

Partial Transfer of Jurisdiction Ordinance

Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement Project

Seattle City Council

Parks, Public Utilities & Technology Committee

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Purpose of Legislation

Authorize transfer of partial jurisdiction from SPU to SDOT to support required sidewalk improvements along Linden Ave N

Vicinity Map



KEY MAP



LEGEND

-  Bitter lake neighborhood
-  Seattle city limits

Background

- SPU acquired site in 1955 for utility purposes
- Reservoir infrastructure modernized over time
- Replacement project advances regulatory compliance and public use



Bitter Lake Reservoir Replacement Project

- **Seattle Public Utilities**
- New concrete reservoir
- **Street Improvements**
- N 143rd St – Paved parking, sidewalk
- Linden Ave N – Sidewalk
- N 138th St - Trail
- **Seattle Parks and Recreation**
- New Park
- **Department of Arts and Culture**
- Public Art
- **Department of Neighborhoods**
- P-patch expansion



Community Engagement

- Equity Toolkits
- Initial Engagement
- 60% Design Outreach
- CPTED and Community Crime Prevention
- 90% Design Outreach
- SPR Open House & Focus Group



- ARTs Outreach
- Interpretive Signage Outreach
- Pre-construction community engagement

Partial Transfer of Jurisdiction

- Approximately 610 square feet transferred
- 1-foot-wide strip adjacent to existing ROW
- SDOT sidewalk standards require 6-foot width
- Area not needed for future SPU utility operations

Council District 5

Bitter Lake Neighborhood



Questions?

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