SPU Customer Review Panel (CRP) September Quarterly Meeting

Seattle Public Utilities September 11, 2023





Tour of Water Quality Facility

Presentation will begin at 3:35 PM





Public Comment

Andrés Mantilla, BDS Planning



Committee Business

Meeting Minutes

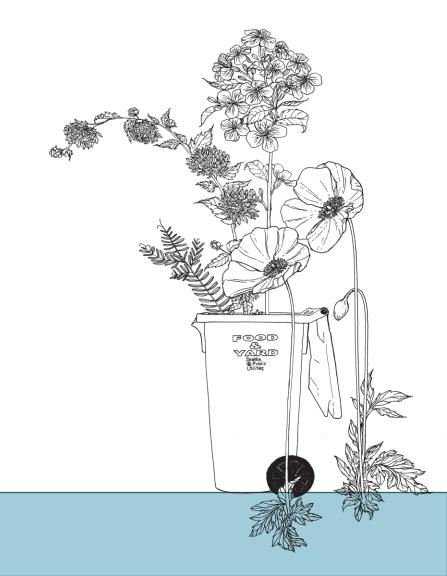


Upcoming CRP Meetings

Date	Topic
Monday October 16th 3pm-5:30pm	 SBP Rate Path proposal Focus Area Initiatives and Investments
Monday November 13th 3pm-5:30pm	 SBP Rate Path proposal Focus Area Initiatives and Investments
Monday December 11th 3pm-5:30pm	 SBP Outreach results Dec/Jan/Feb- Discussions on SBP document, final rate path, initiatives & investments, CRP letter



Q2 SBP Report Update Sent via email





City Council + Mayor's Office Updates

Brian Goodnight, Council Central Staff
Akshay Iyengar, Mayor's Central Budget Office



Seattle Public Utilities: Customer Review Panel

Core Values, Key Issues & Goals

September 11, 2023





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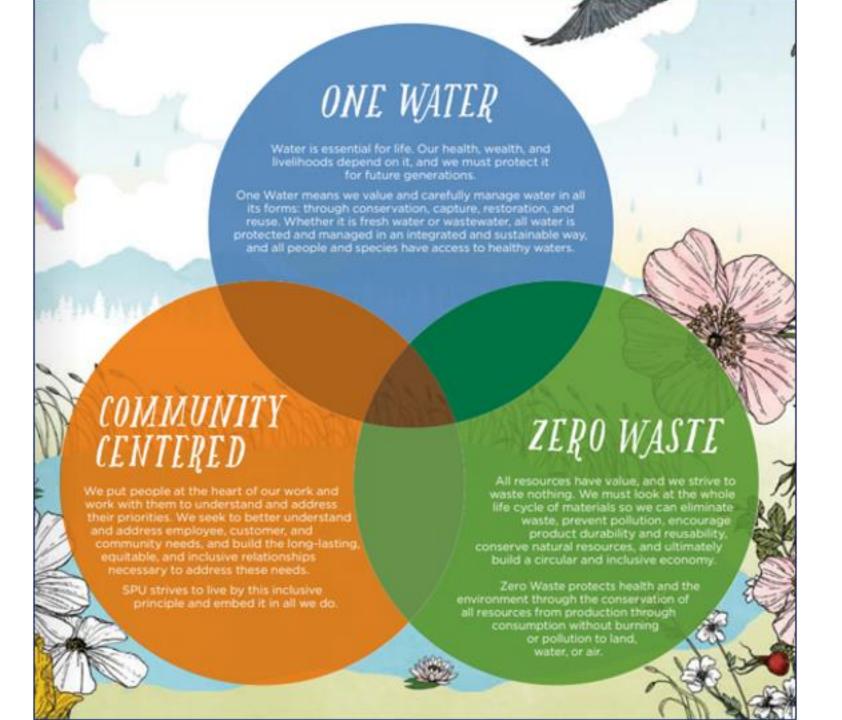
TODAY'S PURPOSE AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

- Affirm core values for Customer Review Panel
- Establish clarity around the priorities and key issues
- Grow understanding and relationships among Customer Review Panel.





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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our shared values guide all we do. To be community-centered and act in service to our customer-owners, we collaborate to uphold SPU CARES principles:



CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY

We strive to understand and respond to customer and community needs—inside and outside our organization.



AFFORDABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We do our best to ensure that utility services are available to everyone regardless of ability to pay and we responsibly manage and leverage every ratepayer dollar.



RISK AND RESILIENCE

We seek to minimize utility risks, reduce our environmental footprint, and improve our community's capacity to adapt to change and persevere in the face of hardship.



EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT

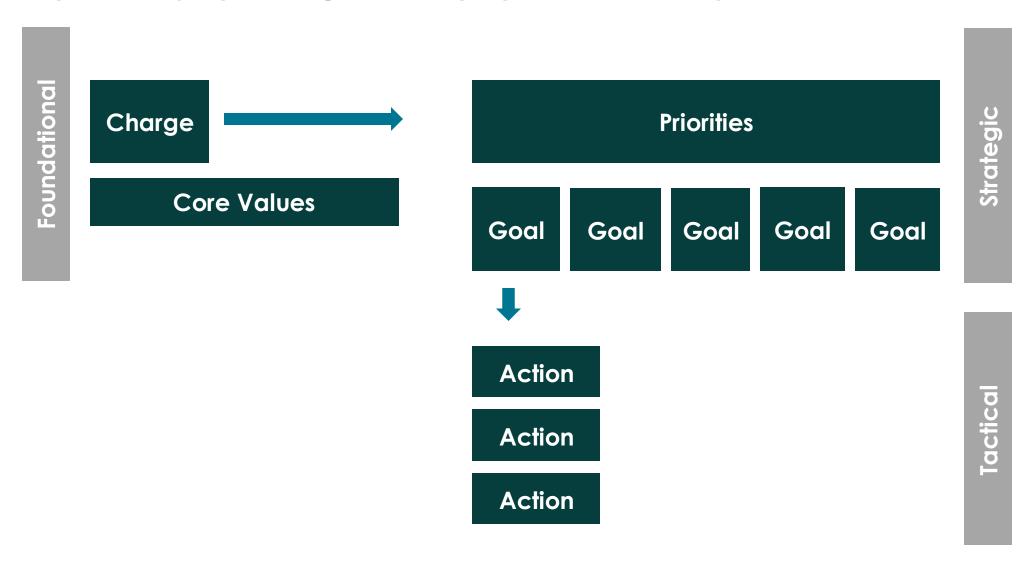
We work to dismantle institutional racism by building trusting relationships, prioritizing equity and inclusion in decision-making, and creating opportunities for all. This includes listening to and investing in our people—the valued employees of Seattle Public Utilities.



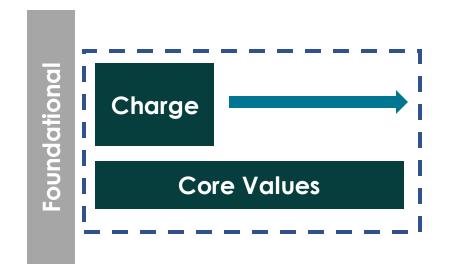
SERVICE AND SAFETY

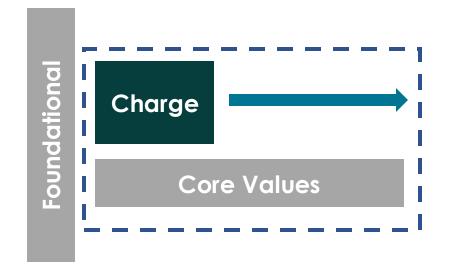
We focus on delivering high quality, reliable, and sustainable services and infrastructure that prioritize the health and safety of our employees and our community.



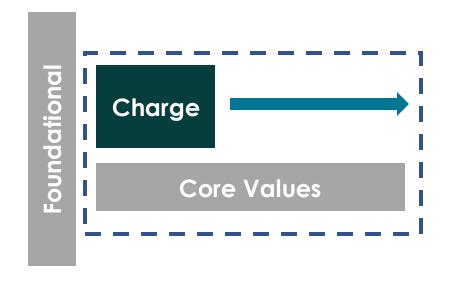


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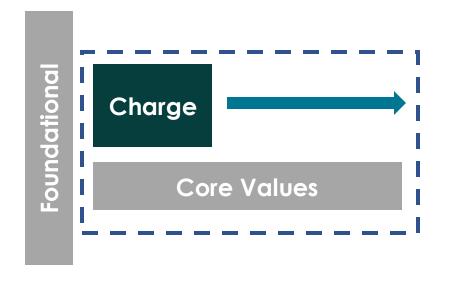




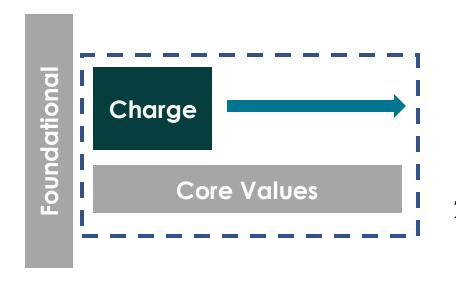
Customer Review Panel is charged with providing ongoing stakeholder oversight of Seattle Public Utilities offering advice and recommendations to SPU as it implements elements of the Strategic Business Plan ("Plan") and develops future updates of the Plan.



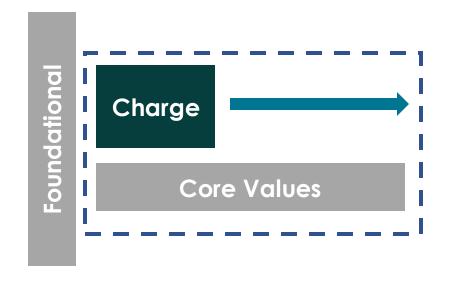
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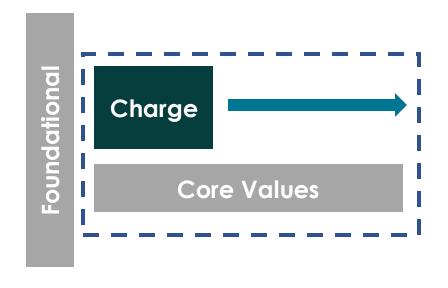
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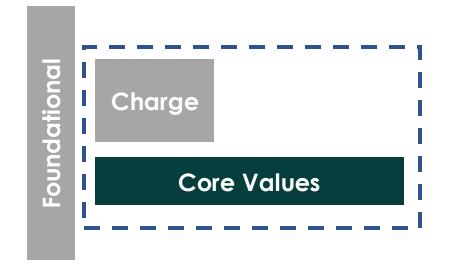
- Review and provide input on the progress on the action plans and other deliverables related to the adopted Plan
- 2. Monitor the **six-year rate path** endorsed by the Plan, gain an understanding of the drivers impacting the revenue requirements that differ from those assumed in the endorsed rate path, and provide input in support of the Plan implementation.



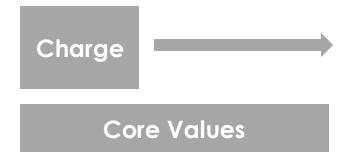
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- 1. Gain a **knowledge of SPU services**, financial policies, costs, and rates;
- 2. Review assumptions, technical evaluations, policy directions, and action alternatives;
- 3. Work closely with staff designated by **the City Council and the Mayor** to understand the issues and concerns and provide comments concurrent with delivery of Plan;
- 5. Assist the Mayor and City Council in **engaging customers** in discussions of the merits and implications of the Plan.



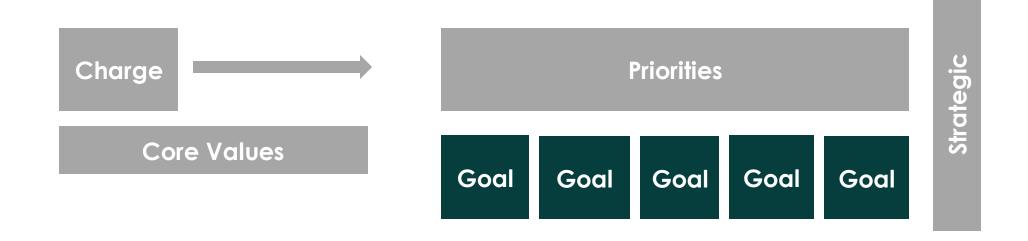
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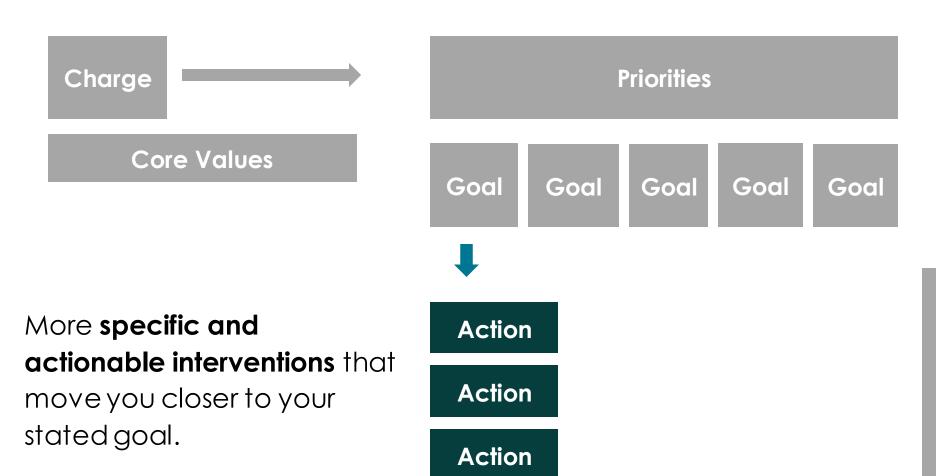
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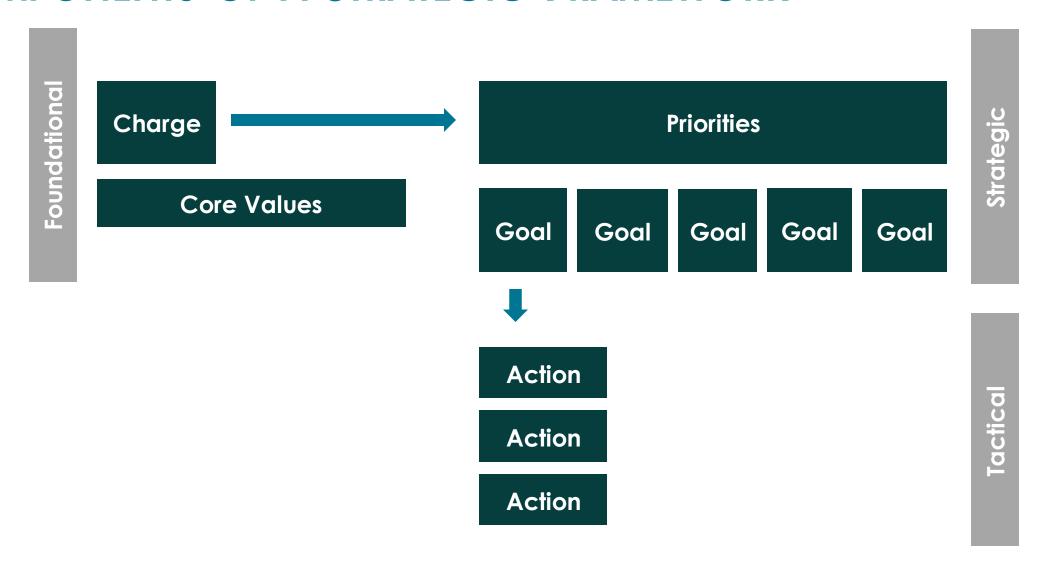
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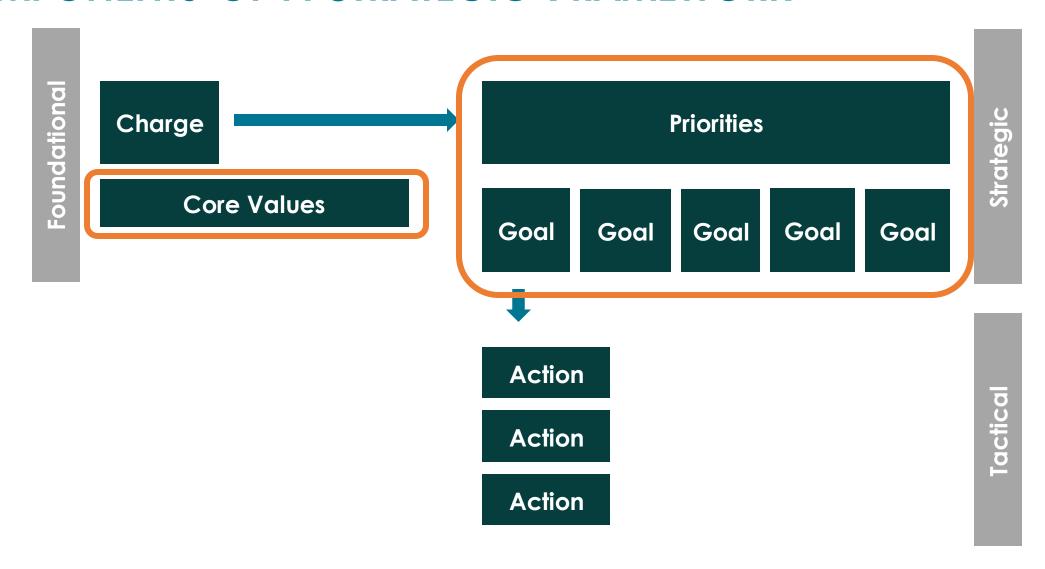
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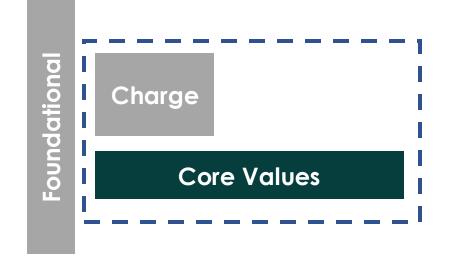


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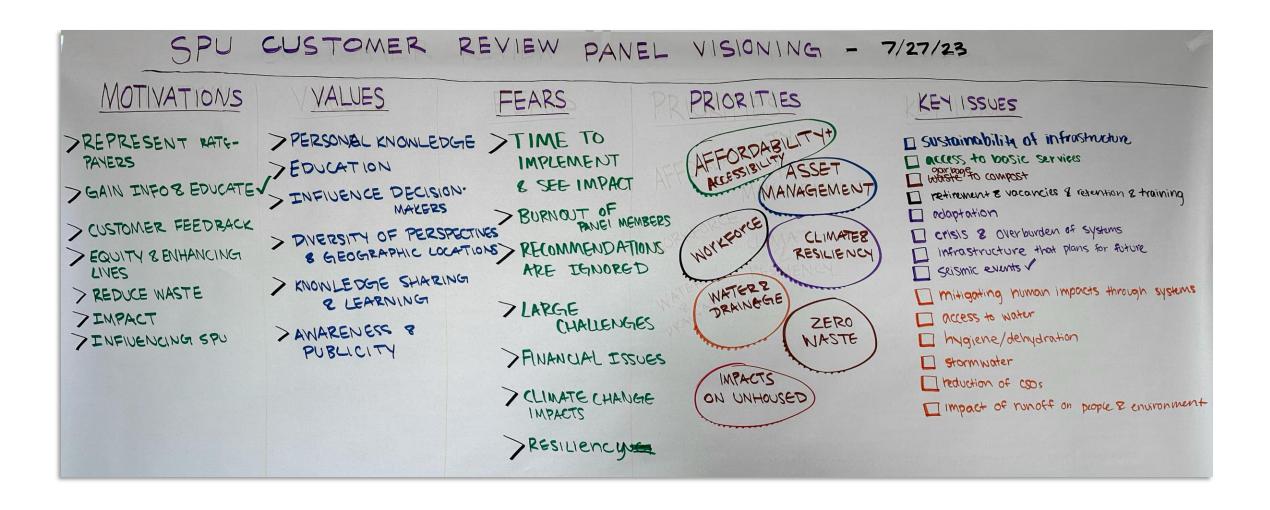
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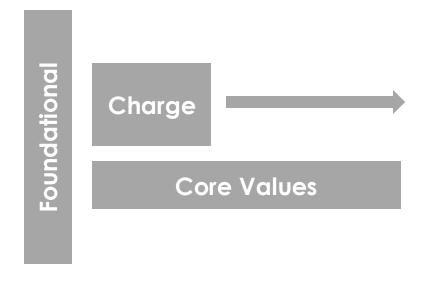
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Are these correct?

Is there anything missing?



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PRIORITY AREAS

- Affordability & Accessibility
- Asset Management & Infrastructure
- SPU Workforce
- Climate & Resiliency
 - Zero Waste
- Water & Drainage



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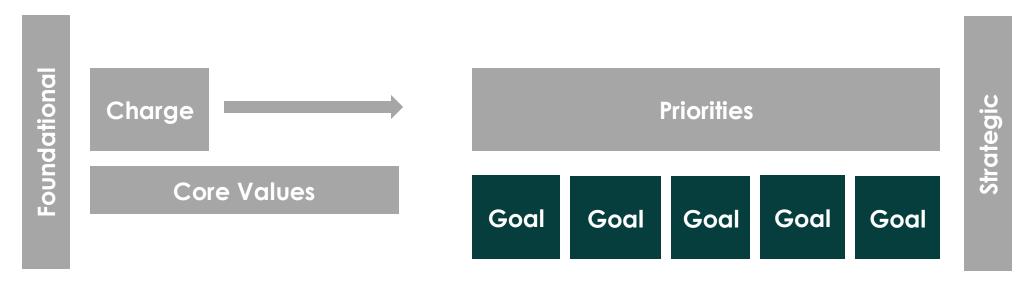
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GOAL(S)



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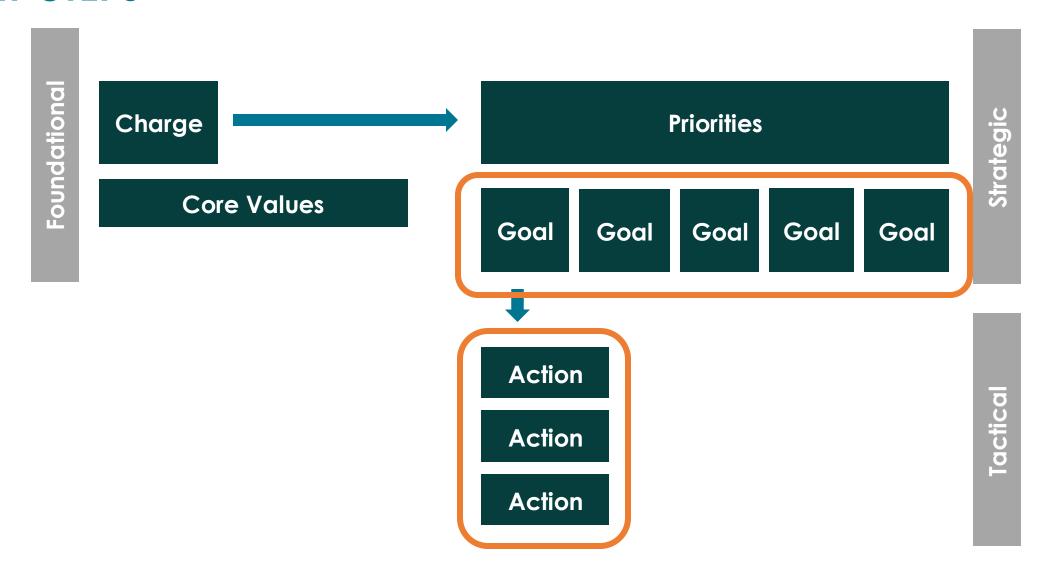
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SBP Outreach Update

- Understand community's satisfaction with SPU
- Center strategies with Language Access & outreach to BIPOC, Immigrant & Refugee, low-income communities
- Pilot new partnerships across SPU programs with DON Community Liaisons













Community Survey& Outreach

- Co-created with Community Affairs & DON Community Liaisons
- Designed to meet community at their understanding of SPU & create opportunity to inform/educate
- Translated into 10 languages Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Trad & Simp Chinese, Tagalog, Somali, Amharic, Tigrinya, Oromo
- Available at in-person events & online
- <u>SPU Strategic Business Plan Online</u>
 <u>Community Portal (infocommunity.org)</u>

Residential Survey

- 38 question survey to understand community SBP priorities
 - Translated into English, Spanish, Chinese (traditional),
 Vietnamese, Somali, Korean, Amharic, Tagalog
 - 16 demographic questions
 - 22 SPU-related questions
- Goal of 1400 returns for statistical validity
 - SPU customer e-mail/phone contact list (online survey)
 - Random Seattle household list from third party (online survey)
 - Targeted fielding to ensure geographic and demographic representation (online, phone as needed)



2020-2023 Accomplishment Highlights



SBP 2020-2023 Accomplishment Highlights - Draft

Delivering Equitable Essential Services

- Pandemic Service Delivery Record
- South Park Flood Response and Backflow Prevention
- Clean City and Unsheltered services
- Regulatory Compliance Record
- Safety record

Empowering Our Customers, Community and Employees

- Pandemic Customer Affordability Assistance Innovations
- Employee Survey
- Record Hiring and Diversity in Hiring
- Grant/Seeds Innovation Investments
- WMBE Contracting/Procurement results

Stewarding Environment and Health

- Shape Our Water Vision Plan
- Ship Canal Water Quality Project Tunneling
- Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan
- Carbon Emission Inventories
- Seattle Reuse

Strengthening Our Utility's Business Practices

- Alternative funding and financing results
- Big Idea
- Asset Management Results
- Covid financial management
- Capital project delivery results



Focus Area	SBP 2020-2023 Accomplishments (5)	Related Initiative, Investment
Delivering Equitable Essential	South Park Flood Response and Backflow Prevention: Finished construction of new pump station and phase one drainage and roadway partnership; installed private property grinder pumps; 2022-2023 Duwamish River Flooding response and preparedness.	none listed for this focus area
Services	Clean City and Unsheltered services: Provided cost-effective sanitation and disposal solutions for unsheltered populations, including trash, sharps, and RV services to address health, hygiene and environmental needs. Will add data.	
	Pandemic Service Delivery Record: Maintained high service standards through pandemic challenges. Will add data.	
	Regulatory Compliance Record: Reduced the cost and risk of meeting regulatory demands while ensuring public health and safety, environmental protections, a vibrant local economy, and social equity outcomes. Will add data.	
	Safety record: Complied with safety standards and targets.	

Focus Area	SBP 2020-2023 Accomplishments (5)	Related Initiative, Investment
Stewarding Environment and Health	Shape Our Water Vision Plan: Produced National award-winning long-term vision to guide investments, policies, programs and projects that will improve the performance and resilience of our drainage and wastewater systems while optimizing social and environmental benefits for the city.	Shape Our Water
	Ship Canal Water Quality Project Tunneling: Completed 2.7-mile storage tunnel for polluted stormwater and sewage.	Ship Canal Water Quality Project
	Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan: Adopted comprehensive solid waste management plan providing a roadmap for how the City will manage and finance its solid waste services and facilities over the next 6 years, and projected system management needs over 20 years.	Waste Prevention Waste Diversion
	Carbon Emission Inventories: Completed 2019-2021 carbon emissions inventories for SPU operations and worked with King County to establish a carbon emissions footprint related to Seattle-area consumption and solid waste generation.	Climate Justice, Adaptation and Mitigation
	Seattle Reuse: Launched Nationally recognized Reuse Seattle program that brings reusable food and beverage container solutions to Seattle businesses for a waste-free future. Reuse Seattle envision a network of reuse systems for food and beverage containers at Seattle institutions, venues, businesses, and communities.	Waste Prevention

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Empowering Our Customer, Community	million in Federal and State pandemic assistance \$ and took innovative steps to avoid shutoffs and provide flexible payment plans to customers having difficulties paying utility hills	Customer Affordability Programs	
and Employees	Employee Survey: Initiated annual SPU employee survey to allow SPU employees a mechanism for providing feedback and a strategy for collectively working to improve SPU's work environment.	SPU Workforce Development	
	Record Hiring and Diversity in Hiring: Restarted SPU apprenticeship program and made improvements in workforce attraction and recruitment, learning and development, and retention. Will add data.	Race and Social Justice SPU Workforce Development	
	Grant/Seeds Innovation Investments: Invested in community led efforts to build water resiliency, encourage a circular economy, and grow blue-green job opportunities for BIPOC communities. Will add data.	Seeds of Resilience Investment	
	WMBE Contracting/Procurement results: Increased equity in contracting to exceed participation levels of >23% (purchasing) and >25% (consulting) contract dollars.	Race and Social Justice	

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Strengthen ing Our Utility's Business	Alternative funding and financing results: Successfully pursued and leveraged a wide variety of alternative funding and financing sources such as Federal and State appropriations, WIFIA and SRF loans, King County Flood Control district funding, philanthropic support. Will add data.	Affordability and Accountability
Practices	Big Idea: Invested \$70k to fund employee ideas to improve SPU service delivery including: field operation QR codes for info access; field staff multi-media training materials; and hands on exhibit for community outreach.	Continuous improvement
	Asset Management Results: Managed extensive infrastructure systems that include reservoirs, treatments plants, piping networks, pump stations, transfer stations, landfills, and more. Will add data.	Asset Management Work (water, drainage and wastewater)
	Covid financial management: Worked though the complexities of pandemic funding and finances and maintained positive financial outlook, bond ratings, bond defeasance.	Risk and Resilience
	Capital project delivery results: Increased the speed and efficiency of planning and delivering capital improvement projects while maximizing community value. Will add data.	Affordability and Accountability

Revisions Strategic Business Plan Framework



SBP Framework

SPU staff spent time in April and July to revise SBP framework elements. These revisions also considered CRP and community feedback to date including CRP values discussion in July.

Results:

- SPU's Mission, Vision, Cares Principles unchanged
- SPU's 4 Focus Areas unchanged
- SPU's Goals, Strategies, Initiatives and Investments have had some revisions using staff, CRP, and community feedback.

In the next slides, we highlight those changes in summary form and then specifically by each focus area. We also provide a comparison between existing and updated language.



Revisions Goals and Strategies



Goals and Strategies Revisions Summary - Draft

Focus Area	Existi	ng 2021-2026 SBP	Proposed 2	025-2030 SBP
	Goals	<u>Strategies</u>	Goals	<u>Strategies</u>
Delivering Equitable Essential Services	Provide high quality services.	i)Strive for best in class	Provide reliable, quality services that meet requirements and commitments.	i) Provide resources, facilities, and remove barriers to ensure frontline service delivery staff can be successful.
		ii) Provide reliable and rewarding experiences	Make equitable investments to improve services for underserved and over-	ii) Prioritize and support equitable access to essential services.
		iii) Meet or exceed expectations, requirements and commitments	burdened communities.	
Stewarding Environment and Health	Develop one water resilience. Advance zero waste.	i) Invest in key water, stormwater, and wastewater projects and plans.	Develop one water resilience from our watersheds to city to Sound.	i) Invest in strategic plans, projects, and programs that advance a holistic One Water approach.
		ii) Advance climate resilient, nature-based community led solutions.	Advance zero waste circular economy.	ii) Advance nature-based and community- centered climate adaptations and solutions.
		iii) Reduce materials and carbon pollution.		iii) Reduce material use and prevent water and carbon pollution.
Empowering Customers,	Remove barriers.	i) Provide utility assistance that makes a difference	Build trusted relationships, partnerships, and allyships with our customers and	i) Provide utility assistance that makes a difference.
Community, and Employees	Partner with community to maximize the benefits of SPU	ii) Give voice and power through meaningful partnerships	communities.	ii) Empower and support customers to make sustainable behavioral changes.
	investments. Invest in our employees.	iii) Foster a more equitable workplace, work culture, and better work opportunities	Be an anchor institution that advances equity, addresses environmental justice, and partners to leverage holistic community benefits in all that we do.	iii) Lead with race and social justice in delivering equitable engagement, capacity building, investment outcomes, and opportunities.
			Invest in all of our employees.	iv) Foster a more equitable workplace, work culture, and better work opportunities.
Strengthening Our Utilities Business	Enhance ratepayer affordability.	i) Deliver on affordability and accountability commitments.	Enhance ratepayer affordability and utility accountability.	i) Deliver on high impact affordability and accountability commitments.
Practices	Manage assets and risks optimally.	ii) Improve how we manage risk and invest in system assets and infrastructure.	Manage assets and risks optimally.	ii) Address aging, undersized, and at-risk facilities and infrastructure to ensure continuous service delivery.
	Be an adaptive, learning organization.	iii)Support a continuous improvement culture.	Foster a culture of shared leadership, continuous improvement, and innovation.	iii) Support a continuous improvement and innovation culture.

Delivering Focus Area Revisions

Focus Area	Proposed 2025-2030 SBP			
	Goals	<u>Strategies</u>		
Delivering	Provide <u>reliable</u> , high quality	i. Provide resources, facilities, and remove		
Equitable	services that meet requirements	barriers to ensure frontline service delivery		
Essential	and commitments.	staff can be successful.		
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Stewarding Focus Area Revisions

Focus Area	Proposed 2025-2030 SBP			
	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Strategies</u>		
Stewarding	Develop one water resilience	i. Invest in key water, stormwater, and		
Environment	from our watersheds to city to	wastewater projects and plans strategic		
and Health	Sound.	plans, projects, and programs that		
		advance a holistic One Water approach.		
		ii. Advance climate resilient, nature-		
		based, and community-led centered		
		<u>climate adaptations and</u> solutions.		
	Advance zero waste circular economy.	iii. Reduce materials <u>use and prevent</u> water and carbon pollution.		
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Empowering Focus Area Revisions

Focus Area	<u>Proposed</u> 2025-2030 SBP			
	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Strategies</u>		
Empowering	Remove barriers. Build trusted	i. Provide utility assistance that makes a		
Customers,	relationships, partnerships, and allyships	difference.		
Community,	with our customers and communities.	ii. Give voice and power through meaningful		
and Employees		partnerships Empower and support		
		customers to make sustainable behavioral		
		changes.		
	Partner with community to maximize the	iii. Lead with race and social justice in		
	benefits of SPU investments. Be an	delivering equitable engagement, capacity		
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	addresses environmental justice,	<u>opportunities</u>		
	and partners to leverage holistic			
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		culture, and better work opportunities.		

Strengthening Focus Area Revisions

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	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Strategies</u>		
Strengthening	Enhance ratepayer affordability	i. Deliver on high impact affordability		
Our Utilities'	and utility accountability.	and accountability commitments.		
Business	Manage assets and risks	ii. Improve how we manage risk and		
Practices	optimally.	invest in system assets and		
		infrastructure. Address aging,		
		undersized, and at-risk facilities and		
		infrastructure to ensure continuous		
		service delivery.		
	Be an adaptive, learning	iii. Support a continuous		
	organization. Foster a culture of	improvement and innovation culture.		
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Revisions Initiatives and Investments (I+I)



Initiatives and Investments Revisions Summary - Draft

Focus Area	Existing 2021-2026 SBP (18)	Proposed 2025-2030 SBP (22)
Delivering Equitable Essential Services	n/a	 North 'One Water' Operations Facility ** In-house Water Quality Treatment Field Engineering Improvements Program SPU Clean City and Support Services for Unsheltered ** Duwamish Valley Resilience **
Stewarding Environment and Health	 Shape Our Water Ship Canal Water Quality Project Climate Justice, Adaptation and Mitigation Green Stormwater Infrastructure Waste Diversion Waste Prevention 	 6. Shape Our Water ** 7. Water Supply and System Planning 8. Cedar and Tolt Watershed Resilience 9. Upstream Legislative Strategies 10. 2030 Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Operations ** 11. Waste Prevention and Diversion **
Empowering Our Customer, Community and Employees	 Customer Affordability Programs Side Sewer Assistance SPU Support Services for the Unsheltered Seeds of Resilience Impact Investment Race and Social Justice Strategic Plan SPU Workforce Development Workforce Facilities Investments 	 Customer Affordability Programs ** Side Sewer Assistance ** Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Seeds of Resilience and Waste Free Communities Grant Investments ** Equity in Contracting ** Employee Life Cycle Initiatives **
Strengthening Our Utility's Business Practices	 14. Affordability and Accountability Strategic Plan 15. Risk and Resilience Strategic Plan 16. Water Seismic Resilience 17. DWW Asset Management Work 18. Water Asset Management and Opportunity Work 	 18. Alternative Funding and Financing ** 19. Arbor Heights Sewer Capacity 20. DWW Asset Management Program ** 21. Water Asset Management and Seismic Program ** 22. Strategic Technology Plan

^{** =} Denotes element that is a carryover or carryover with greater specificity from the 2021-2026 SBP



 Investments – Reported on Quarterly; Typically capital infrastructure; Representing > \$5 million in expenditures



 Initiatives – Reported on Annually; Typically planning, policy, and programmatic in nature; Representing < \$1 million in expenditures

Initiatives and Investments Detail

Focus Area	Effort	Туре		Line of Business		
			Water	Drainage &	Solid	All
				Wastewater	Waste	
bo	1. North 'One Water' Operations Facility	Investment	✓	✓		
ring ble tial	2. In House Water Quality Treatment	Investment	✓			
Delivering Equitable Essential Services	3. Field Engineering Improvements Program	Investment				✓
Del Equ Ess Se	4. SPU Clean City and Support Services for Unsheltered	Investment		✓	\checkmark	
_	5. Duwamish Valley Resilience	Investment		✓		
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St	22. Strategic Technology Plan	Investment				\checkmark

Delivering Framework w/ I+I - Draft

Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Proposed – Initiatives and Investments
Delivering Equitable Essential Services	Provide reliable, quality services that meet requirements and commitments.	i) Provide resources, facilities, and remove barriers to ensure frontline service delivery staff can be successful.	 North 'One Water' Operations Facility In House Water Quality Treatment Field Engineering Improvements Program
	Make equitable investments to improve services for underserved and over- burdened communities.	ii) Prioritize and support equitable access to essential services.	 SPU Clean City and Support Services for Unsheltered Duwamish Resilience

Stewarding Framework w/ I+I - Draft

Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Proposed – Initiatives and Investments
Stewarding Environment and Health	ment resilience from our projects, and programs that		6. Shape Our Water7. Water Supply and System Planning
		ii) Advance nature-based and community-centered climate adaptations and solutions.	8. Cedar and Tolt Watershed Resilience
	Advance zero waste circular economy.	iii) Reduce material use and prevent water and carbon pollution.	9. Upstream Legislative Strategies10. 2030 Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Operations11. Waste Prevention and Diversion

Empowering Framework w/ I+I - Draft

Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Proposed – Initiatives and Investments
Empowering Our Customers, Community, and Employees	Build trusted relationships, partnerships, and allyships with our customers and communities.	i) Provide utility assistance that makes a difference.ii) Empower and support customers to make sustainable behavioral changes.	12. Customer Affordability Programs13. Side Sewer Assistance14. Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
Employees	Be an anchor institution that advances equity, addresses environmental justice, and partners to leverage holistic community benefits in all that we do.	iii) Lead with race and social justice in delivering equitable engagement, capacity building, investment outcomes, and opportunities.	15. Seeds of Resilience and Waste Free Communities Grant Investments16. Equity in Contracting
	Invest in all of our employees.	iv) Foster a more equitable workplace, work culture, and better work opportunities.	17. Employee Life Cycle Initiatives

Strengthening Framework w/ I+I - Draft

Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Proposed – Initiatives and Investments
Strengthening Our Utilities Business Practices	Enhance ratepayer affordability and utility accountability.	i) Deliver on high impact affordability and accountability commitments.	18. Alternative Funding and Financing
	Manage assets and risks optimally.	ii) Address aging, undersized, and at-risk facilities and infrastructure to ensure continuous service delivery.	19. Arbor Heights Sewer Capacity20. DWW Asset Management Program21. Water Asset Management and Seismic Program
	Foster a culture of shared leadership, continuous improvement, and innovation.	iii) Support a continuous improvement and innovation culture.	22. Strategic Technology Plan

Closing & Adjourn

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