

Public Space Management Update



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SDOT's mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

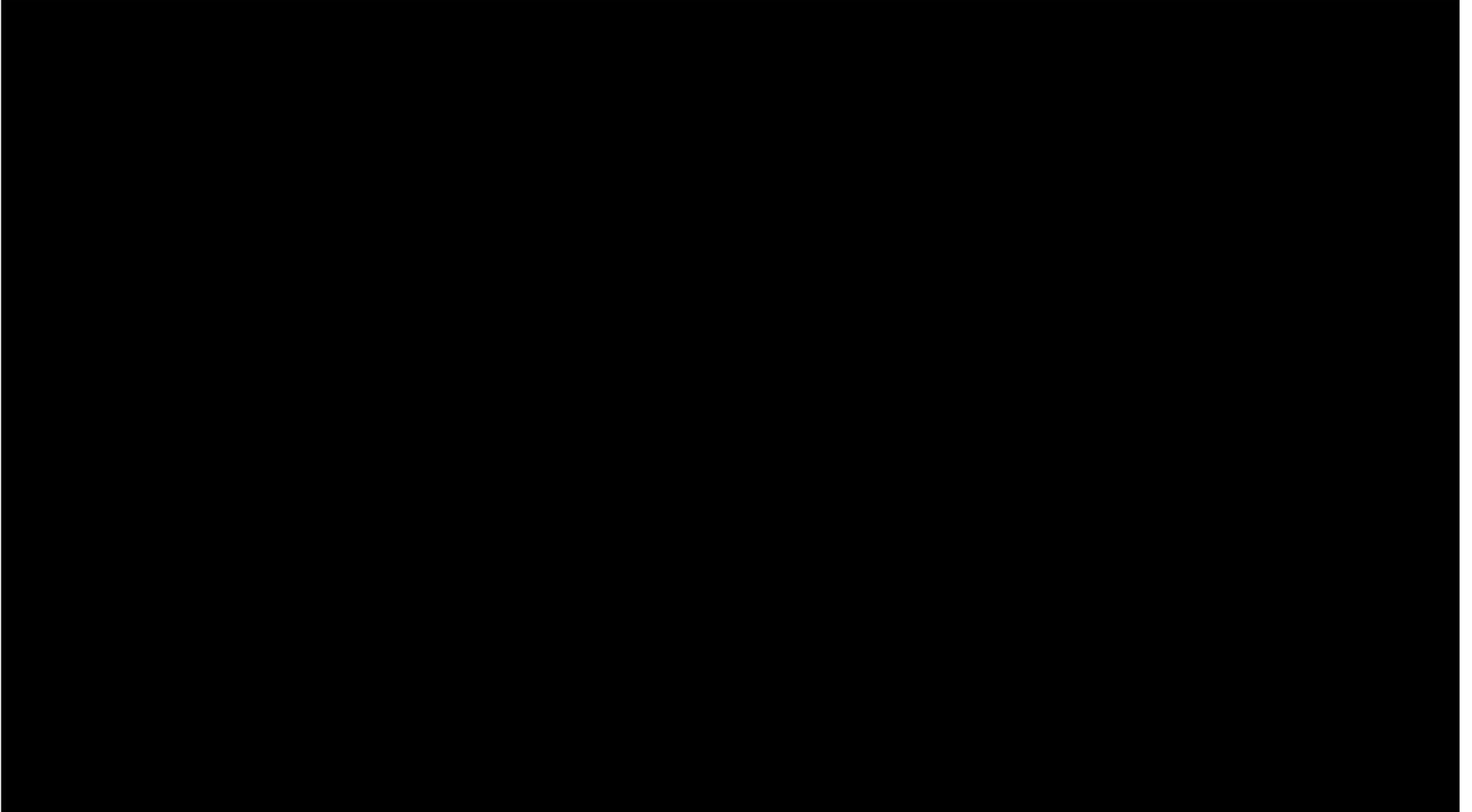
- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

The mission of the **Public Space Management Program** is to promote and regulate a vibrant, safe, accessible, and attractive shared right-of-way.

Presentation overview

- Play street video
- Public Space Management Program history
- Accomplishments
- 2015 Work Plan
- 2016 Work Plan
- Questions and discussion

Play Street sneak peek!



Public Space Management Program

2013:

- PSM Program launched with task force-prioritized work plan
- Presented prioritized work plan to full Council

Today:

- PSM consists of over 40 program areas
- Continuing to implement work plan

What we've accomplished so far

Took the Parklet Program out of pilot phase and into full implementation



Parklet at Molly Moon's in Wallingford



Parklet at Cortona Café in the Central District

Launched pilot Streatery Program



New streatery at Montana Bar in Capitol Hill

Launched pilot Play Streets Program, including high-quality videos for outreach



Play Street near St. Therese Catholic Academy in the Central District.

Developed public restroom siting policy



Public loo in Portland, OR

Supported bike share expansion



One of 50 Pronto Cycle Share stations in Seattle

Increased code enforcement for unauthorized uses



An unpermitted sidewalk sale

Facilitated community alley activation projects



2014 World Cup game viewing in Nord Alley

Summer 2015 and beyond

- Waterfront Pilot Park activation – July through Oct
- Shoreline Street Ends public access developments
 - 3 projects complete
 - 4 projects in design development



Shoreline Street End at 51st Avenue
NE in Laurelhurst



Waterfront Pilot Park opening on
July 1, 2015

- Amend **Director's Rule for Sidewalk Cafés**
 - Working with Liquor Control Board on fencing requirements
- **A-Frame Sign Management** recommendation by end of year
- **Coordinated Street Furniture** program



Newsstand maintenance and management

- In 2014 adopted new Director's Rule to address needs and requirements for maintaining self-serve newsstands
- April 2015, coordinated temporary removal of newsstands in downtown core
- Working with newspaper stakeholders on developing new website for public to report issues directly to newsstand owners



First Amendment Expressive Activity

- Federal Court ruling that SDOT must clarify permit process for First Amendment expressive activity
- Adopted Director's Rule 07-2015
- New process for First Amendment permits
- New educational pamphlet for expressive activity
 - Clarifies what kinds of structures require a permit or not
 - Explains permit process and timelines



A busker with a keyboard in downtown Seattle

Coming in 2016

- Streamline **business and neighborhood amenity** permitting
- **Community rain gardens**
- Pilot **busker program** – First Amendment Activity
- Research best practices for **merchandise vending**
- **Gardening in the right-of-way**



Questions?

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