

# Lake Washington Blvd Visioning Process

MLK Workshop – January 11, 2023

# Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

## Core Values & Goals:

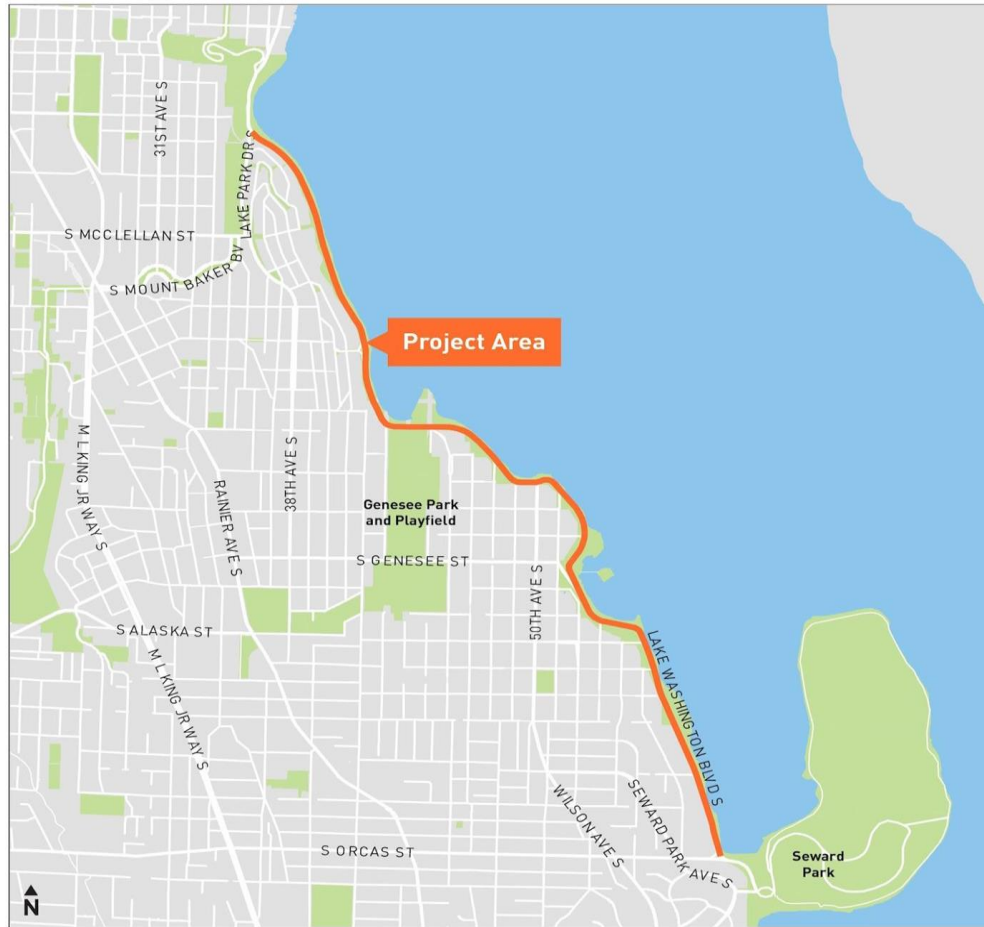
Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

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# Olmsted Boulevard

- Lake Washington Boulevard has its origins as a recreational route planned by the famed Olmsted landscape architecture firm in 1903 as part of a citywide system of parks linked by park boulevards.
- The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) have shared responsibilities for Lake Washington Boulevard.
- SDOT is responsible for pavement and signage and SPR for landscaping and amenities.

# Project Area



# How Did We Get Here?

- **June 2020:** Stay Healthy Street Pilot - 5 day closure of Lake Washington Boulevard to cars (Seward Park - Mount Baker)
- **July - October 2020:** Lake Washington Boulevard closed to cars, except for local access (Keep Moving Street)
- **April - May 2021:** Keep Moving Streets LWB survey
- **July - October 2021:** Bicycle weekends and holidays - Lake Washington Boulevard closed to cars from Friday PM - Monday AM
- **January 2022:** CM Morales allocated initial \$200K for SDOT to conduct the Visioning Process
- **June 2022:** Lake Washington Boulevard Task Force formed to help with visioning process



Civic Involvement



Elected officials and budgets



Department of Transportation

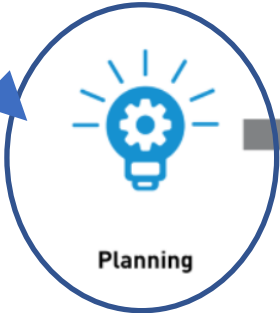


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# HOW PROJECTS HAPPEN

- THE PROJECT BEGINS -

WE ARE HERE



Planning



Design



Construction



Maintenance



# Task Force Members

**Tai Mattox** | Coexist Lake Washington

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**Anna Zivarts** | Disability Rights Washington

**Theresa Huey** | Coexist Lake Washington

**Aaron Evanson** | Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood Association

**Patricia Killam** | Friends of Seward Park

**Jennifer Ott** | Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks

**Joseph Manson** | Seward Park Audubon Center

**Terry Holme** | Rainier Valley Neighborhood Greenway

**Zachary Fleet** | Mt. Baker Community Club

**Yuan Tao** | Long-time Seattle resident, Asian Bike Club

**Edwin Lindo** | UW Professor and Author, NorthStar Cycling Club

# Purpose and Responsibilities of the Task Force

The purpose of the task force is to inform the development of a framework for how SDOT should make decisions about, future improvements, and changes to Lake Washington Blvd.

The task force will:

- Collaborate in designing a community engagement plan
  - Online and intercept surveys
  - Yard signs
  - Pop-up events
  - Listening session
- Provide insight on their communities' unique needs and access to Lake Washington Boulevard
- Provide recommendations on short term and long term design options



# Long Term Vision Developed by the Task Force

- Improve access for all modes of travel
- Increase bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Preserving and improving the park experience

# Timeline of Current Outreach Process

## SPRING 2022

- Recruit Task Force

## SUMMER 2022

- Begin monthly Task Force meetings
- Plan outreach and engagement
- Attend community events

## FALL 2022

- Continue monthly Task Force meetings
- Conduct outreach and engagement events
- Summarize findings; begin developing the report

## WINTER 2022/2023

- Finalize findings and draft the report
- Begin identifying short-term projects (currently there is no funding for projects)

# The Final Report

- Overview of the outreach that was done
- Documentation of visioning process
- Results of the surveys (online & intercept)
- Recommendations on high level design to explore
- Lessons learned