

MEET SEATTLE: Breaking Down Barriers

In Seattle, we're breaking down physical barriers between neighborhoods, and we're breaking down cultural and social barriers by working through a lens of transportation equity. We're designing places for people.

TODAY:

Seattle Squeeze

The Alaskan Way Viaduct – a barrier between Downtown and Seattle's Waterfront – is being removed this year. This is just one of several projects changing how we travel to and through downtown, creating the "Seattle Squeeze".

We keep people and goods moving safely by monitoring our transportation system, investing in transit, reducing drive-alone trips downtown, managing the public right of way, and coordinating regional communications.

TOMORROW:

Transforming Seattle's Waterfront

With the Viaduct gone, we're rebuilding Seattle's central waterfront. We're creating a park promenade along the water, constructing a new surface street, and improving connections between downtown Seattle and the waterfront.

BEYOND:

Creating a Lid Over I-5

Interstate 5 creates a barrier right through the heart of Seattle's Greater Downtown. To knit that divide, we are exploring the feasibility of building a new lid, or series of lids, across the interstate in the core of Seattle's downtown. The study will investigate solutions that would reconnect neighborhoods that have been divided for over 50 years.



Our vision: Seattle is a thriving, equitable community powered by dependable transportation.

Our mission: to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Values: equity, safety, mobility, sustainability, livability, excellence.

Equity is the heart of what we do, guiding us to design people-centered places that break down barriers.

Our Transportation Equity Program provides safe, environmentally sustainable, accessible, and affordable transportation options to help communities thrive and to mitigate racial disparities and the effects of displacement.