



DOWNTOWN SEATTLE TRANSIT COORDINATION

PRESENTATION TO EXPERT REVIEW PANEL

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OVERVIEW

- Transformation in downtown Seattle
- Five agency coordination for seamless service
- Fully integrated team solutions
- Schedule to meet critical milestones



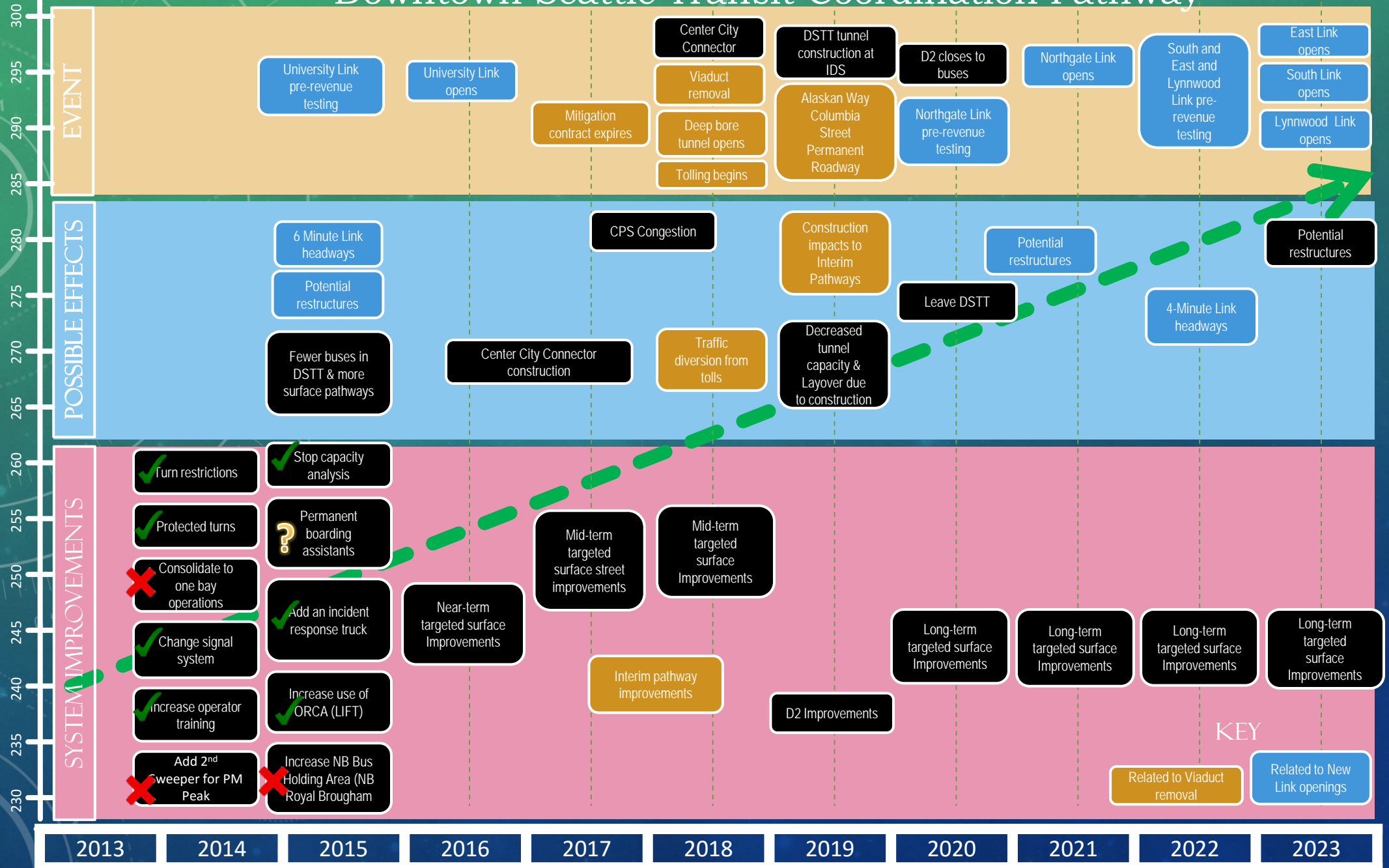
CHALLENGES FOR A DECADE OF CHANGE IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE 2013-2023

- Keep and grow transit riders
- Service restructuring with rail extensions
- Infrastructure Construction
- Development Construction
- Reduce reliance on SOVs
- Enhance connection to pedestrian and bicycles



Downtown Seattle Transit Coordination Pathway

ANNUAL TRANSIT RIDERSHIP DOWNTOWN SEATTLE
(IN THOUSANDS)



VISION

Over the next ten years and beyond, Seattle residents, regional commuters, and visitors choose transit as the most convenient and reliable way to access downtown Seattle.

GOALS

- Ensure transit can be **efficiently operated** to provide **reliable access** to and circulation within downtown Seattle **during the next ten years** of construction activities **and for decades to come**.
- Make **coordinated decisions** in a timely manner to deliver maximum value for the traveling public, taxpayers, businesses, and the environment.
- Promote **interagency collaboration as a model for success**; providing seamless and efficient transit service in downtown Seattle and an efficient transportation network.
- Develop and **ensure a common, shared long term transit vision** among the agencies.
- Ensure effective **stakeholder involvement**.

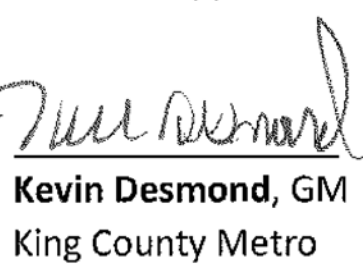
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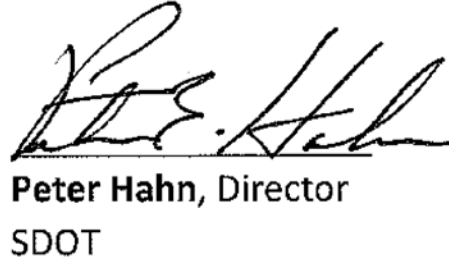
- **Improve communication and collaboration** amongst transportation agencies to **facilitate decision-making at the lowest level**
- Monitor and track performance
- **Reduce** construction-induced **transit delay** and establish **coordination** to **support** transit operations and **maximize** efficiency for downtown Seattle streets.

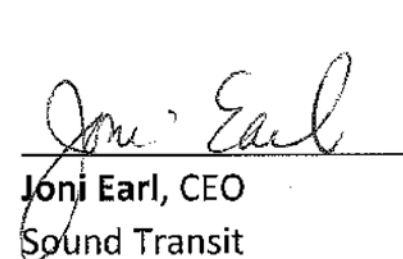
WITH COMMITMENT AND COORDINATION

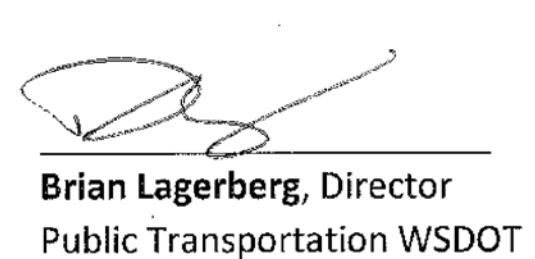
In signing this Charter, we commit to support this effort with technical resources, staff participation and leadership.


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- Other Efforts

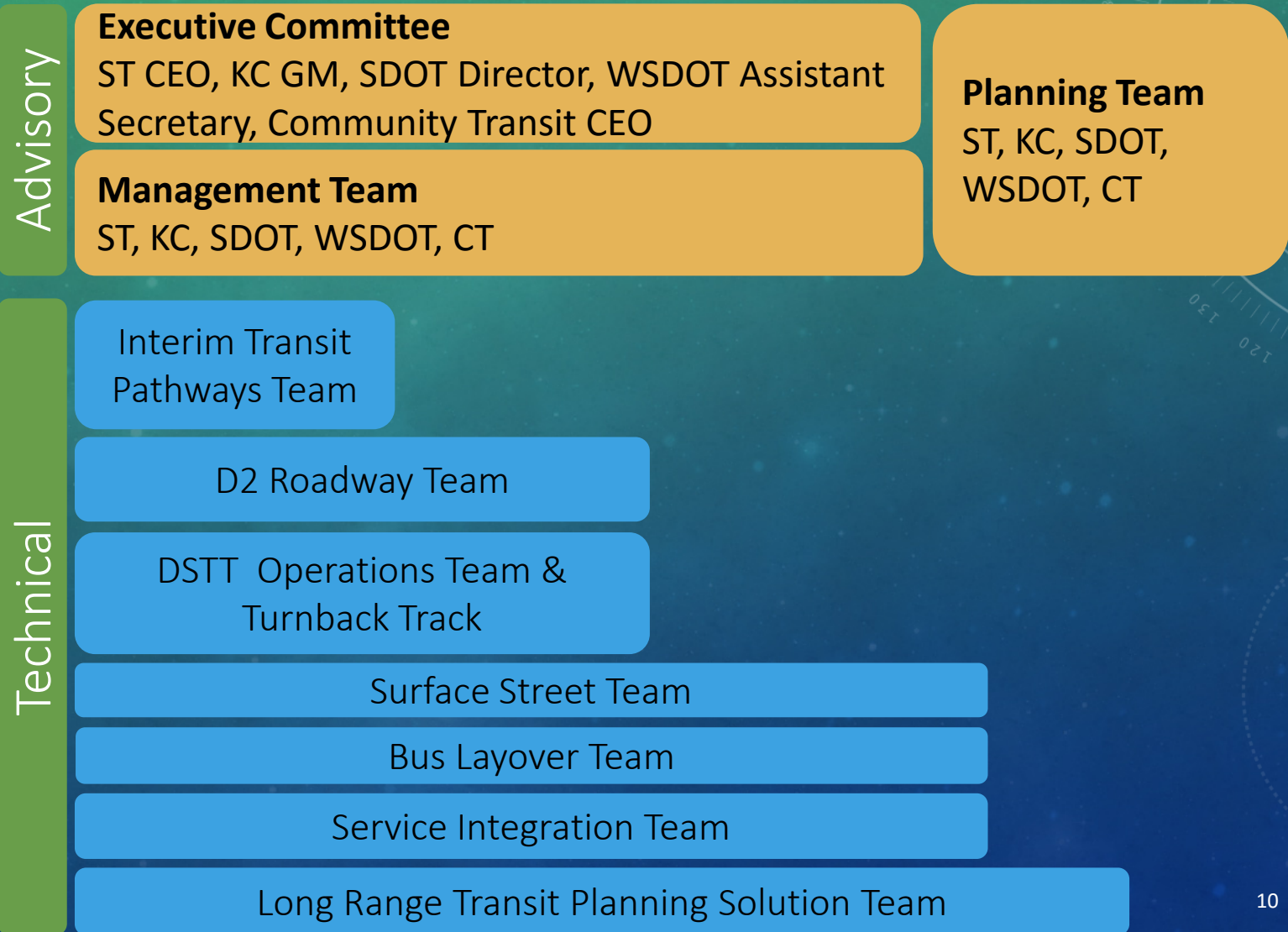
- Access Seattle
- KC Metro Long-range Plan
- Sound Transit's ST 3
- ST/KCM Integration



BROAD SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

- **Over 200,000** people work in downtown and almost **60,000** live in Downtown Seattle
- **66% *don't*** drive alone to work. Transit accounts for **43%** of trips to downtown
- **5** agencies (CT/METRO/SDOT/ST/WSDOT) with **5** committed execs
- **8** solution-driven teams
- **15** managers providing practical guidance
- **81** technical staff involved
- **2** workshops
- **50** volunteers for **5** hours early on a Saturday morning studying the tunnel
- **1 cohesive team!**

ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK



Key Milestones –

2016: Light Rail to UW
2017: SR 99 Tunnel Construction
2019: Transit Construction East Link
2021: Light Rail to Northgate
2023: Light Rail to Redmond
2023: Light Rail to Federal Way

Key milestones identified for the technical team's recommendations and implementation



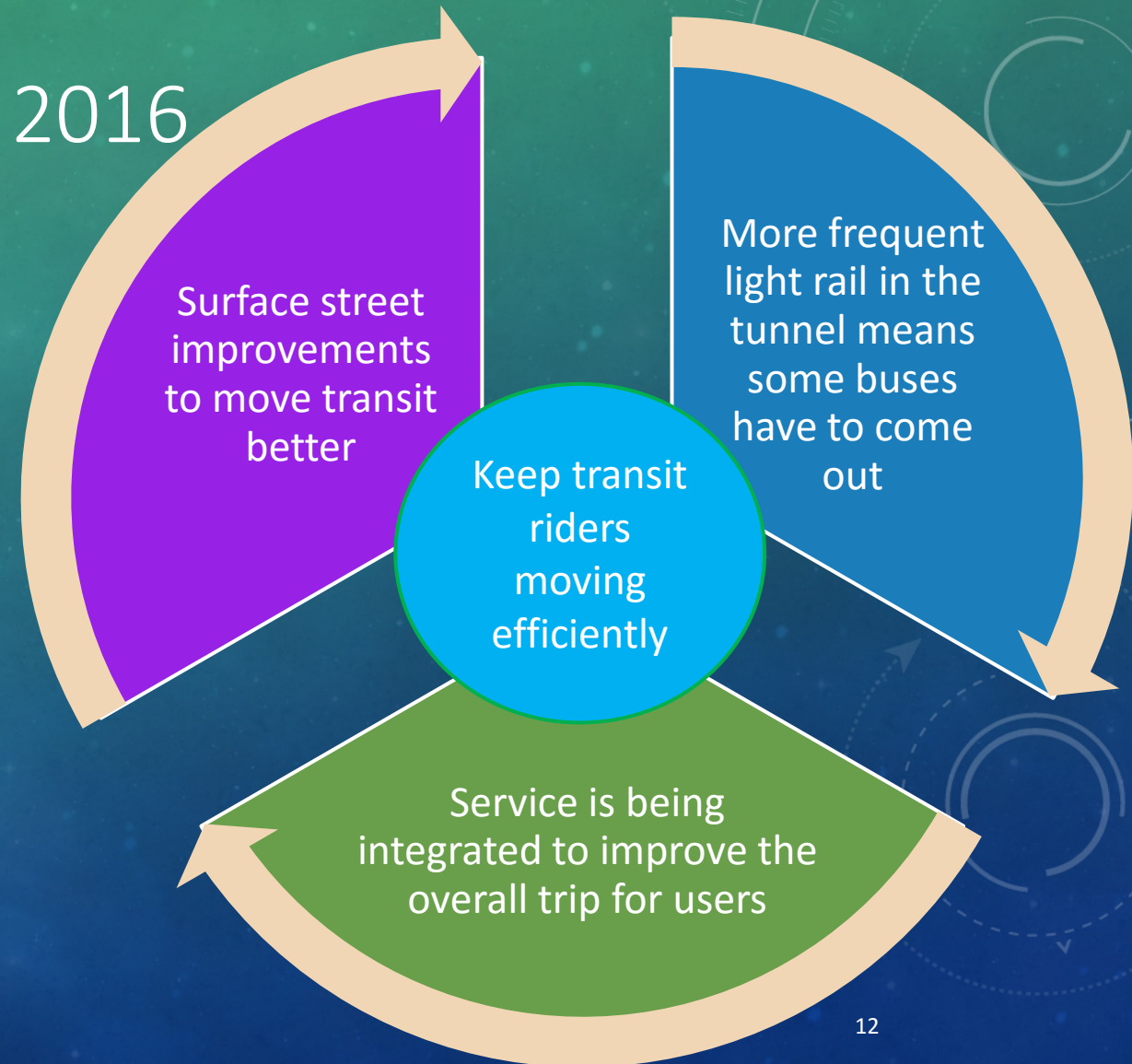
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

- Collaborative solutions
- Distribute costs
- All agencies contribute
- Deep analysis and data collection
- Using broad resources of our partners



SOLUTIONS SHAPING UP FOR 2016

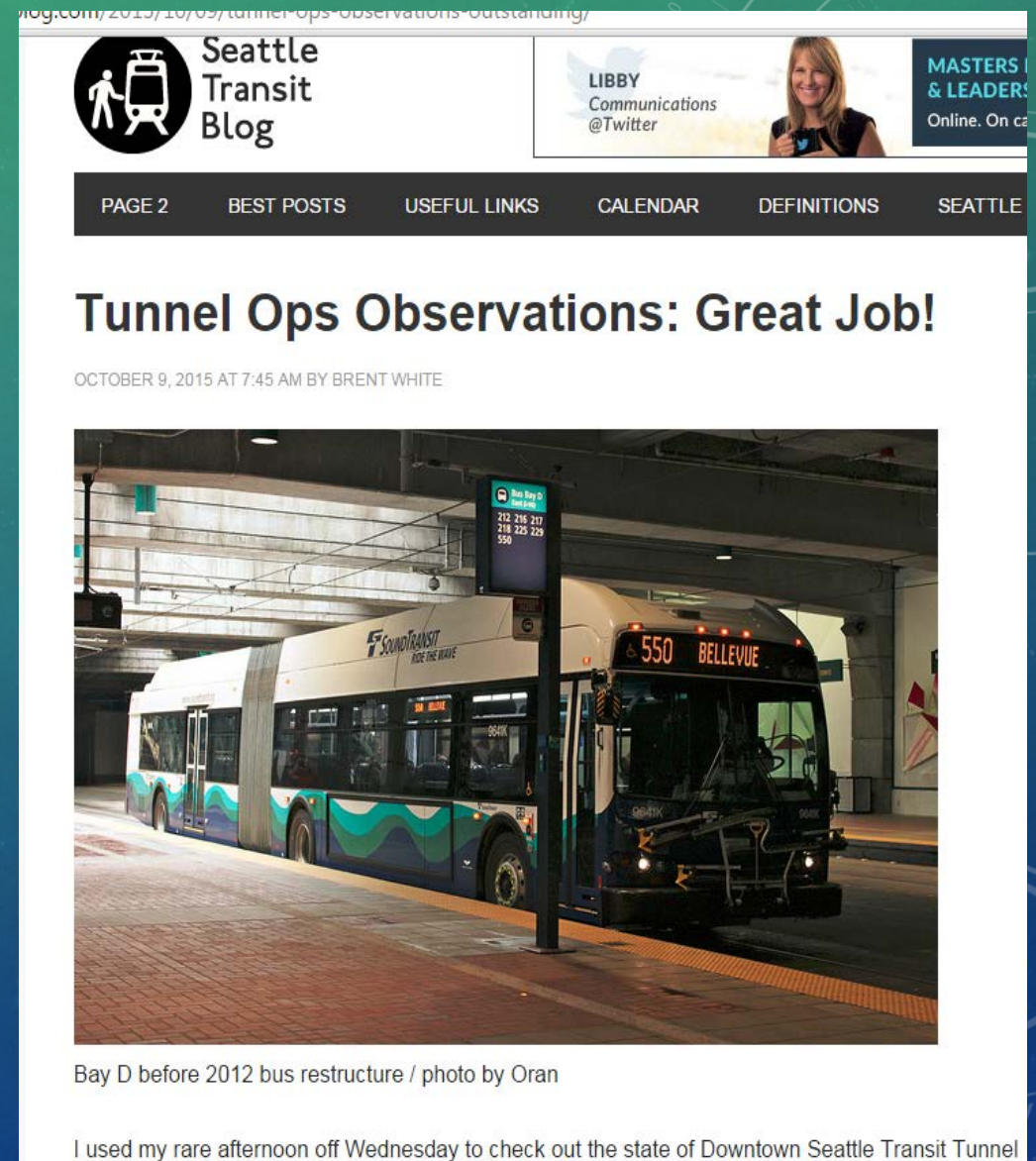
- Balancing transportation system needs
- Broad ideas for mitigation
- Collaborative evaluation
- Low-cost, high-return for 2016
- Broader ideas for 2019, 2021 and 2023
- Longer term policy ideas



RESULTS

JOINT OPERATIONS FOR U-LINK

- Identified an agreed upon number of buses (reduction in peak Tunnel Buses) moved to surface pathways
 - Service integration and surface pathways
 - Surface Street to enhance transit speed and reliability
 - Tunnel Operations investments
- Balance the needs of transit passengers for buses coming out of the tunnel with current congestion on surface streets for buses
- Monitor Performance
 - Transit Passenger Speeds
 - Travel Time Range (Reliability)
 - General purpose vehicle Speeds
 - Passengers



NEXT STEPS

- Action Plans for 2016/2017
 - Fund, design, plan, and implement solutions
 - Monitor transit operations
- Continue Analysis for 2019, 2021 and 2023

QUESTIONS?

