



# Application FAQs

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is convening a **Transportation Funding Task Force** to evaluate and recommend strategies to maintain and improve Seattle's transportation infrastructure, with particular focus on bridges, pavement condition, and sidewalks. **Applications are due Sunday, May 31 at 11:59 PM.**

The City of Seattle will host virtual Q&A sessions on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 13 at 6 PM
- Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 10 AM
- Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10 AM

Join a Q&A Session here: <https://bit.ly/4d6g030>

## What is the Transportation Funding Task Force?

The Transportation Funding Task Force is a group convened by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to evaluate and recommend strategies for maintaining and improving Seattle's transportation infrastructure. This includes bridges, pavement, sidewalks, and long-term funding approaches.

Task Force members will review information, discuss policy options, and develop recommendations to be shared with the Mayor and City Council.

The enabling legislation can be [found here](#).

## What will I be doing as a Task Force member?

Task Force members will:

- Review materials on transportation infrastructure, funding, and policy
- Participate in monthly meetings and discussions
- Consider trade-offs between different priorities and investments
- Share perspectives based on lived experience, professional background, or community knowledge
- Contribute to the development of recommendations for the City

You do not need to be a technical or a public finance expert. The goal is to bring together a range of perspectives to inform thoughtful, balanced recommendations.

## How much time does participation require?

Task Force members can expect to spend approximately:

- **(1) onboarding session prior to Task Force begins, as well as foundational pre-work to review as part of onboarding materials (3-5 hours)**
- **(1) in-person meeting per month (2-3 hours, plus travel time)**
- **(3) to (6) hours total per month, including:**
  - reviewing materials in advance
  - participating in meetings
  - occasional optional working groups or follow-up

There may be additional occasional activities, such as site tours or small group discussions.

## What is the application process?

Those interested in serving on the Task Force will need to [fill out an application here](#). SDOT will review all applications and then invite the top ranked candidates to participate in a 30-minute interview. Final approval for those invited to serve on the Task Force will be through a City Council resolution process, where the City Council votes on proposed Task Force members. After the City Council approves the resolution, the Task Force is officially ready to start.

## What types of references should I provide?

We are looking for personal and professional references who can speak to your ability to serve on the Task Force. This means people who have worked with you before in a professional or volunteer setting and who can speak to your skills, qualities, and character.

Note: Those representing an organization will also need to provide a letter of support. The letter of support is only required for applicants who would serve as the official representative of their organization.

## Will meetings be in person or virtual?

Meetings will prioritize **in-person attendance**, with **potential virtual options** for accessibility.

- In-person participation will be encouraged for meetings to support relationship-building and discussion
- Virtual participation options will be available when needed to reduce barriers to participation

SDOT will provide clear guidance in advance of each meeting.

## Can multiple people represent an organization on the Task Force?

No, only one person can be designated as an official representative for an organization. Designated representatives will need to provide a letter of support from their organization that states they are eligible to participate on their behalf.

## Will I be compensated for my time?

Compensation of \$75/hour may be available Individual members able to demonstrate financial hardship. Financial hardship is [defined as qualifying for Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities discount program](#). Additional support, such as childcare assistance, may also be available.

For “Organizational Representative” Task Force members, stipends may be available for organizations with annual budgets of \$5M or less a year. Stipends shall be paid directly to the organization.

Proof of financial hardship is not required. Those who request stipends shall sign an affidavit and will be required to submit regular invoices, along with any required forms for payment (such as a W-9).

## What do I need to provide to receive compensation?

To receive compensation, selected members will need to complete standard City onboarding requirements, an affidavit of financial need, and submit an invoice on a regular basis. This may include:

- Identity verification documentation (such as an I-9 form)
- Any required City vendor or payment forms (such as a W-9 and invoice)
- Affidavit of Financial Need

SDOT staff will provide guidance and support to complete this process.

## Do I need a specific background or expertise to apply?

No single background is required.

SDOT is seeking a mix of:

- Professional experience (such as municipal funding and finance, transportation capital project delivery, operations and maintenance, asset management, and/or policy)
- Community-based knowledge and lived experience in neighborhoods with transportation infrastructure barriers
- Perspectives from people who use and are impacted by Seattle’s transportation system

If you have experience navigating transportation challenges or working on related issues, you are encouraged to apply. SDOT will also provide ongoing technical briefings, one-on-one meetings, and pre-work to Task Force members.

## Am I representing myself or an organization?

Task Force members are expected to **bring their perspectives and experiences to the discussion**, which may include connections to a community, organization, or sector. Some members may be participating on behalf of a specific organization as their formal representative or advocate. Others may be participating as an individual and representing their own beliefs and experiences.

Regardless, all members should:

- Contribute their perspective in good faith
- Engage with other viewpoints
- Support collaborative problem solving

The goal is to create a balanced discussion that reflects a range of experiences and insights.

## **Do I need to be affiliated with an organization to apply?**

No. Applicants may apply as individuals.

However, applicants are encouraged to share any affiliations, community connections, or professional roles that inform their perspective.

Applicants formally representing an organization will be asked to provide a letter of support.

How are members selected?

Applications will be reviewed using a structured evaluation process that considers:

- Experience and expertise
- Perspectives and representation
- Ability to collaborate and engage in group discussions
- Understanding of transportation challenges
- Availability and commitment

Final selection will also consider overall Task Force composition to ensure a balance of perspectives, expertise, lived experience, and skills.

## **What happens after I apply?**

Selected applicants may be invited to participate in a follow-up step, such as a brief interview or additional review.

Final members will be recommended for appointment and confirmed through the City's resolution process.

## **How long will the Task Force last?**

The Task Force is expected to meet from August 2026 through December 2027, at which time the Task Force final recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.

Members should be prepared for sustained participation during this time on a monthly basis.

## **Additional Questions?**

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