

What's in the Transportation Master Plan?

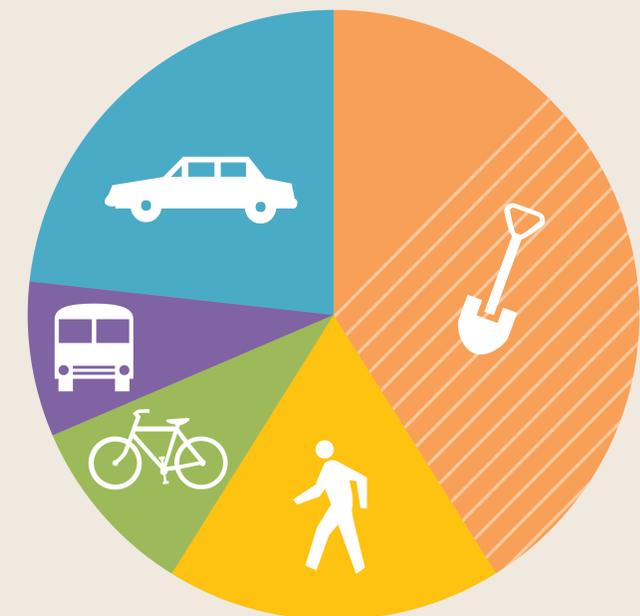


		Today's Challenge	Proposed Plan Concept
	Safety	How can we make it safer for everyone to travel in Kirkland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a safety program that starts with a goal of zero fatalities/serious injuries, modeled on what's worked well in other cities.
	Maintenance	Fixing everything would use up all the money we have.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasize maintaining traffic signals and pavement markings. Make sure that street surfaces are maintained to a high standard.
	Walking	Too many neighborhoods don't have adequate sidewalks or crosswalks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve crosswalks where the safety risk to pedestrians is greatest. Prioritize new sidewalks on routes to schools, and provide connections to parks, shopping and transit.
	Biking	Not everyone will travel by bike. Rain and hills can be a deterrent for many.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create more places where people feel comfortable riding a bike. Make bicycling a viable option for many trips – especially short trips.
	Transit	Kirkland doesn't control bus service, and buses sometimes get stuck in traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an environment where transit can thrive through mixed use development and transit-friendly streets. Connect Totem Lake to the regional transit system. Make transit stops feel more safe, secure, and comfortable.
	Cars	Congestion is already a problem and more development may worsen the backups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize that there will be congestion during peak commute periods. Make road improvements that improve traffic flow, but that are in line with our overall vision for Kirkland. Make it easier to monitor and improve signal timing.

Investing in the system

The Plan identifies potential transportation investments that reflect the overall transportation goals. The chart below outlines potential investment levels for the next 20 years.

- Maintenance - 41%
- Cars - 23%
- Walking - 18%
- Biking - 10%
- Transit - 8%



■ 78% of maintenance funding is from a City levy and is specifically dedicated to pavement maintenance



1 We can't prevent growth. People want to live and work in Kirkland. The Plan anticipates Kirkland adding 8,400 households and 22,400 jobs over the next 20 years.

3 We have approximately **\$250 million** to spend over the next 20 years, but a lot of competing needs, including:



Over \$140 million for sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian safety



Over \$100 million for bike lanes, trails, and freeway overpasses



Up to \$200 million for added transit service, improving streets for buses, and adding other innovative services to support mobility

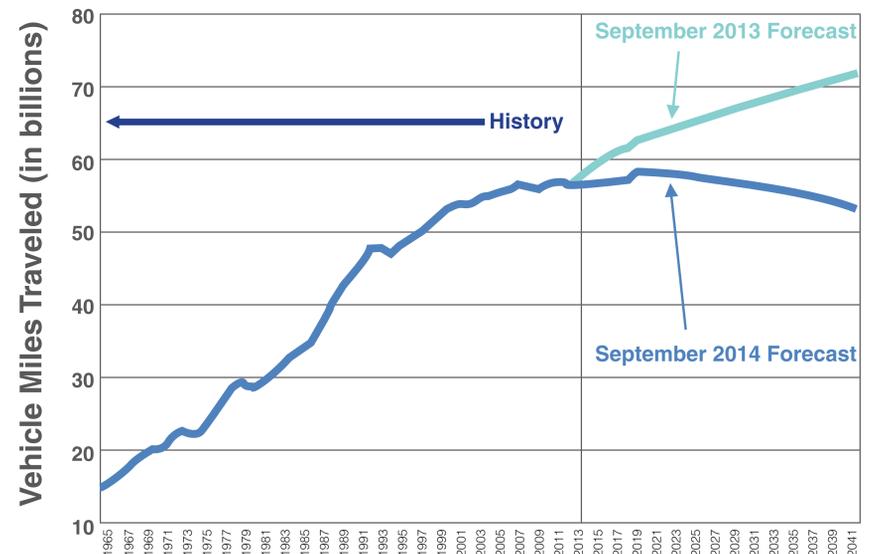


Over \$500 million to build to congestion-free streets system

4 Over half of household trips in Kirkland are short (less than 2 miles).

2 Young people are driving less.

State Forecasts Declining Vehicle Travel



Courtesy of Washington State Revenue Forecast Council

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October 14, 2014



Motor Trend Magazine
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Why young people are driving less
August 2012

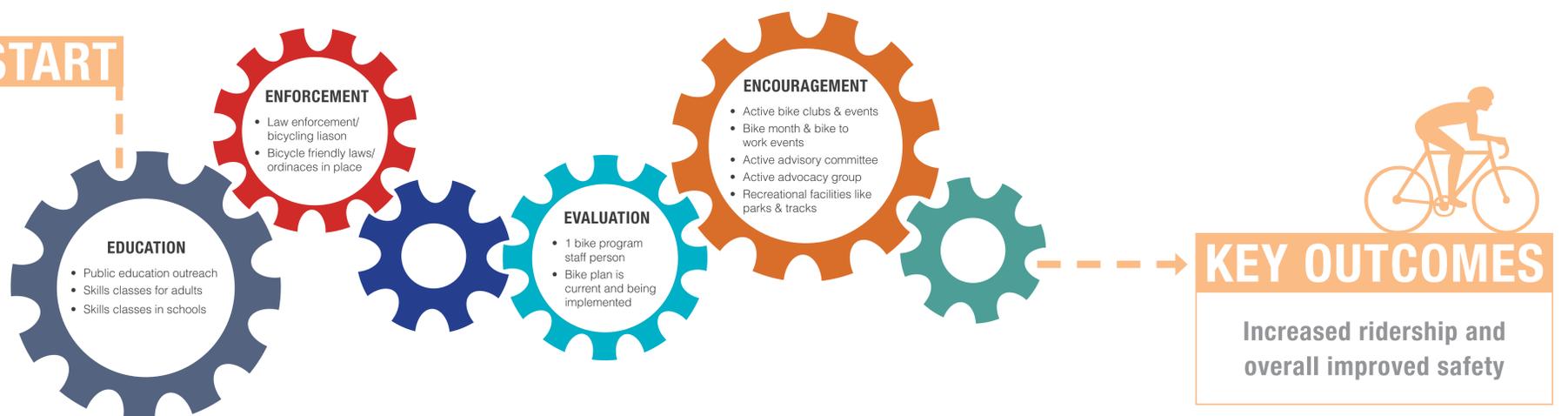


USA TODAY
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Young people driving less, embrace other transportation
October 1, 2013

5 There is no magic formula for creating bike-friendly communities – it's a lot of moving pieces.

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Courtesy of The League of American Bicyclists