

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, September 15, 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

- Of the 45 people referred to alternative shelter from the Spokane Street corridor during August outreach through this week's cleanup, at least five moved to the Navigation Center and at least 10 accepted beds at the new low-barrier Compass at First Presbyterian shelter.
- Planning and field work for re-siting two authorized encampments at the end of their two-year permit term continues.
 - The Port of Seattle Commission voted unanimously this week to authorize the Port to negotiate a lease agreement with the City to open an authorized encampment on their property which is located just north of the Magnolia Bridge. The City is considering the site as the new location for Tent City 5, currently located at 3234 17th Ave. W., which must move by mid-November due to an expiring permit.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- As of Sept. 14, a total of 3,050 tons of trash and garbage have been removed from locations across the city.
- Crews have been inspecting upcoming work locations. This week the focus was on collecting all trash and debris left behind after removal of encampments along the Spokane Street corridor, from Colorado Avenue South to Airport Way. A smaller cleanup at Western Avenue and Bell Street occurred on Monday.

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

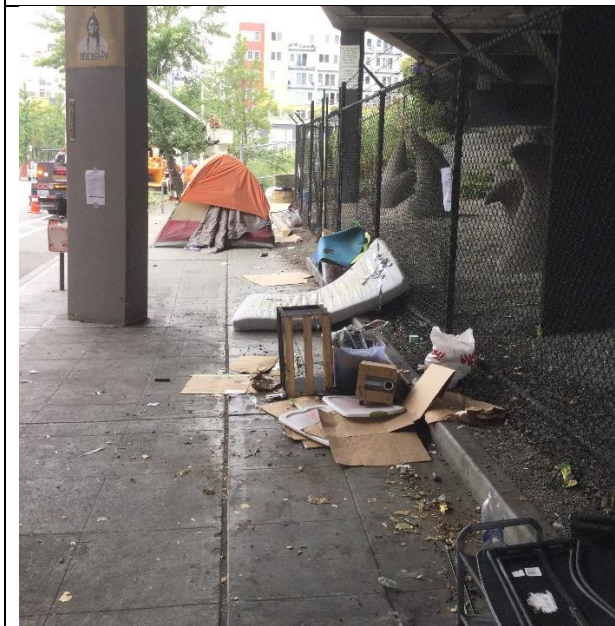
Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team

- 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.
- The team, joined by Union Gospel Mission outreach, was integral to the City's efforts to remove illegal encampments along the Spokane Street corridor this week. For the last several weeks and every day of this week, the team provided individualized outreach to move people to safer locations, connect them with services and store personal belongings. As of the end of Sept. 14, 45 people had accepted referrals to alternative shelter, including the Navigation Center, Compass at First Presbyterian, Peter's Place and UGM shelter.

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Pictures of before and after cleanup in different sections along the Spokane Street corridor.



Before and after cleanup along Western Avenue and Bell Street.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- The Multi-Department Rules (MDAR) Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The committee received a presentation from the Navigation Team, which included a dialog about the day-to-day activities of the team. They also looked at current data points that are being collected around encampment cleanups and how that data can inform the work of the committee. The committee will next meet on Oct. 10.
- Developing alternatives for interventions for homeless individuals who are in crisis and reside in vehicles.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- Continuing development of the overall strategy and recruitment for a leadership group of property owners, managers, and other business leaders to move toward an effective initiative launch in early 2018.

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.
- Councilmember Herbold's office forwarded a question and suggestion from a West Seattle resident whose safe walking path up a steep hill was impacted after the City installed a fence to protect bridge infrastructure. SDOT staff agreed with the constituent's replacement suggestion and is currently extending an asphalt sidewalk to maintain a safe walking path at this location.

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk, 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, FAS Communications and Meg Olberding, HSD Communications

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Responded to media inquiries.