#### CBD Curbspace & Multimodal Decision Framework Study



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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.

#### **Presentation overview**

- Multimodal decision framework study
- CBD curbspace study
- Your feedback

#### **Multimodal Decision Framework**

- Considering a Modal Hierarchy strategy in the Comprehensive Plan
  - Policy development
  - Framework process and diagram
- Inform our Complete Street policies
  - Making the best use of the right-of-way



# Scope

- 1. Context review of existing plans/policies
- 2. Peer city review (Chicago, DC, New York, and SF)
- 3. Framing scoping
  - How will the tool be used and by whom?
  - Opportunities and constraints
  - How does it relate to other Comp. Plan requirements?

## Scope

4. Development of three alternative approaches

- Urban growth strategy
  - Multi-criteria assessment
    - Environment, economy, safety, mobility, health, equity
- Hybrid
- 5. Model three multimodal corridors
- 6. Draft goals and objectives
- 7. Develop Framework & Diagrammatic Strategy

#### **Draft Framework Example**



# Why a curbspace study?

- Increasing competition for limited space
- Cumulative project impacts
- Need for clearer policies, decision making criteria, and procedures



#### **Curbspace Policies and Uses**













#### Project area

LOT BALLA

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#### Scope of Work – Key Deliverables

#### Existing conditions

# Curbspace policy recommendations

CBD curbspace decision-making framework

Future conditions scenarios

# Short term parking

- 1/3 of CBD curb is consistently short-term parking.
- Concentrated in neighborhoods outside commercial core



### **Travel lanes**

- Motor vehicle through travel:
  - Travel lanes
  - Turn lanes
    - Peak period bus/turn lanes
  - On/off ramps to highways



# No Standing Zones

- Pedestrian Mobility
  - Crosswalks
  - Curb Ramps / Bulbs
- Driveways
- Hydrants
- Bicycle Mobility/Access
  - 2 Bikeshare Stations
- Curbside Activation
  - Parklet
    - Chinatown / ID



#### Loading/ unloading

- Loading uses can vary throughout day:
  - Commercial in early AM, passenger all other times
- Passenger loading zones majority
- Zones are dispersed throughout CBD



#### Surface transit

- Peak period bus lanes
- Bus layovers
  1% of CBD Curb
- Bus lanes serve bike and bus mobility



#### Variable Restrictions

- Short term parking most of the day.
- Serves other uses during specific hours:
  - Bus stops / layovers
  - Loading / unloading
  - Food Truck Vendors
  - School bus access
  - Precinct parking
  - Carpool parking



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#### Bicycle facilities

- Bike lanes and twoway protected bike lanes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  - Parking adjacent to moving lane
- Spring Street
  - Angled parking on opposite curb



#### Existing conditions summary



#### **Curbspace Function**





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## **On-going conversation**

- Stakeholder interviews
- Intercept surveys
- On-line survey
- Briefings



#### Next steps

Date	Activity/action
Mid-January	Curbspace Survey
February	Policy recommendations
March	Study delivered

#### Questions?

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