

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, July 21, 2017

Link:

- Homelessness Response Blog - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

MISSION UPDATES:

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

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Navigation Center
 - The Navigation Center opened on Wednesday, July 12.
 - As of today, 40 people have moved into this new facility. Some more detailed information about the clients:
 - 61% are African American/Black, Multiracial, and Native American; 15% are White; <1% are Asian or Pacific Islander; while 24% are unknown at this time (data entry in progress).
 - 12 groups/partnerships (e.g., couples, mother/daughter, etc.).
 - 5 dogs.



DESC and Operation Sack Lunch staff with "late plates" for Navigation Center clients. Navigation Center guests can get late plates between meals after they return to the Navigation Center from appointments, jobs, etc.

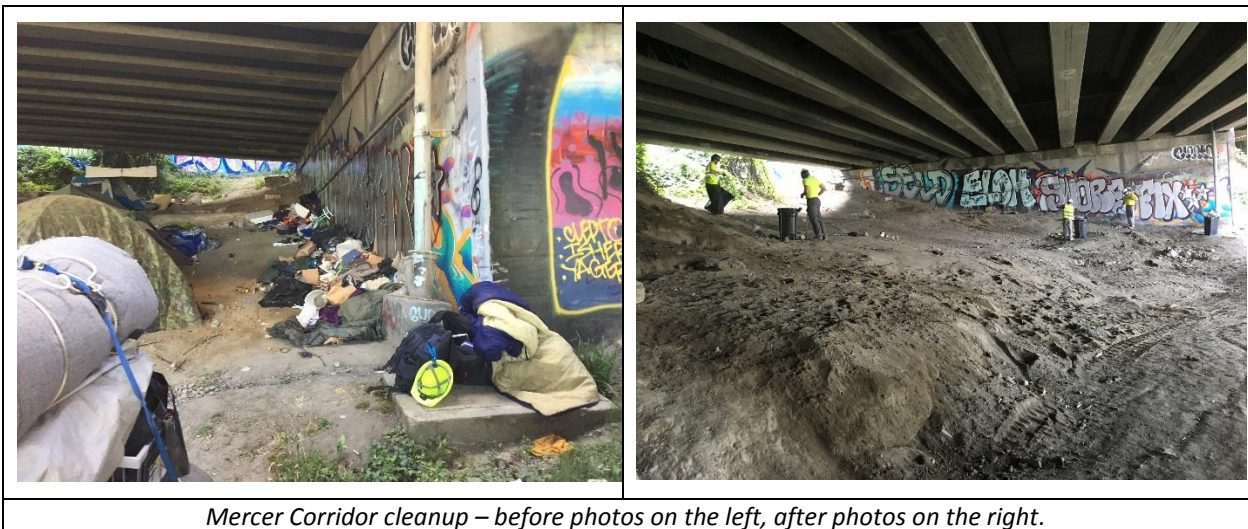
Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- Planning for the renovation and opening continues for the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing and located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill.
 - This new shelter will operate 24 hours a day/seven days per week for a co-ed population. Opening is expected in August.
 - Recruitment and training of staff is also occurring now.
- Planning and field work for potential new authorized encampments continues.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Work continued this week by the hard-working crews from **Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation as well as the Washington Department of Transportation. As of this week, just over 2,900 tons of trash have been collected.**
- Crews have been working at several sites this week to remove accumulated trash:
 - Areas adjacent to the Alaskan Way Viaduct, near Blanchard and Bell streets.
 - City Hall Park.
 - Mercer Street corridor.
 - Golden Gardens Park.
 - Dearborn Street, between I-5 and I-90.
 - Hillside to the west of Beacon Avenue South, south of Plum Street.



Mercer Corridor cleanup – before photos on the left, after photos on the right.



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

Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at sites spread across the city. This team is made up of outreach staff including a dedicated team from the Seattle Police Department and professional outreach providers. As of July 7, the team has made more than 3,091 contacts with a total of 895 individuals. We do not have an updated summary this week due to staff schedules.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Planning work continues with staff from SOCR and the Navigation Team for future outreach/field work observation visits.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- King County's two new interim staff are on-board and working to maintain relationships with existing Landlord Liaison Project property owners and to fill vacancies and manage tenant issues.
- We have received records and files from the previous program operator that will allow us to continue offering seamless programming for landlords and tenants.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Proactive work of City staff continues, as we engage business and community representatives to hear their concerns and observations. This informs and enables our future work to prioritize and implement upcoming operations based upon the needs throughout the city.

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk & Desiree Omlil, City Budget Office

- Measurement collection continues for situational awareness and for budget planning.

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication

Lead: Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Continuing implementation of the training plan for encampment removal work.
- Ongoing communication with City labor unions.

Mission 9: Communications

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

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Responded to media inquiries.
- Assisting with responses to Council Central Staff questions.