

Traffic Incident Management



Council Briefing
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Presentation Overview

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Background

- Existing response protocols
 - SFD, SPD and SDOT have distinct roles
 - SFD – life and safety
 - SPD – scene and traffic control
 - SDOT – communication and clean-up
 - NIMS standards drive current response
 - AWW Closure Plan
 - 2014 emergency response protocols

AAR Recommendations

- Key Issue: NIMS v. TIM
- Re-prioritize incident response decision-making on arterial streets
 - Save lives and protect public health
 - Minimize and mitigate impacts to traffic congestion
 - Minimize damage to public and private property



AAR Recommendations

- Engage external traffic incident management consultant(s) to ensure the City implements best practices
- Review the City's coordinated response protocols between SDOT, SPD, SFD, FAS, and EOC
- Develop an action plan for implementation, performance monitoring, and reporting



SDOT Tiered Response

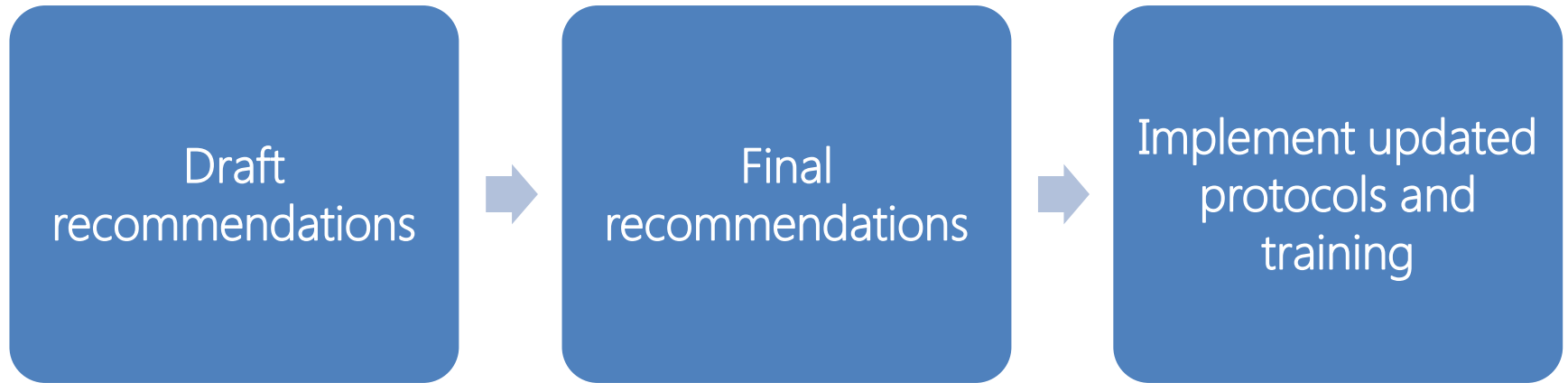
- Tiered response
 - Number of lanes blocked
 - Estimated Duration
 - Time of Day
- Recent Examples
 - Blocking collision on Rainier
 - Stalled vehicle on AWW
 - Stalled vehicle on WSB



Consultant Work and Timeline

- TransSafe Consulting (Annette Sandberg) and Sam Schwartz Engineering
- Scope of work includes:
 - Review and compare industry best practices and the City's traffic incident response
 - Develop protocols that prioritize incident response decision-making
- Final Report and Presentation
 - Current and best practices
 - Document protocols and triggers
 - Identify training needs and additional resources
 - Evaluate the adequacy of communications systems
- Due at the end of June 2015

Implementation Timeline



Questions?

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