

# Addressing Homelessness

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*Status report of the Mayor's interim action plan to address homelessness and create new and safe alternatives.*



# Summary

**Navigation Team has had 1,321 total outreach contacts with persons 499 living homeless**

- **Provided 160 referrals to other living arrangements**

**Inter-agency and inter-jurisdictional effort to make safer alternatives for unsheltered people to live**

- **100 people living in 3 additional encampments**
- **Daily, real-time shelter and encampment space vacancies to outreach workers**

**Multi-agency task force providing trash and debris**

- **More than 2,050 tons of trash and debris removed (more than 4 million pounds)**



# Addressing Homelessness

**Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available**

**Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

**Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments**

**Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

**Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to increase access to housing**

**Mission 6: Engage the public and mobilize community response**

**Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

**Mission 8: Employee training and communication**

**Mission 9: Communications**



# Creating Safe Alternatives

## Compass at First Presbyterian Shelter

- First Presbyterian Church (1013 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.)
- Outreach plan -- includes neighborhood notification and a community meeting on May 22 at 6:30 pm at the church
- Project should open in July 2017

## Operation Nightwatch

- The new temporary overnight shelter location on Boat Street is being prepared
- Start date of May 10 and end date of August 31.



# Navigation Center

- Construction Updates to facility underway with construction complete this month
- HSD selected DESC and Operation Sack Lunch as operators
- DESC will need time after construction is complete to train staff and set up facility
- City and DESC working on budgets, staffing, referral protocols into the Center
- Developing Navigation Center assessment and referrals for clients into additional services and housing options
- HSD and DON are meeting with community members



# New Managed Encampments

- Georgetown (1000 S. Myrtle Street) –March 15  
Total Capacity: 70 people  
Residents Now: 42
- Licton Springs Village (8620 Nesbit Ave N) –April 5  
Total Capacity: 70 people  
Residents Now: 22
- Myers Way (9701 Myers Way S.) – March 15  
Total capacity: 70 people  
Residents Now: 36
- Coordination with King County Public Health on Sanctioned Encampment Checklist and Guide



# Improved Outreach – Navigation Team

The Navigation Team = REACH and Specially-trained SPD Officers

**1,321 Total Outreach Contacts**  
**499 Unduplicated Contacts**

## City Crews offering to store belongings

- 253 bins
- 21 bikes
- 6 large suitcases
- 27 large items (e.g., BBQs)
- 3 retrievals of personal belongings
- 3 deliveries of personal belongings (since April 3)



# Improved Outreach – Navigation Team

## Outreach:

499 total individuals contacted

342 accepted service of some sort (69%)

160 exited encampments to an alternate living arrangement (32%):

- 137 relocated to shelter/authorized encampment
  - 71 to Georgetown, Camp Second Chance or Licton Springs encampments

157 declined offers for any service (31%)





# Rainier/I-90



- Outreach began week of May 1
- Outreach Continues Week of May 8
- Outreach Continues Week of May 15
- Outreach continues Week of May 21
  
- Sanctioned Encampment Spaces and System beds being identified
  
- Cleanup of property begins Week of May 14
  
- Sound Transit is using area on Poplar/Dean to stage the work for the Link Lightrail project June 1



# Housing Resource Center

## Increase Access to Rental Housing

- Office of Housing in lead role, in partnership with HSD, King County, All Home, United Way
- Program Development
  - 2 planning workshops to gain feedback from property owners/managers
  - Business leadership engagement
- Interim program launch in June 2017 to take over from YWCA when Landlord Liaison Project contract ends; permanent program by January 2018



# Improved Trash & Debris Pick-up

- 2,050** tons of trash and debris have been collected since March 7
- 7,621** sharps collected from drop-boxes at 8 locations
- 3,402** sharps collected upon complaint

## Some of the sites where trash removal occurred:

- Wheeler & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Ballard Locks area
- Harborview Hill
- Areas adjacent to Jackson Golf Course
- Airport Way South and South Snoqualmie Street area
- Green Lake area
- Licton Springs Park
- 1st & Denver S.



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Airport Way South and South Snoqualmie Street area



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## Harborview Hill



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## Unsanctioned Encampment Locations with Scheduled Pick-up

Location	Service/Vendor/Updated Count
Under I-90 and Rainier Overpass	Belfor provides twice weekly bag and bulky item pick-up.
15 <sup>th</sup> and Leary at 4814 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW	Waste Management provides twice weekly dumpster service.
Ballard Locks at NW 54 <sup>th</sup> St	Waste Management provides weekly dumpster service.
Myers Way Area (3/4 mile at 9000 - 9900)	Cascadia provides weekly bag and bulky item pick-up. Additionally, the sanctioned camp on Myers Way receives Waste Management dumpster service managed by FAS & HSD.
Poplar Place and South Dean Street	Belfor provides weekly bag and bulky item pick-ups and collects garbage from community clean-ups at this location.



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## Recent On-call Pick-ups at Unsanctioned Encampment Locations

Location	Service Provided
Myers Way (9000-9900 Myers Way)	Weekly pick-ups by litter crews.
Ballard Locks at NW 54 <sup>th</sup> St	Regular on-site visits to clean-up litter scatter around dumpster.
Poplar and Dean St	Picked up bagged trash resulting from community clean-up two weeks in row.
I-90 Off-ramp Loop at Rainier Ave	Regularly pick-up bagged trash resulting from community organized clean-ups.



# Community Engagement

**Meeting on April 26 with Business Leaders**

**Established Community Advisory Committees for Licton Springs, Georgetown,  
Meyers Way**

- **Georgetown has had first meeting**

**Community engagement around I-90/Rainier encampment**

