERING



#5 PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT

**THANK YOU TO KAISER
PERMANENTE FOR
BEING A SPONSOR OF
THE VISION ZERO
NETWORK.**



5 VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

1. Present public with a unifying vision.
2. Strong mandate from Mayor, City Manager, or City Council for new coordination & communication system.
3. Hold city departments accountable to quantifiable goals.
4. Share data to justify your investment in Vision Zero.
5. Gather community feedback, communicate city goals, and engage city's diverse communities.



GET YOUR VISION GOING!



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Safe Routes to School

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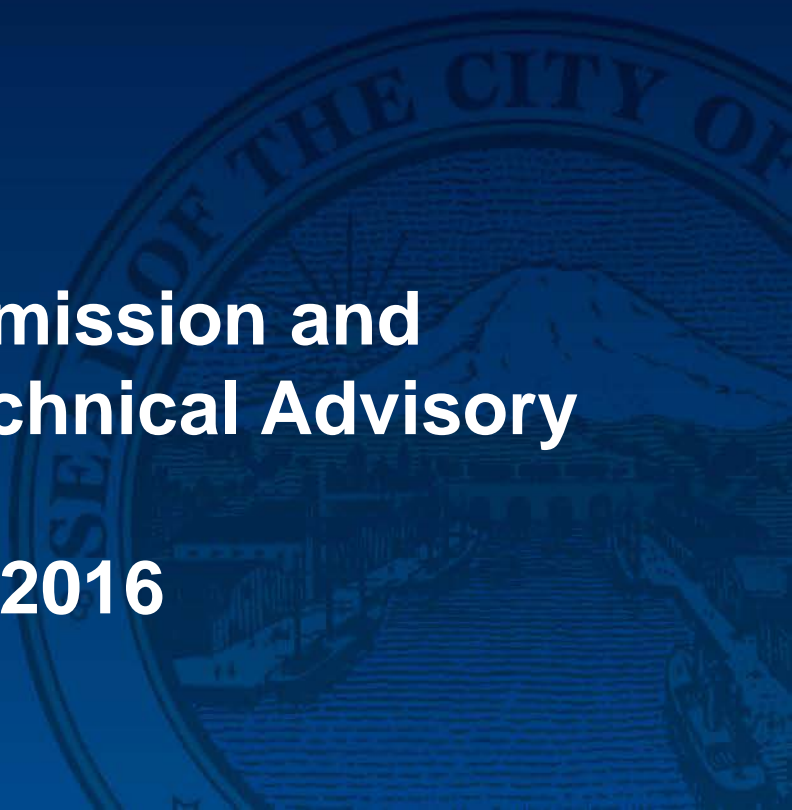
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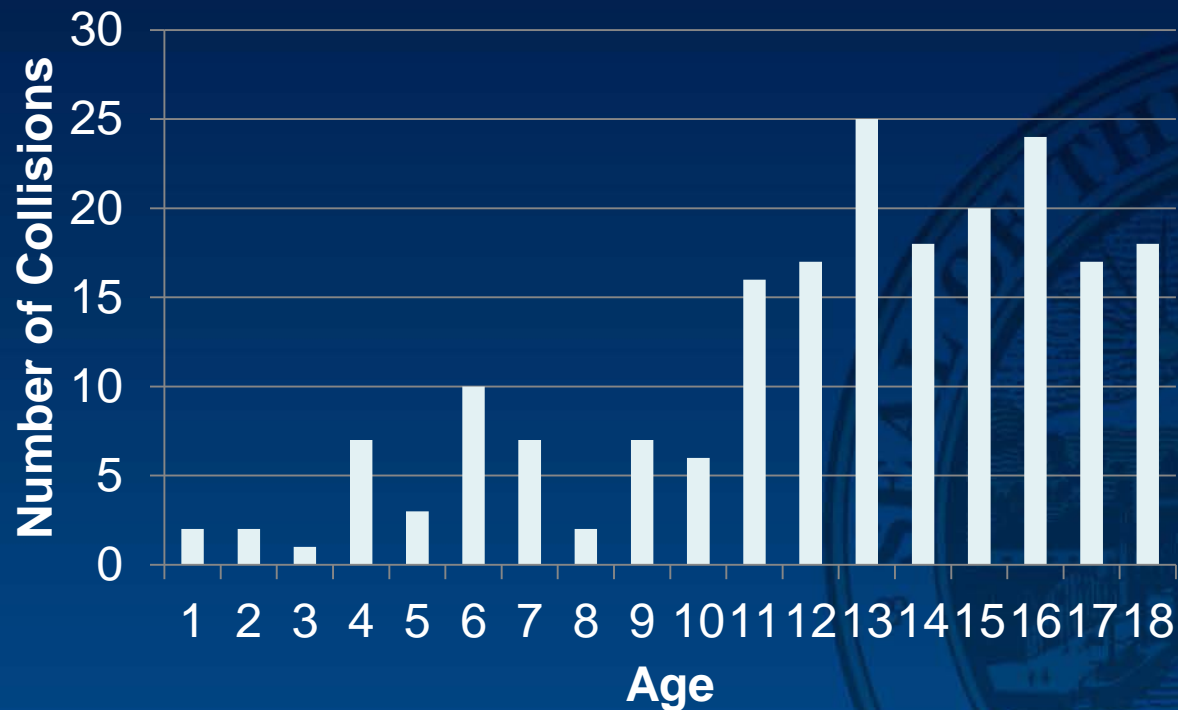
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- Background Safe Routes to School
- Issues – 6 E's
- Next Steps



Background

- Established in 2005
- 202 youth involved collisions (2010-2014)



6 E's: Engineering

- Complete and make walking routes safe
- Identify & provide safe bicycling routes & facilities
- Work with school to create safe & efficient parent pick-up/drop-off zones



6 E's: Education

- Conduct Bike Safety Skills Courses and Bike Rodeos
- Provide tip sheets with guidelines for safer ways to travel to and from school
- Conduct presentations at back to school nights for parents and students
- Integrate presentations in classrooms or curriculum into the classroom



6 E's: Encouragement

- Create walking school buses and bike trains
- Participate in Walk to School Month and Walking Wednesdays
- Incorporate Walking and Biking Clubs
- Get parents, staff, and neighbors to participate in Traffic Calming Programs (Pace Car Program)
- Empower students, PTA and community groups to lead efforts



6 E's: Enforcement

- Identify problem locations
- Use innovative devices, such as in-roadway crosswalk signs to alert motorists that children may be crossing, or vehicle activated traffic calming signs for speeding
- Provide safety education & training support for student safety patrols and adult crossing guards
- Use speed cameras in school zones to slow down motor vehicles

6 E's: Evaluation & Equity

- Assess baseline conditions
- Monitor change over time
 - Where students live
 - Change in parental & administrative support
 - Change in principals and teachers
- Create an equitable program



Next Steps

- Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability Committee Presentation March 9, 2016
- Bring stakeholders together (Tacoma School District Administration & Principals, Police, Public Works, Environmental Services, Health Department, Community Groups)
- Fund development of a Safe Routes to School Implementation Plan
- Utilize plan to apply for grants

Safe Routes to School

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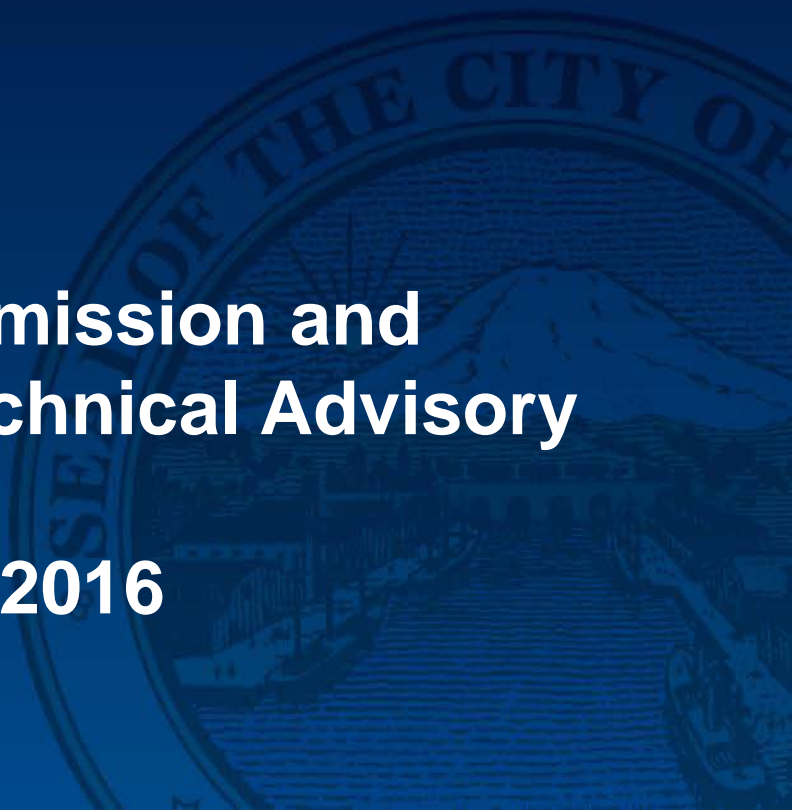
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Transportation Commission 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Work Plan

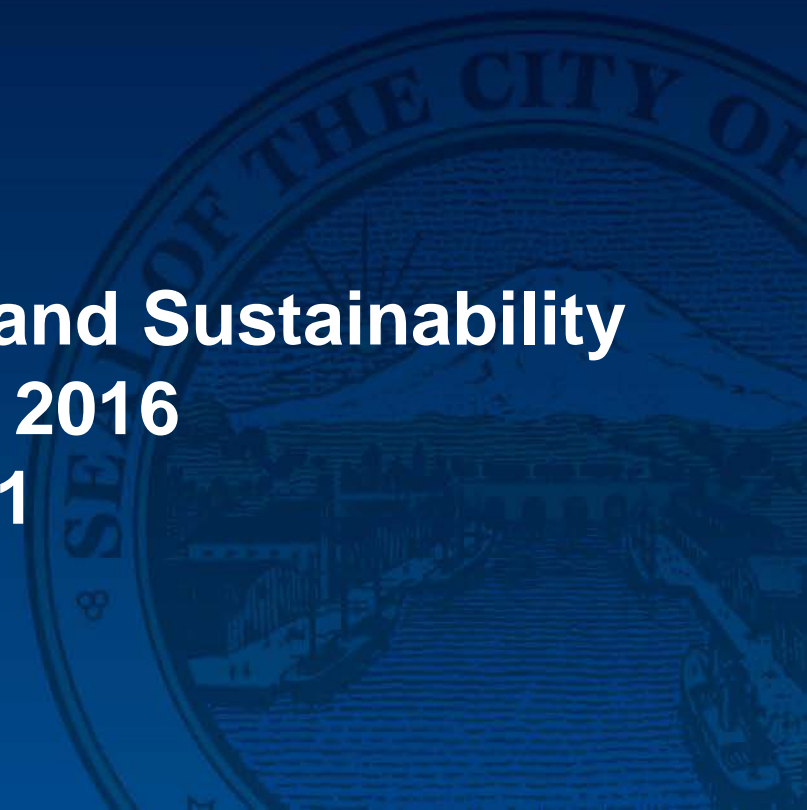
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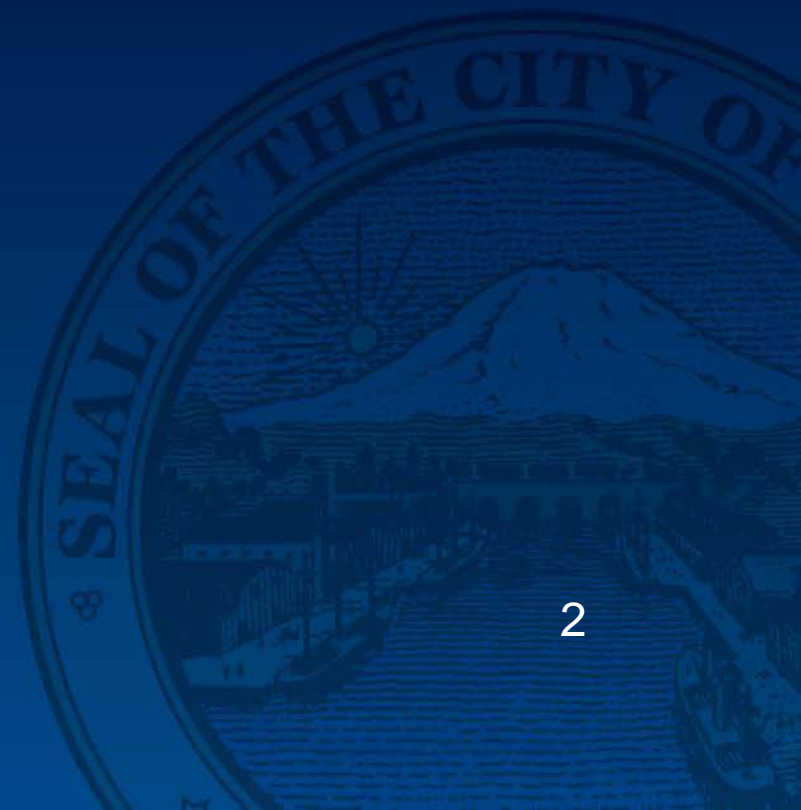
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- **Transportation Commission Background**
- **2015 Accomplishments**
- **2016 Work Plan**



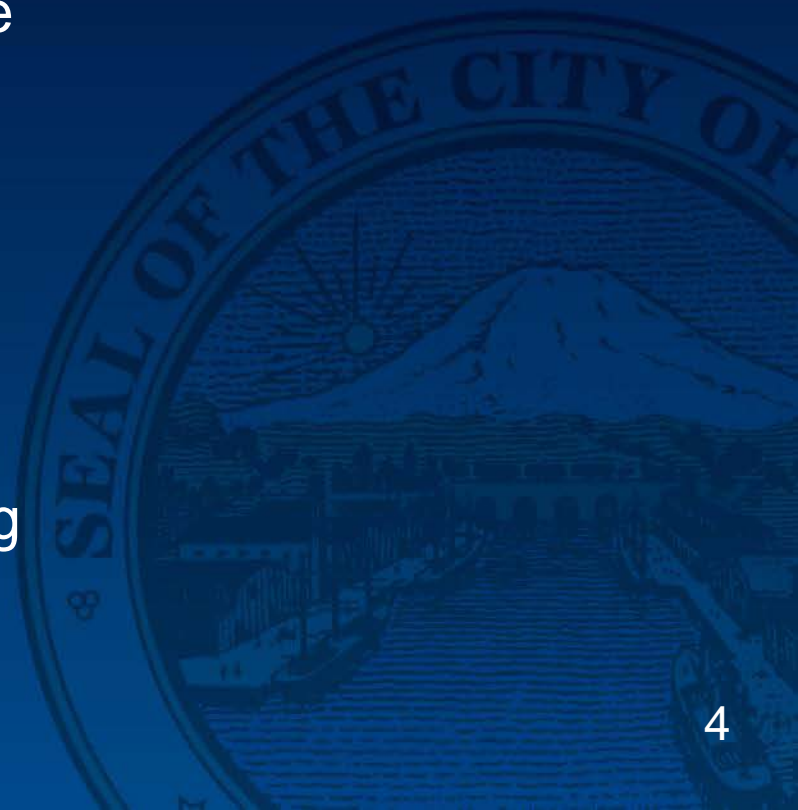
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- Established in 2013
- Advise the City Council on transportation-related matters
- Meet 3rd Wednesday of each month, Municipal Building Visibility Center 9th Floor at 5:30 p.m.



Background

- 11 member Commission
 - Co-Chair Jane Moore – At-Large
 - Co-Chair Justin Leighton – District 3
 - Andrew Strobel – At Large
 - Evette Mason– At-Large
 - Jacki Skaught – District 1
 - Judi Hyman – District 2
 - Vance Lelli – District 4
 - Yoshi Kumara – District 5
 - John Thurlow - Non Voting
 - Vacant – At Large
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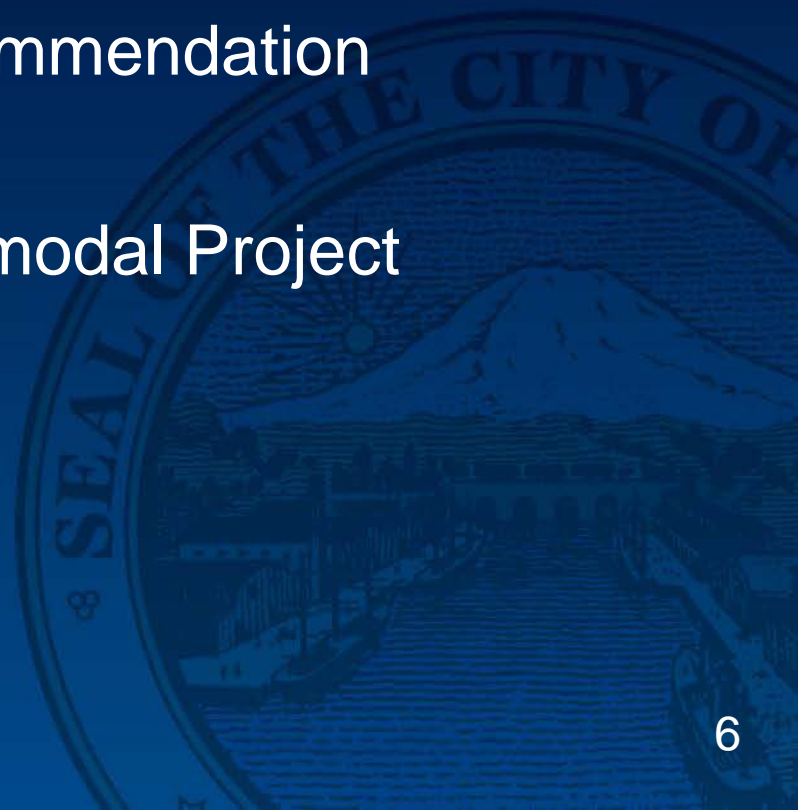


2015 Accomplishments

- Transportation Master Plan Adoption
 - Community Outreach
 - Citywide Open house (March 2015)
 - Council District Open house
 - Neighborhood Councils
 - Review and analysis of all public comment
 - Approved and forwarded final draft to Planning Commission
 - Adopted November 2015

2015 Accomplishments

- Sound Transit Recommendations
 - Light Rail Station Location
 - Sound Transit 3 Projects
- Safe Routes to School Recommendation
- Street Projects
 - South Tacoma Way Multimodal Project
 - WSDOT SR167 Project
 - East 25th Street One-Way



2015 Accomplishments

- Environmental Action Plan
- Design Manual and Low Impact Development Changes
- 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program
- Proposition 3 and A
- Amended By-laws
- Commission Liaisons
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Technical Advisory Group
 - Parking Technical Advisory Group
 - Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan

2016 Work Plan

- Transportation Master Plan
 - Performance Tracking
 - Pedestrian Implementation Strategies*
 - Project Criteria Update
- 6-Year Transportation Program Amendments/Capital Facilities Program Update
- Capital Project Planning and Grant Review
- Infrastructure Maintenance Plan

2016 Work Plan

- Sound Transit Link Extension/ST 3
- Project Participation
 - Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan
 - Puyallup Avenue Corridor Study
 - North 21st Street from Proctor to Pearl St
- New Initiatives
 - Parklets
 - Complete Streets Ordinance*
 - Safe Routes to School*

2016 Work Plan

- Review status of Non-voting members
- Better define relationship with Planning Commission & Parking Technical Advisory Group



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