Right of Way Improvement Manual
10 YEAR UPDATE

Seattle Freight Advisory Board
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SDOT’s mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.

Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.
SDOT’s core principles

- Keep it safe
- Provide great service
- Focus on the basics
- Support a thriving economy
- Build healthy communities
Presentation overview

- Right of Way Improvement Manual - Authority
- Background
- Policy Framework
- Vision for update
- General Scope of work
- Timeline
- Stakeholder involvement
“Establishes and documents the policies, procedures and practices for how the City manages physical improvements in the street right of way and on public property”. 
Background

• Developed in 2005
  – was recognized as best practice at that time
  – One stop resource for private contractors
  – Web interface and numerous links to relevant codes, standards, etc.

• Two minor updates since 2005
  – (2008 and 2012)
Relationship to Other Plans & Standards

- Seattle Municipal Code
- Standard Plans and Specifications
- Federal, State, and Regional regulatory requirements
- City-wide plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan, SDOT Pedestrian, Transit and Bicycle Modal Plans, and the Storm Water Code.
Key Outcomes

• A revised manual structure and organization
• Representative of SDOT’s core principles, policies, and initiatives
• A multi-disciplinary tool that balances competing interests with clarity and consistency
• An illustrative and interactive web based manual with a modern, easy to navigate user interface
Emerging Opportunities

- **Illustrative** Street Typologies (major truck streets, industrial access, etc)
- Construction Coordination
- Modal Plan Design Criteria (FMP, PMP, TMP, BMP)
- Development Review Process Improvements
- Interim Design Strategies
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Accessibility

Freight Access Plan: Map of Truck Volumes
Street Manual Examples

1. Streets need to convey people, goods, and services, but should also serve as front yards, parks, playgrounds, and public spaces to accommodate the ever-expanding set of urban needs.
Street Manual Examples

New York City Street Design Manual, 2010

Boston Complete Streets Guidelines, 2012

San Francisco Better Streets Plan 2010
Review and Input Process

Toole Design Group & SvR → Susan McLaughlin (PM) → Chapter Leads → CWT

Next steps

Discovery: Jun – Aug
Structure/Content Development: Jun – Dec
Website Implementation: Aug - May
## Next steps

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Questions?

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