Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connect people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For **all**
Overview

• Purpose
• Streetcar system
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Center City Connector: Affordable transportation option in a growing Center City

2015

MORE HOUSEHOLDS

2035

25,000

2015

55,000

MORE JOBS
Streetcar system

Move more people...

• Connecting the system will move more people during PM peak
• Projected 20,000-25,000 average weekday riders

With more reliability...

• Exclusive transit lane on 1st Ave
• Estimated 10-minute travel time from Westlake to Occidental
• Arrivals up to every 5 minutes between South Lake Union and Chinatown-International District
Background

- **2012**, Seattle Transit Master Plan published to improve north-south travel through downtown
- **2014**, Seattle City Council approved funding for project design and route on 1st Ave and Stewart St
- **February 2016**, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) proposed a $75M grant
- **May 2016**, SDOT and the FTA published an Environmental Assessment
- Full project design will be complete by the end of 2017
Typical cross section

On 1st Ave, the streetcar will run in a dedicated lane in each direction
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Overall construction schedule

1. **Utility Construction – South**
   - Water, sewer, electrical, and private utility work – 1st/Jackson to 1st/Madison

2. **Utility Construction – North**
   - Water, sewer, electrical, and private utility work – 1st/Madison to 6th/Stewart

3. **Streetcar Construction**
   - South – Streetcar track construction (SDOT) – 1st/Jackson to 1st/Seneca
   - North – Streetcar track construction (SDOT) – 1st/Seneca to 6th/Stewart
   - Streetcar stations and finishing touches – Whole alignment

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Note: Schedule subject to change.
What to expect during construction

Impacts
- Advance utility relocation work starts this fall in Pioneer Square
- Work includes:
  - Parking and load zone changes
  - Lane restrictions
  - Detours for people biking and driving
  - Noise/vibration and truck activity
  - Nighttime work
  - Some planned water shutdowns

On the ground outreach
- Regular email/web updates
- Construction hotline and email
- Regular door-to-door visits
- Coordination with other projects
Supporting businesses and neighbors

- We’ll maintain access to businesses throughout construction and provide creative signage to help direct people walking to them.

- Extensive outreach to businesses and residents along the alignment is well underway and also includes working closely with the Alliance for Pioneer Square, Downtown Seattle Association and others.

- Sidewalks will remain open during construction except in small sections on a temporary basis.

- We’ll use multiple methods to keep people informed (e.g., door-to-door, small group meetings, hotline, events and mailings) and we’ll respond to inquiries promptly and accurately.

- Our resident engineer will be on-site during construction to help solve problems quickly, should they arise.
Parking and loading changes

To move more people on 1st Ave, most on-street parking along the route will be removed. We understand parking and loading is important so we’re implementing the following strategies:

• **Replacing load zones:**
  - Replacing load zones 1:1 within one block of their existing locations prior to construction
  - Conducting load zone studies to determine creative loading solutions

• **Directing people to off-street parking:**
  - Subsidizing off-street parking to rates as low as $3/hour
  - Contributing funding to DowntownSeattleParking.com which makes it easy to find parking availability, rates, and directions so visitors can park in a garage and get to their destinations easily on the streetcar
Water main replacement

Before the streetcar track construction can begin, sections of a water main must be replaced.

Planned water shutdowns

- About 4 water shutdowns in total at various locations throughout the alignment
- Seattle Public Utilities will contact building managers and businesses in advance

Example of water main replacement on Western Ave
Funding

• Funding for the Federal streetcar project comes from a combination of Federal and approved local funds

• The total project cost is $177m and includes $143.5m for streetcar and $33.5m for utility work

• $83.3m is paid for by federal grants including a $75m FTA Small Starts Grant

• The remainder is paid for by local dollars including SPU, SDOT and SCL funds
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