### Delivering high quality transportation AND efficient and forward-looking utility services to Seattle

CDWAC/WSAC Joint Meeting 1/11/2017

### **Objectives of presentation**

Create a better understanding of:

- the nexus of transportation and public utilities
- why this is important to SPU now
- what are SDOT and SPU doing jointly to deliver their respective missions
- What specifically is SPU doing to meet the demands of transportation projects and continue to fulfill it's promise to it's customers and keep rates affordable

### Utilities and transportation

- A lot of utility infrastructure is in the right of way
- Aging infrastructure
- Transportation facility construction may require relocation of utility infrastructure
- Construction may damage utility infrastructure



## Regulatory requirements for utilities on transportation projects

Seattle Municipal Code

**15.04.035** - The paramount purpose of streets is for travel and transportation

15.32.120 - Displacement for public use. Anyone upon order of the authorizing official *shall upon ten (10) days' notice, at his, her or its own cost and expense, move any underground, surface or overhead facilities which interfere* with any local improvement district work or *with any construction for street or transportation purposes authorized or ordered by the City.* 

### **Current and future challenges**



### SPU and SDOT key initiatives

- Move Seattle
- SPU 6-Year Strategic Business Plan
- Plan to Protect Seattle's Waterways
- Council Resolution 31549 to increase GSI



### Move Seattle

Nine-year \$930M levy approved in November 2015 for:

- Safe routes
- Congestion relief
- Maintenance and preservation

Levy provides about 30% of the City's transportation budget

Replaces the previous \$365M levy



# Move Seattle overview

- 7 multimodal corridors
- 180 lane miles of paving
- 17 bridges (1 new, 16 seismic retrofits)
- 250 blocks of new sidewalks
- Improved bike facilities
- South Park and Broadview partnership projects



# Other major transportation projects

- SR 99 tunnel
- Seawall
- Waterfront
- Center City Connector Streetcar
- Broadway Streetcar Extension
- SR 520
- SR 99 paving
- Sound Transit North Link



### SPU and SDOT collaboration

- Created interdepartmental coordination lead
   position
- Shared information on Move Seattle projects <u>before</u> the levy passage
- Established One City Principles
- Created a Public Asset Protection and Cost Sharing Agreement
- Identified and started joint/partnership projects
- Engaged in problem solving on specific cross department issues.

### Interdepartmental initiatives

- Street sweeping program
- Surfacing groundwater project
- GSI greenway partnership projects
- Emphasis on GSI in Right of Way Improvement Manual





# Surfacing groundwater



# Interdepartmental work in progress

- South Park
- Broadview
- Consistent early project coordination
- Sidewalk/GSI cost sharing



## SPU Move Seattle projects 2016-2018



- 25 Move Seattle projects
  - 1 bridge
  - 2 corridors
  - 20 paving
  - Madison BRT
  - Lander Grade Separation
- Many more projects than previous levy

### SPU objectives for Move Seattle

#### **Be Efficient:**

- Partner with SDOT to reduce customer impacts
- Create consistent and timely processes to complete projects

#### **Be Forward Looking:**

• Proactively maintain, repair, and replace assets

#### Keep Seattle the best place to live:

- Protect and improve our systems and identify opportunities to improve service
- Plan and budget in advance to inform potential rate path implications



### Planning for Move Seattle

- Regularly communicate on Move Seattle planning, programming documents with SDOT
- Develop rolling 3- to 5-year cost estimates for SPU Move Seattle expenditures
- Develop a consistent process for early coordination with SDOT
- Coordinate design for both SPU and SDOT infrastructure

# What are "must-do" and opportunity projects

#### Must-do projects:

- Utility needs to move
- Utility infrastructure is in poor condition
- Standards have changed
- Construction will damage utility infrastructure

#### **Opportunity projects**:

- Improve service
- Rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure

# Must-do project requirements

- Review plans
- Protect assets
- Survey and replace worn or damaged infrastructure



### Completed must-do project 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – Phase 1

- Existing 6" cast iron, leadjoint water main under old trolley ballast (thick concrete with old railroad ties)
- 6" water main not expected to survive ballast removal
- 6" water main replaced with 12" ductile iron water main



### Move Seattle must-do project DWW Madison Bus Rapid Transit

- Upgrade inlet to standard size
- Replace deteriorated pipes
- Pipe "spot repair", replace damaged section of pipe.





### Move Seattle mustdo project Water Madison BRT

- Concrete pavement removal
- Streetcar track removal

Other must do example
 bridge

### **Opportunity projects**

Criteria:

- Reduce project cost by combining with transportation project
- Reduce risk of failure
- Add capacity to provide adequate service
- Reduce impact of construction to public

### Completed opportunity project 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S & S Spokane

#### SDOT

 Reconstruction of S Spokane St (2010)

SPU

 Replaced seismically vulnerable water main



### Opportunity project Move Seattle E Marginal Way

Drainage and Wastewater opportunity

- Increase capacity
- Reduce sewer overflows and flooding

Water opportunity

- Replace seismically vulnerable water main
- Improve system for firefighting post earthquake



## Identifying "must do" and opportunity projects – DWW

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## Identifying "must do" and opportunity projects - Water

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### Early Move Seattle cost estimates DWW

- 21 "must do" projects
- 4 opportunity projects



Total cost estimates for projects <u>starting</u> in 2016 - 2018

\$37.2 M - \$79.8 M

### Early Move Seattle cost estimates Water

- 22 "must do" projects
- 2 opportunity projects



Total cost estimates for projects <u>starting</u> in 2016 – 2018

\$46.7 M - \$100.0 M

### Looking forward

- SPU will continue to have a vital role in transportation projects to support a growing population.
- SPU and SDOT are committed to continuous improvement and coordination to deliver high quality transportation and forward-looking utility services.