

# Weekly Report

Date: Friday, March 31, 2017

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Links:

- Homelessness Response Blog - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
  - What Works Cities: Tackling Homelessness in Seattle - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzkblumT4XU>
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## **MISSION UPDATES:**

### **Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available**

*Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director*

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
  - The previous shelter at this location, “Operation Nightwatch,” has been relocated to the Seattle Center and continues to provide overnight shelter space to its clients.
  - Construction build out continued this week.
- The referral process to sanctioned encampment sites, including work with Behavioral Health, continues to work well. This uses real-time space availability information that is updated daily.
- Work continues with staff assistance from Department of Neighborhoods (DON) on the outreach plan for the new 100 bed shelter, that will be operated by Compass Housing.
- Construction of the small, “tiny houses” continued this week by volunteer crews at the Georgetown encampment site.
- City staff took part in a conference this week in New York City, as part of Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities program. A video was shown for the first time that describes Seattle’s partnership with the program and highlights specific outcomes for Seattle residents (link above).

### **Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

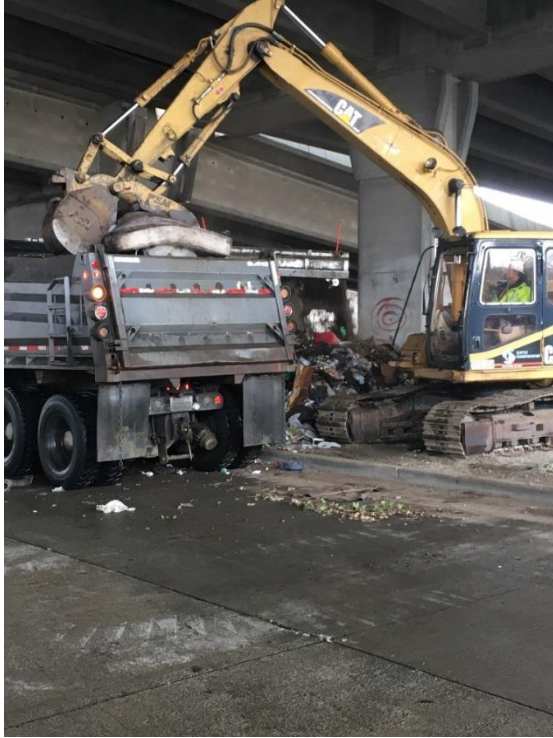
*Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director*

- The clean-up of the site along Fourth Avenue South near South Royal Brougham Street was completed this week.
  - Crews also trimmed trees and foliage, removed invasive plantings, and mowed overgrown grass.
- The clean-up of trash along South Spokane Street from I-5 to the West Seattle Bridge was completed this week.
  - Part of this effort included removing trash and debris from the area along the bike trail that runs along the north side of Spokane Street between East Marginal Way

## Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

South and the water following the Navigation Team's work to provide services and alternative shelter to individuals in tents living there.

- Seattle City Light crews began repairs and restored lighting to many of the areas in this vicinity.
- These two clean-up operations generated many positive comments from the public.



### **Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments**

*Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor's Public Safety Advisor*

- Extensive engagement and outreach efforts continued under the leadership of Jackie St. Louis. The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at several sites spread across the city.
  - Offering full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
- As of March 30, the Navigation Team has helped move 18 people from unauthorized and unsafe encampments to the new sanctioned encampments in Georgetown and Myers Way.

### **Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

*Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director*

- Planning continues for the implementation date of April 3.
- Planning continues for the formation of a community advisory committee.
- We have a plan for the delivery of personal belongings to people seeking to retrieve them.

## *Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation*

- Design work is complete for a map that will show the emphasis areas on our external website. Reports from encampment cleanups, including whether personal belongings were collected for storage, will also be posted on the website as of April 3.

### **Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing**

*Lead: Miriam Roskin, Office of Housing*

- Interjurisdictional meetings with partners from King County, All Home, United Way.
- Designing the program for a smooth transition from the prior contract provider (YWCA).
- Design of an outreach strategy to landlords based upon past, successful placements.

### **Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response**

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- Continued planning to engage both business communities and neighborhood organizations as well as initial outreach to philanthropic organizations.

### **Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

*Lead: Daniel Kirk & Katy Tassery, City Budget Office*

- The City Budget Office met with all mission leads to discuss tracking of costs in order to design a sustainment model for future work. This early work will help inform and provide data as part of the normal City budget process.
- Timely data reporting for actions in the field has been established for Missions 1 and 2.
- Work continues with the Navigation team to identify and track measures of success.
- Began work with Communications and Seattle IT to create a venue for publishing more detailed regular updates on our work.
- Streamlined process for reviewing trends in encampment complaints received by the Customer Service Bureau.

### **Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- Presentation to Seattle Center staff in anticipation of the planned training session for them in May.

### **Mission 9: Communications**

*Leads: Julie Moore, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD*

- Communications Team was present and responded to inquiries regarding the site clean-ups at both the South Spokane Street and Fourth Avenue South locations.
- Worked with staff to design new content for social media sites.
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).