

2013 - 2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Accelerating neighborhood greenways, the Downtown cycle track network, & West Seattle lower bridge trail access

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

In adding funding to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to accelerate implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans and in prioritizing funding in SDOT’s proposed 2013-2014 budget through Green Sheet 77-1-A-1 for the bicycle and pedestrian capital projects identified below, the City Council intends that these projects receive top priority for implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans. Also, it is the Council’s intent that SDOT complete these projects with design innovation and excellence, setting examples for other bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the City. Projects to receive priority implementation in the 2013-2014 biennium are:

1. Ballard neighborhood greenway
2. Delridge neighborhood greenway
3. Downtown cycle track network
4. West Seattle lower bridge trail access

The Council’s intent is that:

1. SDOT design and construct segments of the Ballard and Delridge neighborhood greenways in 2013 (2.1 miles in Ballard and 1.25 miles in Delridge) and complete at least a 10% concept design for the remaining portions of each greenway in 2013.
2. SDOT complete at least a 30% design, including identifying specific routes and improvements types and cost estimates for an approximate 2 miles of the Downtown cycle track network. This work will begin after the Bicycle Master Plan update is adopted and cycle track concept development (10% design) work included in the proposed budget is completed.
3. SDOT complete final design of an initial .25 mile Downtown cycle track so that construction can start by the end of 2014.

4. SDOT complete at least a 10% concept design with cost estimates for intersection and access improvements to the West Seattle lower bridge multimodal trail in 2013.

It is also the Council's intent that SDOT prioritize advancing design work on the following additional neighborhood greenways in the 2013-2014 biennium with base budget resources: Rainier Valley, Central District, Lake City, and University District.

It is the Council's intent that a total of \$3.35M in 2013 and \$250K in 2014 be prioritized for the above listed projects from the following Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects to implement Green Sheet 77-1-A-1: Bicycle Master Plan Implementation (TC366760), Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation (TC367150), and Sidewalk Safety Repairs (TC365120). The CIP projects are budgeted in SDOT's Mobility-Capital and Major Maintenance and Replacement capital Budget Control Levels (BCLs) with the provisos established in Green Sheet 77-1-A-1, so these funds will automatically carry forward as needed.

In setting these priorities, Council is mindful of SDOT's goal to balance funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects each year using the updated Bicycle Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan criteria along with other factors such as coordination with other projects, partnering opportunities, geographic distribution, and the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

In addition, Council requests that SDOT report on progress in design and/or construction of these projects to the Council's Transportation Committee by March 29th and September 27th, 2013.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

Date Due to Council: First report - March 29, 2013
Second report - September 27, 2013