

Seattle's transportation challenges, opportunities, needs, and successes



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Our mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

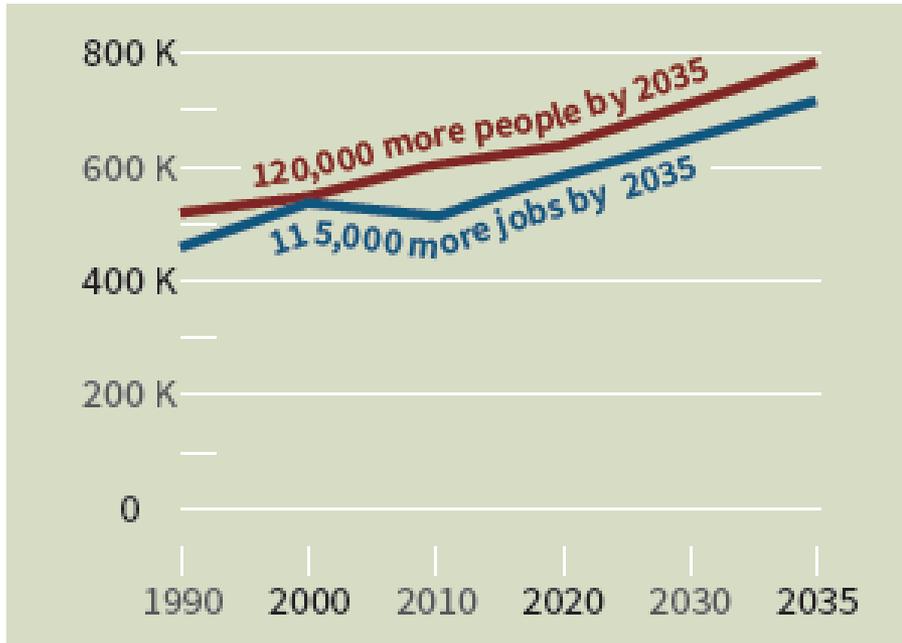
Vision: connected people, places, and products

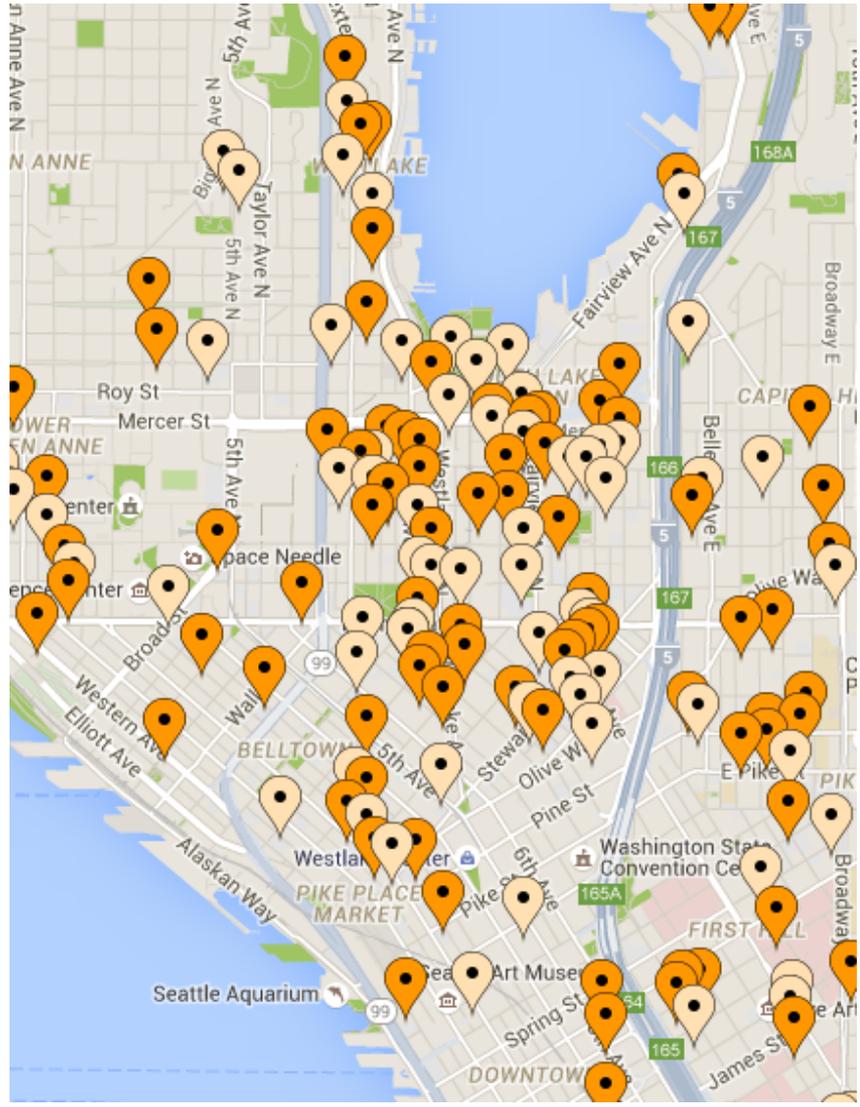
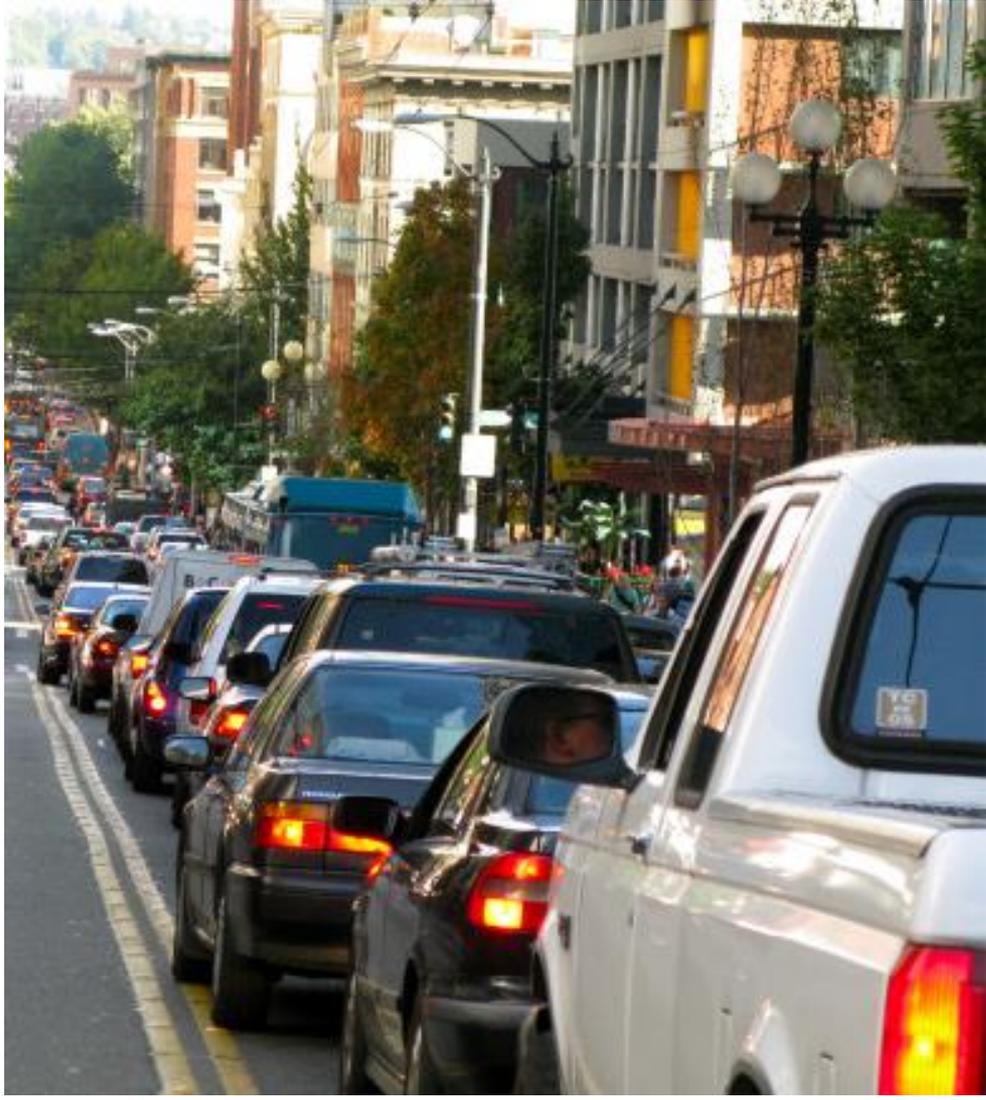
Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

challenges, opportunities, and needs

Seattle is growing

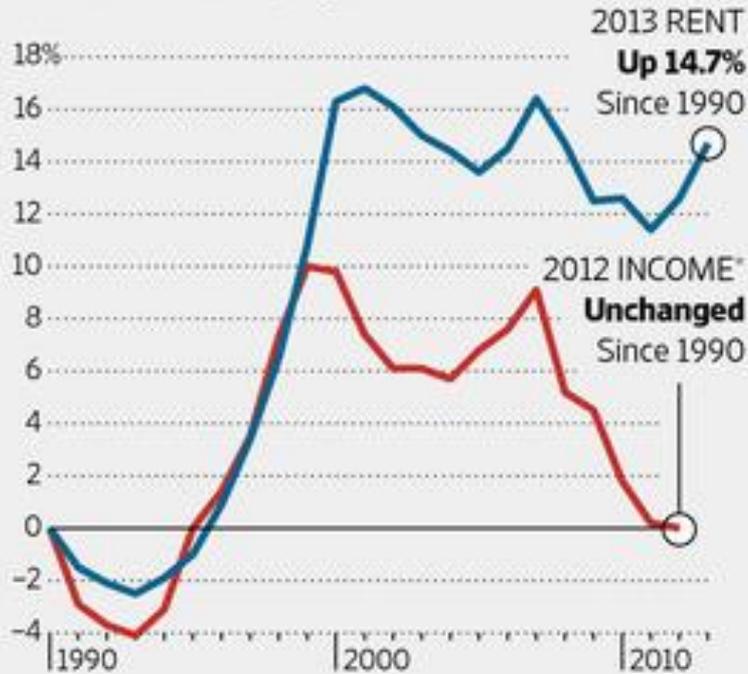




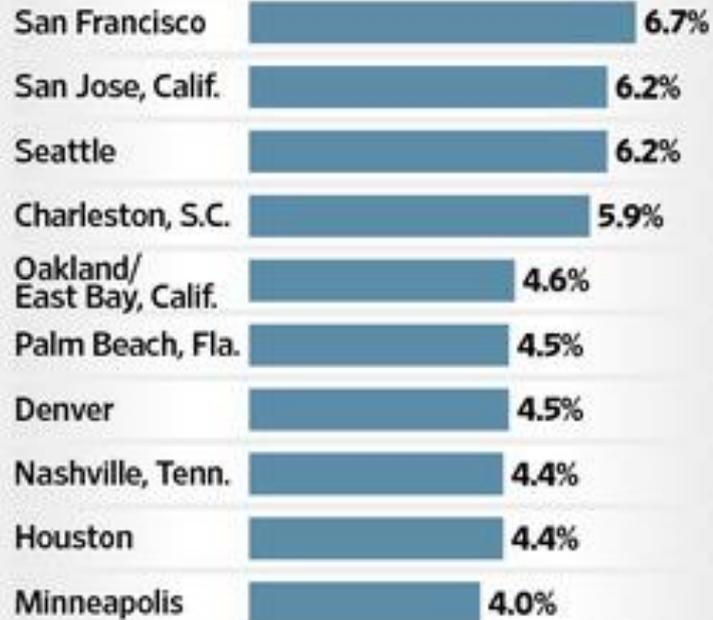
Moving on Up

Growth in rents has outpaced gains in incomes, a potential problem in cities where costs have climbed fastest.

Change since 1990 in asking rent and median household income, adjusted for inflation



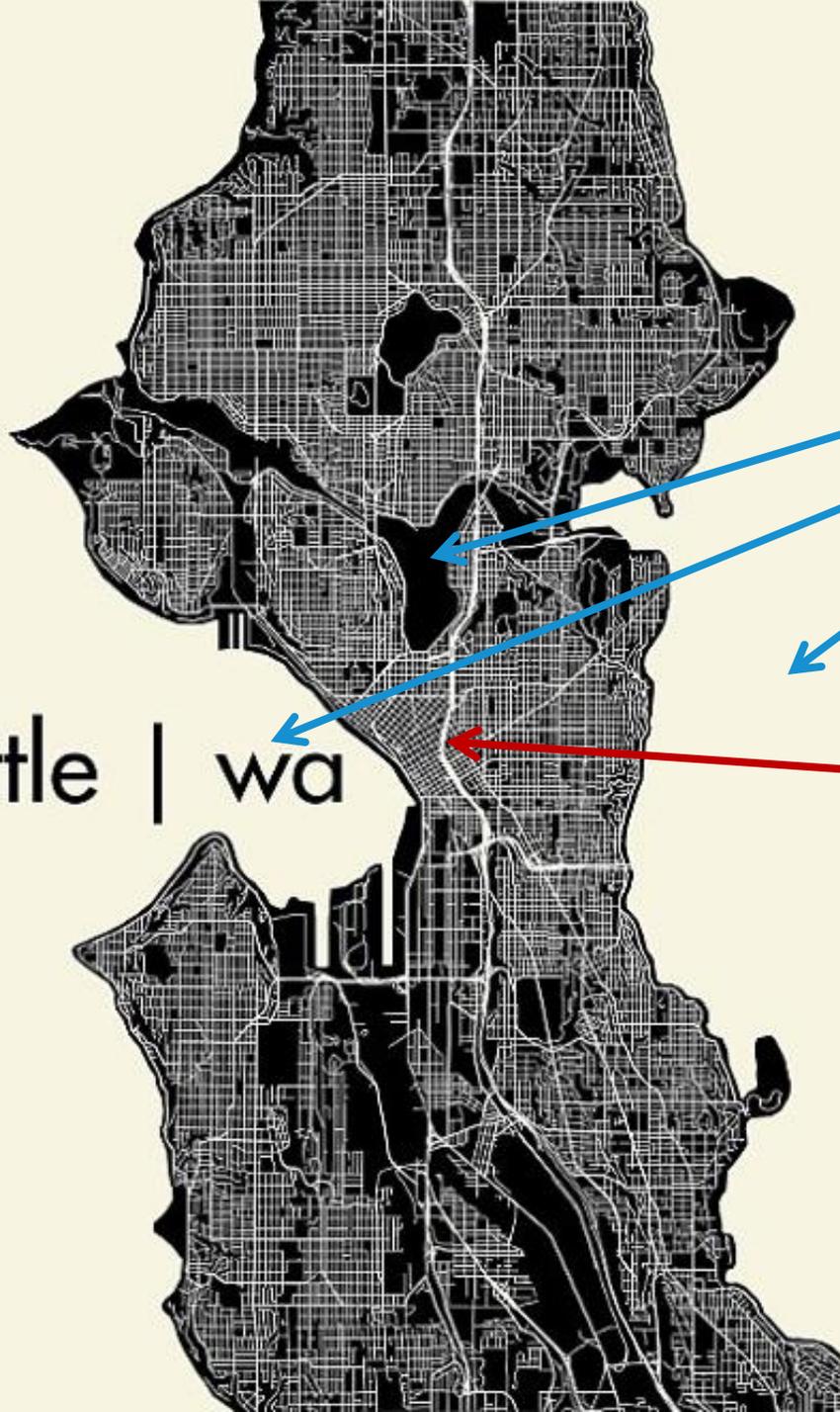
Rental markets where prices are growing fastest
Percentage change in asking rent over the past year



*Most recent available data Note: Top 10 based on 79 metropolitan areas

Source: Reis (rent prices); Commerce Department (income); Labor Department (inflation adjustment using CPI-U-RS)

The Wall Street Journal



water

major interstate

hills (everywhere)

Semi overturns on SR 99, creates Seattle traffic nightmare; roadway closed more than 8 hours

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The overturned truck was righted at about 7:05 p.m. Tuesday. (Photo credit: David Rosen/West Seattle Herald)



Current levy – Bridging the Gap



9-year,
\$365
million levy
expires in
2015

Levy to Move Seattle proposal

9-year funding breakdown

Safe City: \$320 M

Affordable City: \$250 M

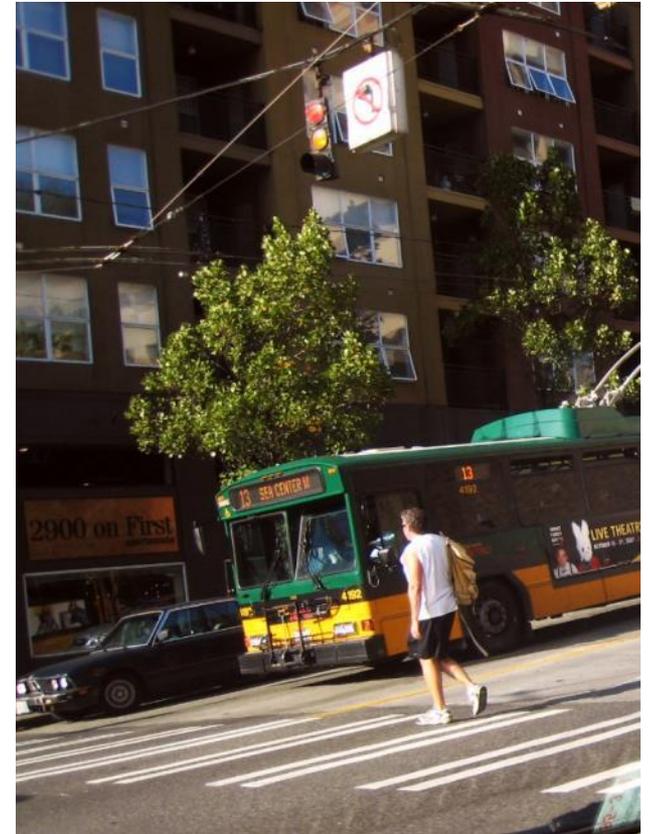
Interconnected City: \$265 M

Vibrant City: \$95 M

9-year total \$930 M

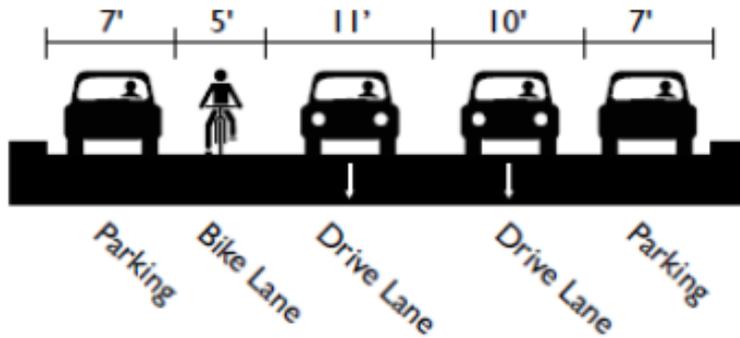
Annual cost to

Owner of median
home

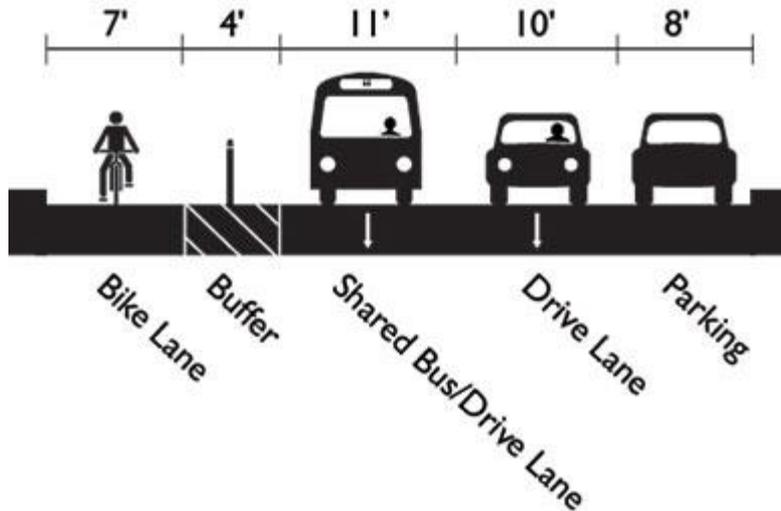


Change management

Existing Cross Section

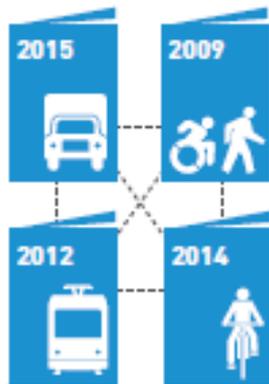


PROPOSED CROSS SECTION



successes

MOVE SEATTLE



Mayor Edward B. Murray's
10-Year Strategic Vision for Transportation



Improvements are spread throughout the city and throughout the day:

↑ **More reliable service**

48 routes have more reliable service.

↓ **Less overcrowding**

28 routes have more Metro buses, which means more space.

🕒 **More frequent buses**

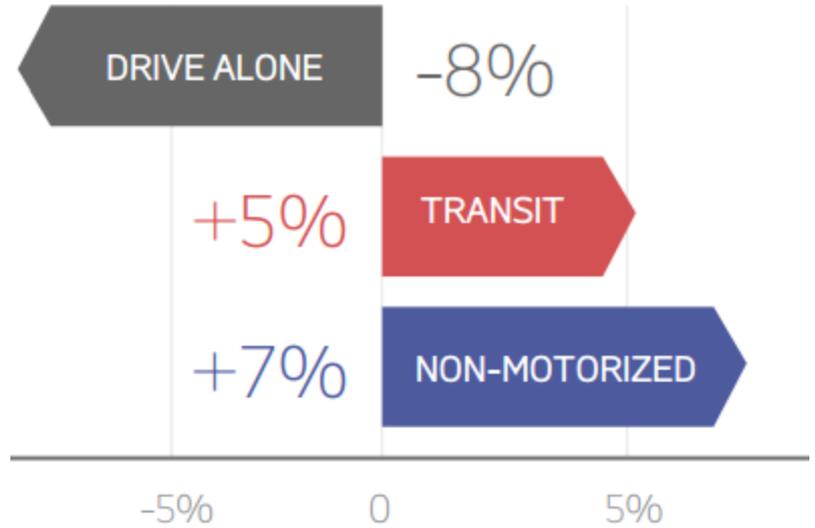
More routes with buses every 15 minutes or less.



SPEEDERS Percent driving over the speed limit			
	Before Early Improvements March 2012	1-year After Rechannelization October 2014	Percent Change
Eastbound	56.9%	20.5%	-64% ↓
Westbound	80.1%	35.0%	-56% ↓

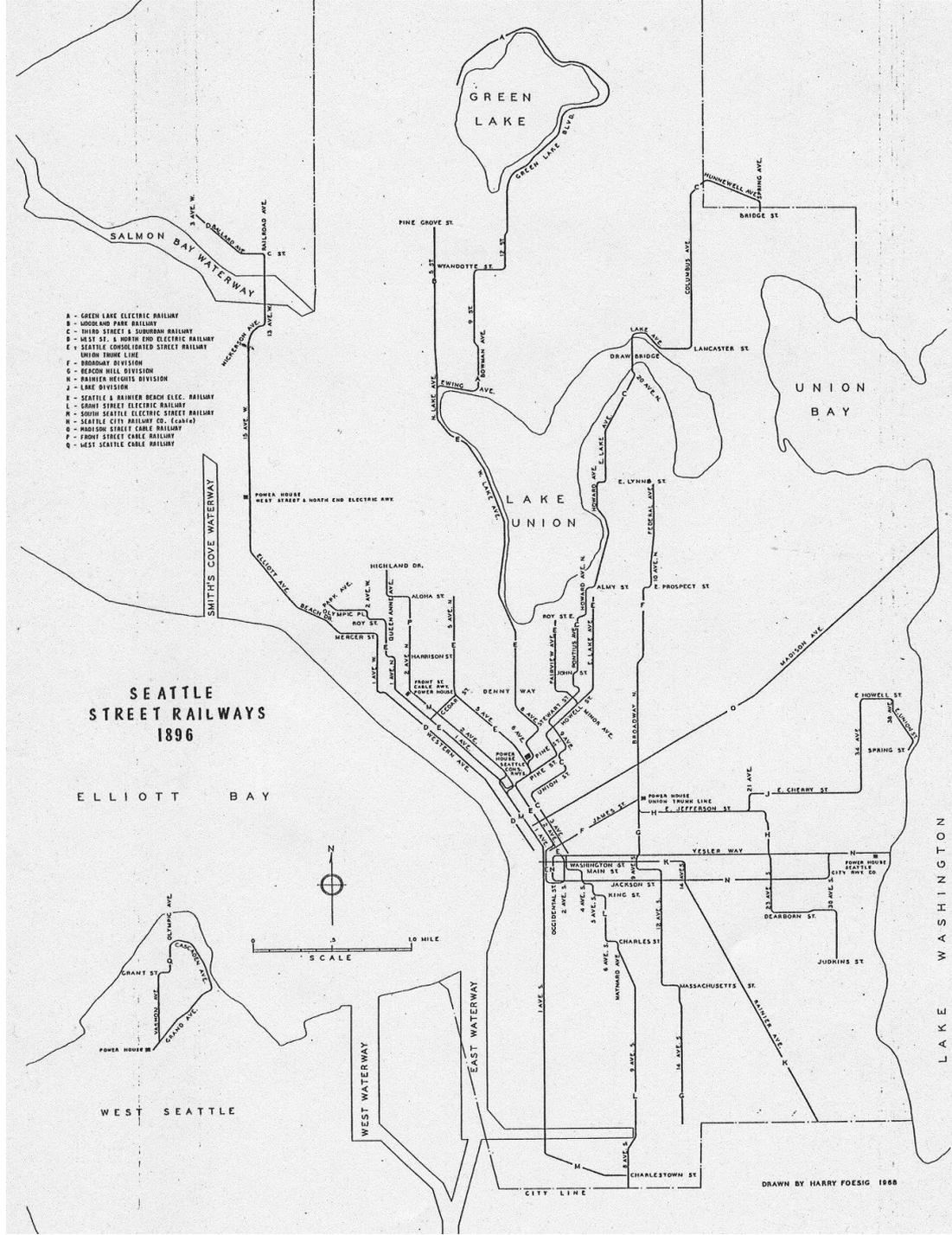
NUMBER OF COLLISIONS ON NE 75TH STREET BETWEEN 15TH AVENUE NE AND 35TH AVENUE NE			
Collision Type	Before Early Improvements 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2012 (3 yrs)*	After Rechannelization 9/1/2013 – 8/31/2014	% Change Before and After Rechannelization
Total Collisions	61	11	-45% ↓
Right Angle	23	4	-48% ↓
Rear End	6	1	-50% ↓
Sideswipe	1	0	-100% ↓
Bicycle	1	0	-100% ↓
Pedestrians	2	0	-100% ↓
Right Turn	5	0	-100% ↓
Left Turn	23	6	-22% ↓

* Two pedestrian collisions were reported on 1/29/2013 and 3/25/2013 (4 pedestrians were involved).

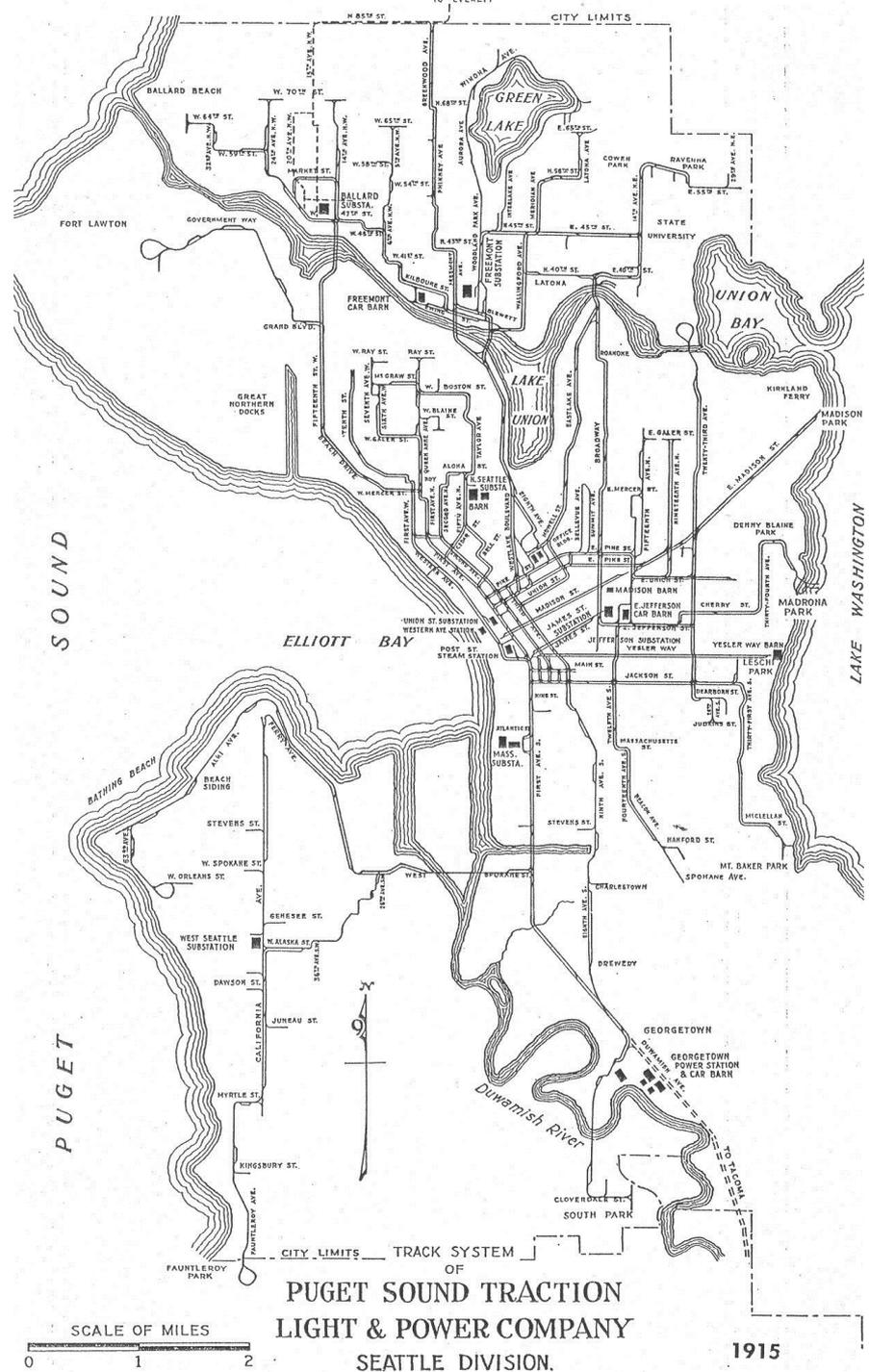


rewind

1896 streetcar network

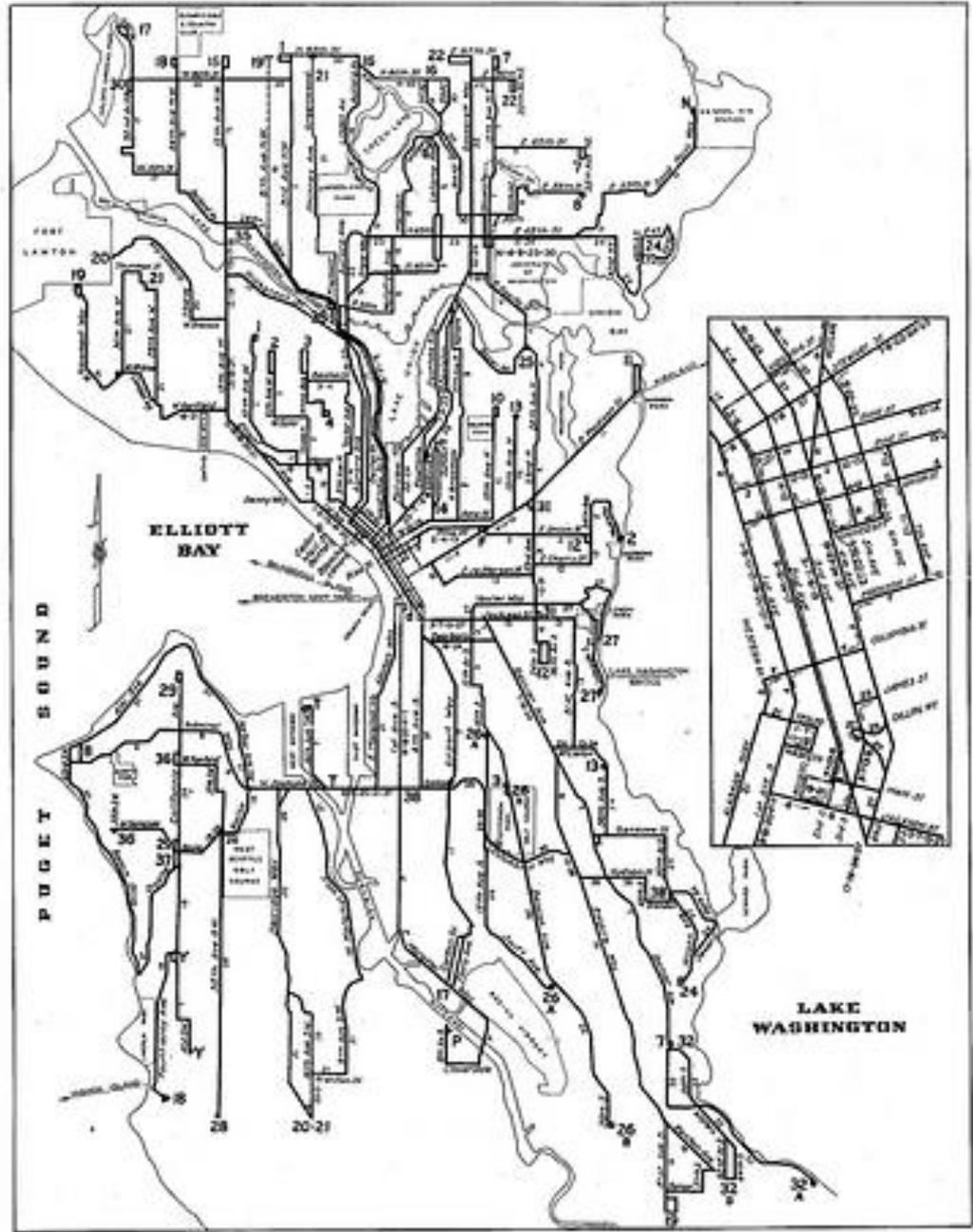


1915 streetcar network

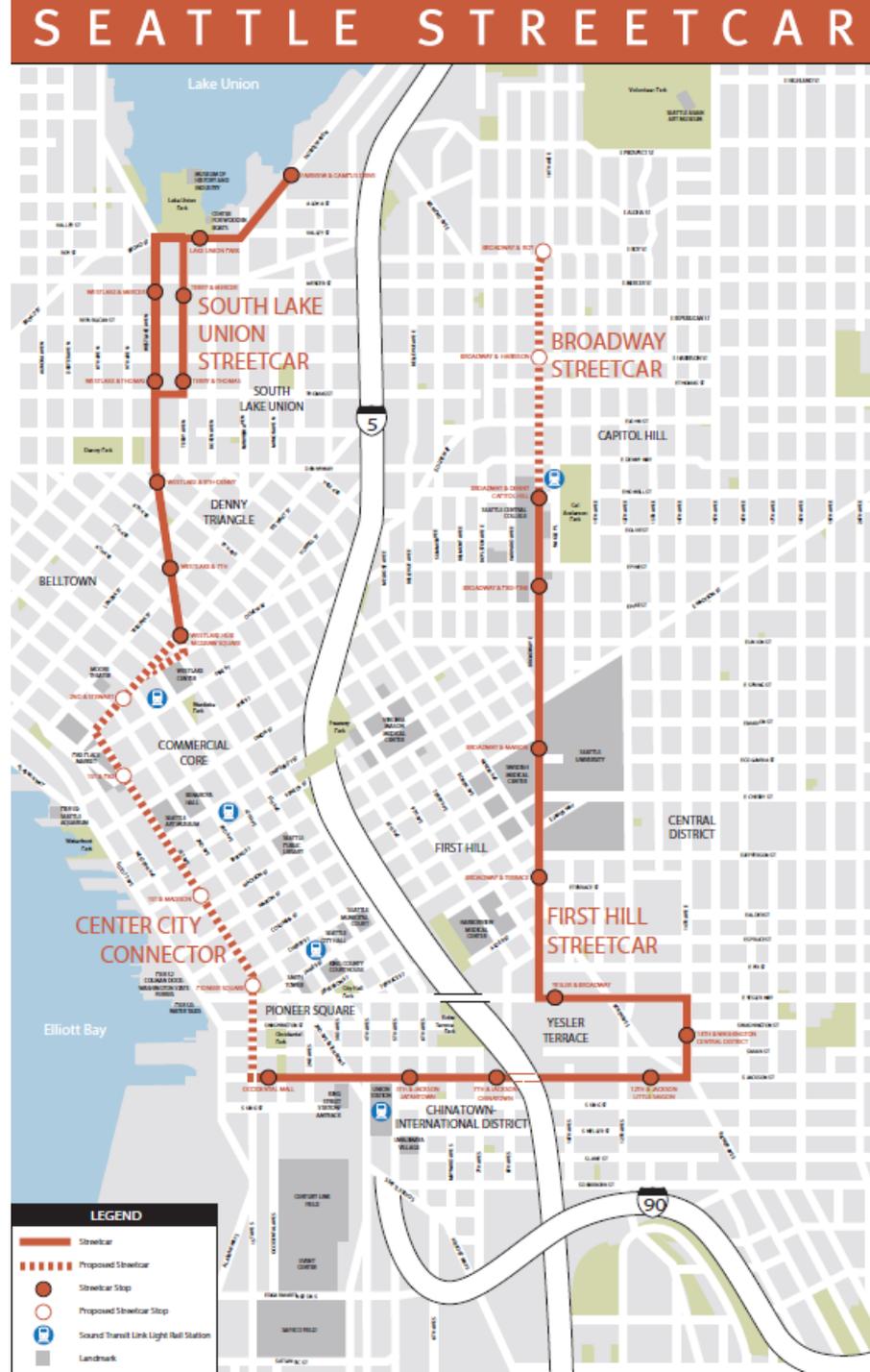


This map is correct as of January 26, 1941, but subject to change without notice as additional street cars are replaced.
For further information call MAIN 6000, Local 264, or call at 325 County-City Building.

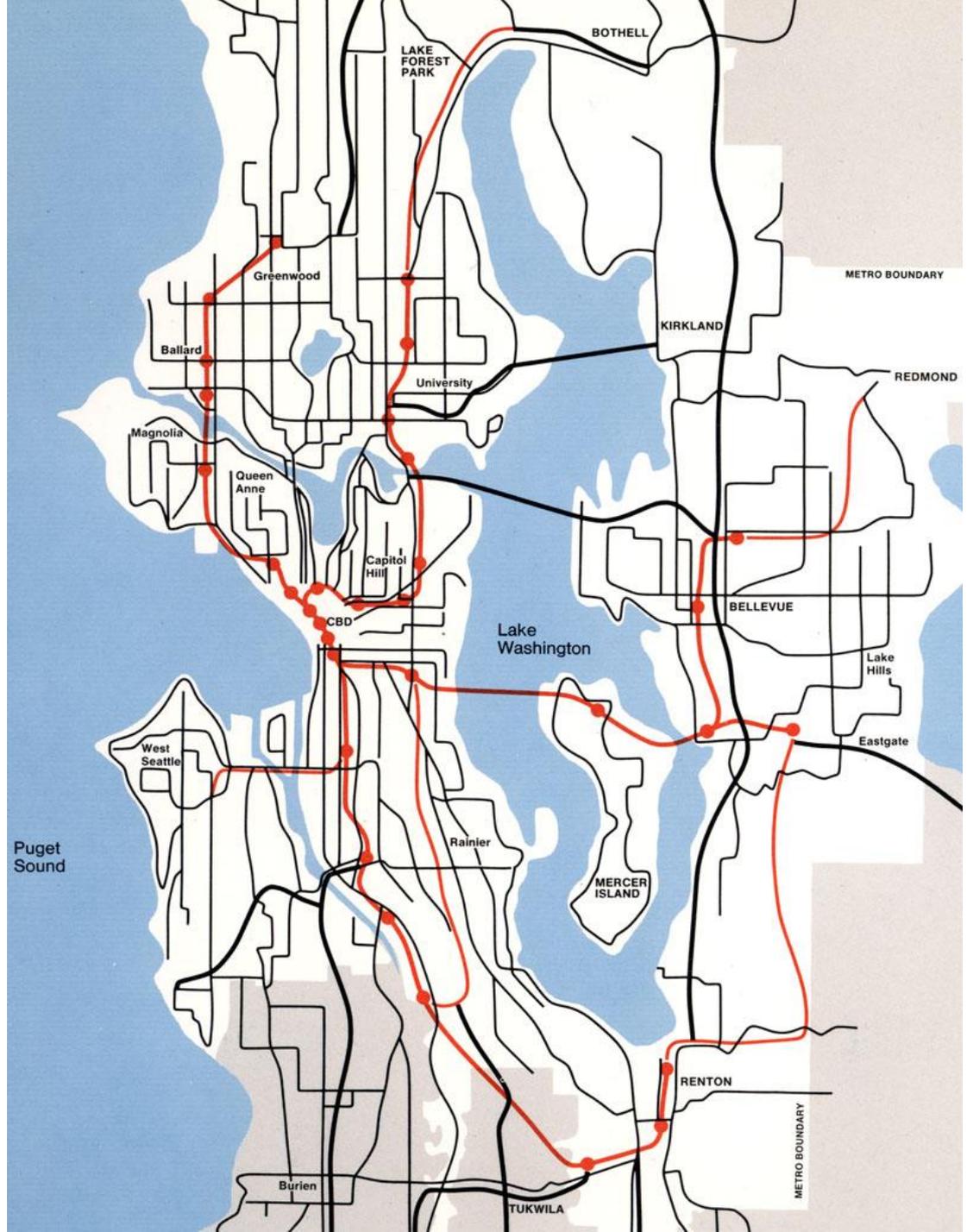
1941 streetcar network



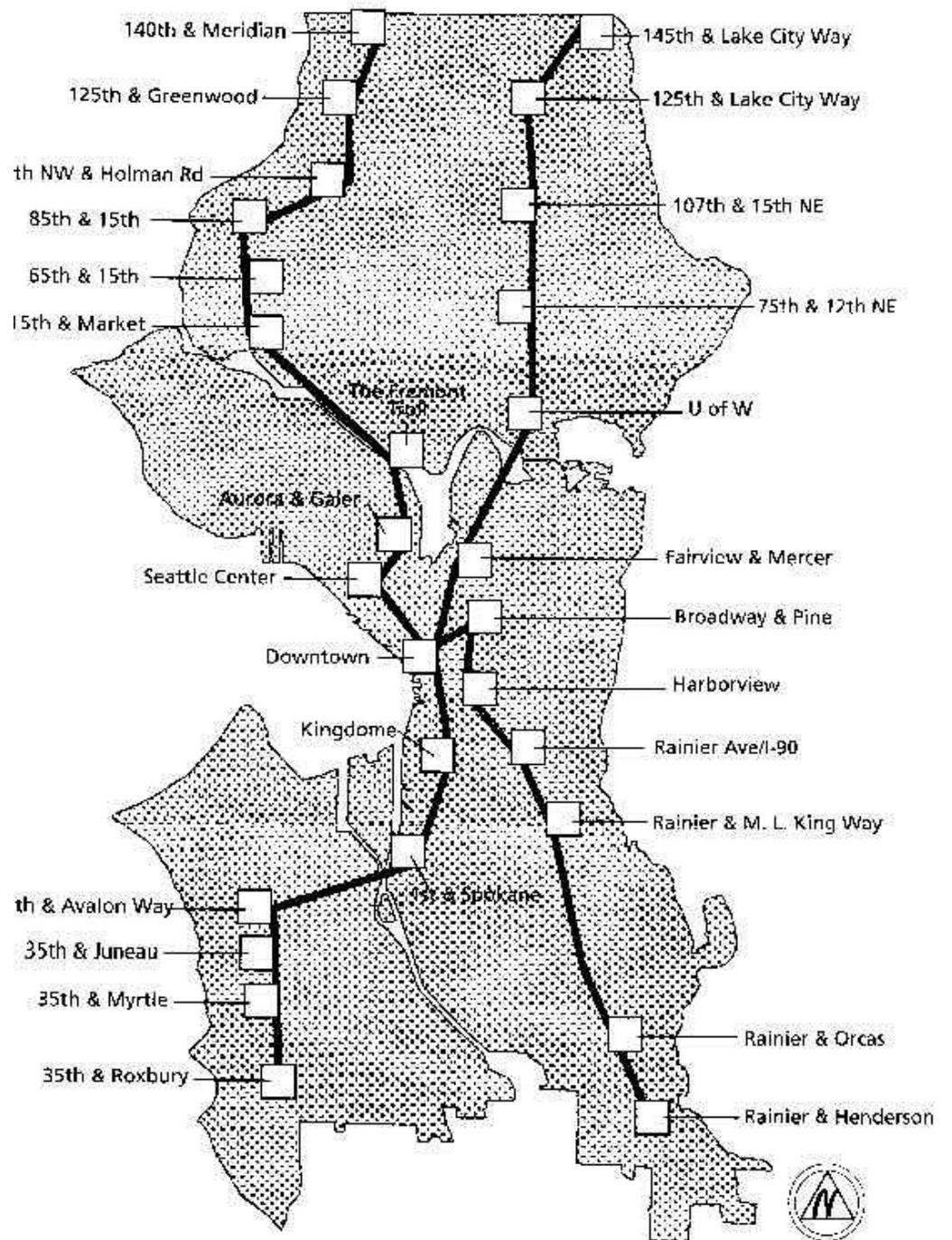
Today's streetcar network (and planned expansion)



1967 Forward Thrust



Monorail initiative



Sound Move and ST2

REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN

SOUND MOVE & SOUND TRANSIT 2 PROJECTS / SERVICES

MAP KEY

Link Light Rail

- Central Link (In Service July 2009)
- Tacoma Link
- Under Construction (Opens 2016)
- Future Service

Sounder Commuter Rail

- Everett–Seattle Sounder
- Tacoma–Seattle Sounder
- Under Construction (Opens 2012)

ST Express Regional Bus

- Express Bus Service
- Future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Supporting Investments

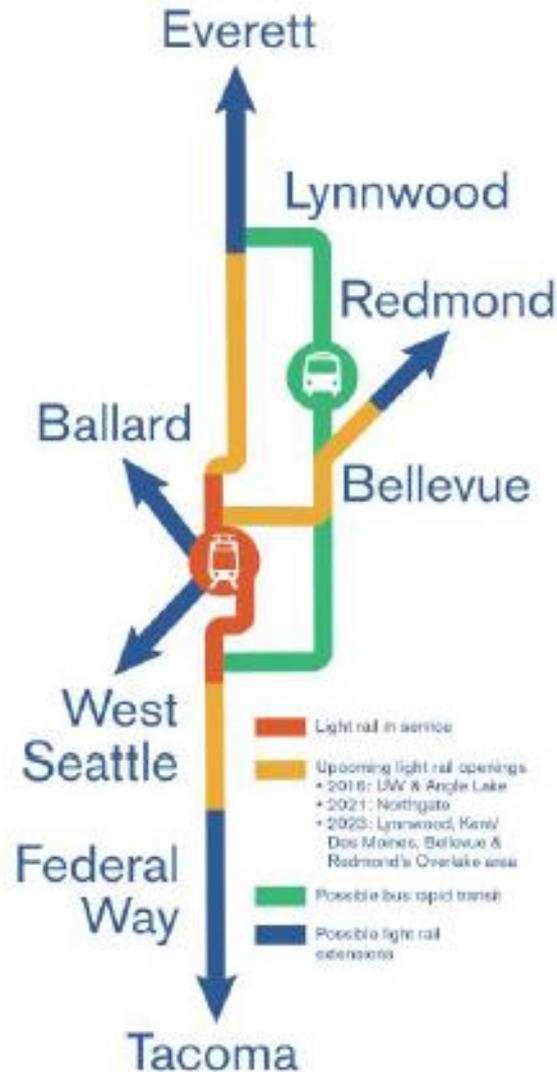
- Park & Ride – Rail Station or Bus Facility
- Future Park & Ride
- Rail Station, Transit Center or Bus Stop Improvements
- Future Transit Improvements
- HOV Direct Access Ramp, Freeway Station or Overpass
- Freeway Station Under Construction or Future HOV Direct Access Ramp
- HOV/Transit Improvements
- Future First Hill Link Connector
- Future Regional Rail Partnership Contribution

Sound Transit 2 at a glance

- Adds approximately 36 miles of new light rail, with at least 19 new stations
- Adds 4 round trip Sounder commuter rail trains between Lakewood and Seattle
- Improves Sounder stations along the entire line – north and south
- Adds 17% more ST Express regional bus service
- Adds a new streetcar connector line in Seattle



WHERE WILL SOUND TRANSIT TAKE YOU TOMORROW?



RELIEF FROM GRIDLOCK

Which mass transit projects should be studied as candidates for a public vote as soon as November 2016? Projects being considered so far include but are not limited to extending Link light rail to Everett, Tacoma, Redmond, Ballard and West Seattle, as well as adding bus rapid transit along I-405 and other rail and bus improvements. In the future, light rail stations can serve as transit hubs where local buses seamlessly connect riders from across the region to congestion-free service.



KEEPING OUR GROWING REGION MOVING

Between 2010 and 2014 congestion delays on I-5 nearly doubled, and the region's population is growing. Within 25 years 74% more people are expected to call Everett home. Tacoma's population is expected to grow by 60%, Bellevue's by 33% and Seattle's by 28%. How will we get around our region with nearly a million new neighbors?

Mass transit offers major relief for our most congested corridors, helping riders and drivers alike. A light rail line can move up to 12,000 people per hour in each direction, compared to 700 cars per hour in a congested freeway lane.

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council



Seattle today is facing the challenges that come with being one of the fastest-growing major cities in the country.

We are ready to meet
these challenges
head on as we
progress towards the
Seattle of tomorrow.

Thank you!

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