

Streets Illustrated

Seattle Design Commission

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Our Vision

Seattle is an equitable, vibrant, and diverse city where moving around is safe, fair, and sustainable. All people and businesses can access their daily needs and feel connected to their community.

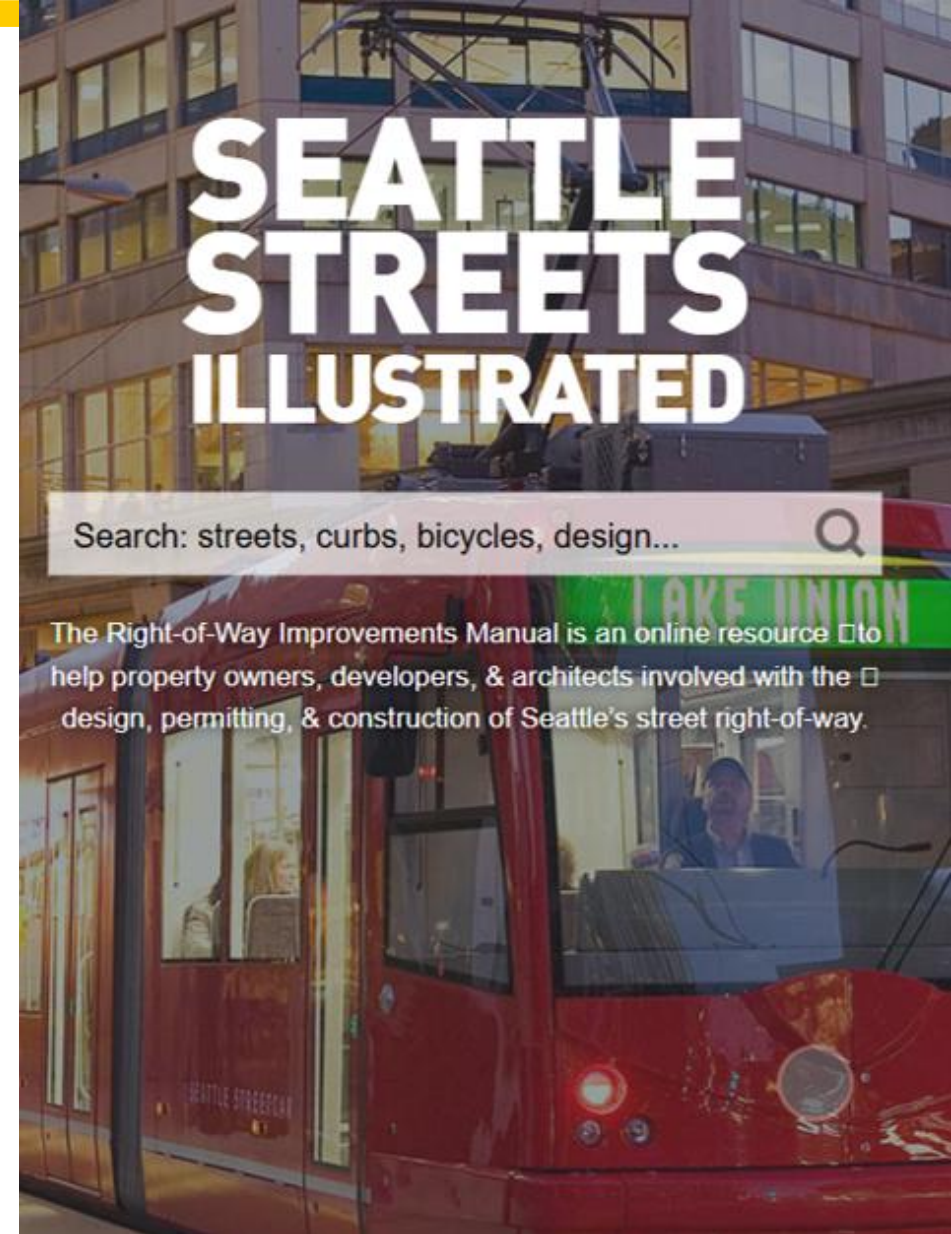
Values & Goals

- Safety
- Equity
- Sustainability
- Mobility & Economic Vitality
- Livability
- Maintenance & Modernization
- Excellence



Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Streets Illustrated Overview
3. Update Approach
4. Discussion
5. Next Steps



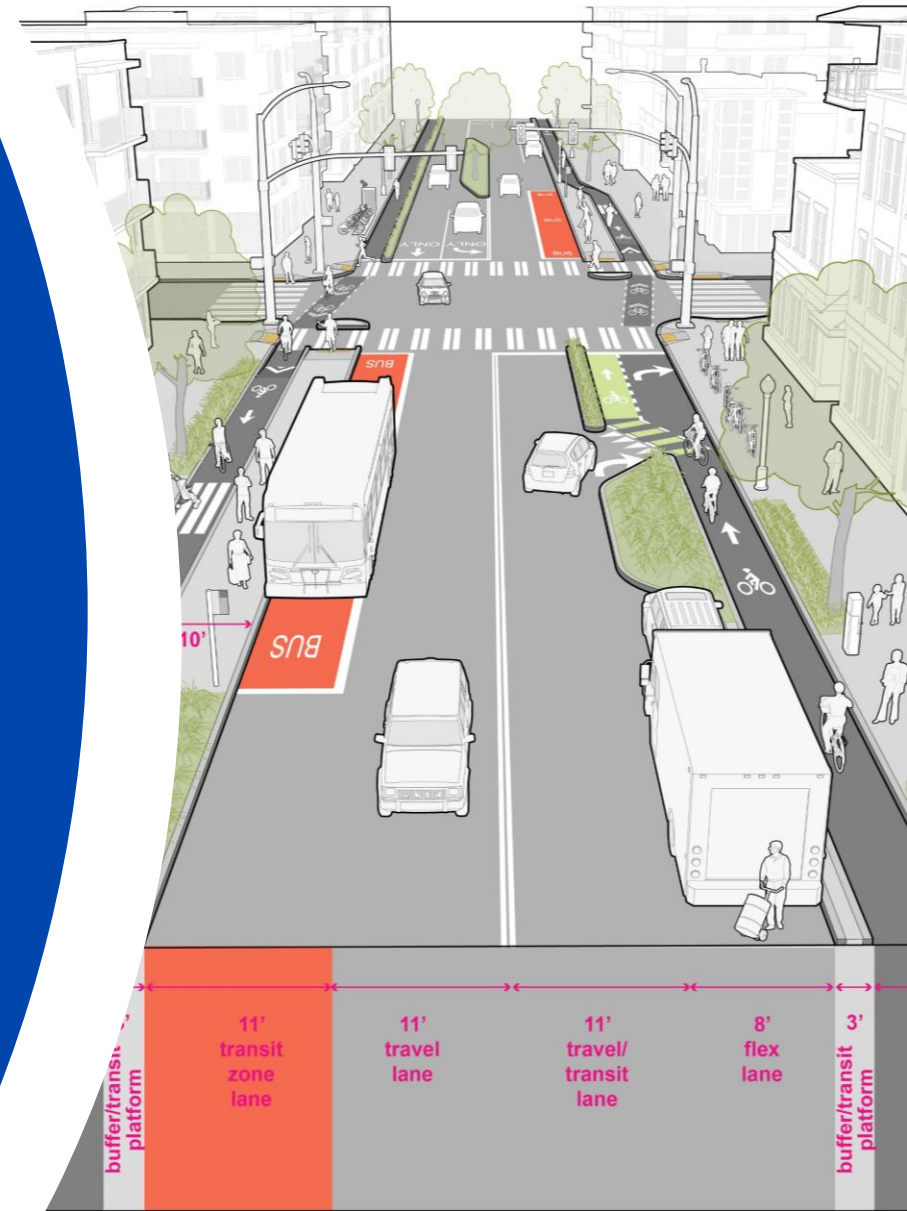
Introduction

We are here to share:

- Streets Illustrated overview
- Streets Illustrated update approach

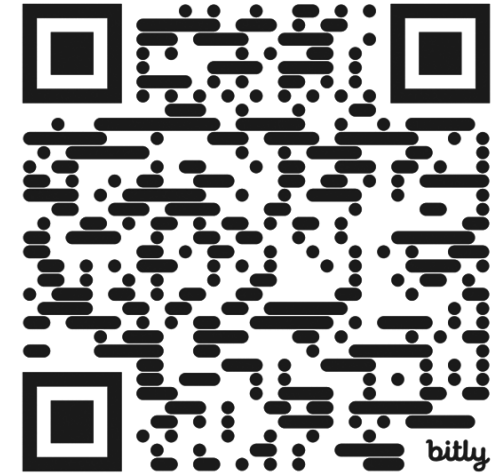
We are here to listen:

- Design Commission topics of interest



Streets Illustrated: What is it?

- Our guide on how we **design, build, and manage the right-of-way.**
- An online resource that provides **design guidance and standards, and processes.**
- Adopted through a joint **Director's Rule** (SDOT and SDCI)



Resource:
[Streets Illustrated Map](#)

Streets Illustrated: Who uses it?

- City staff
- Design consultants
- Contractors / Developers
- Advocacy groups
- Community members

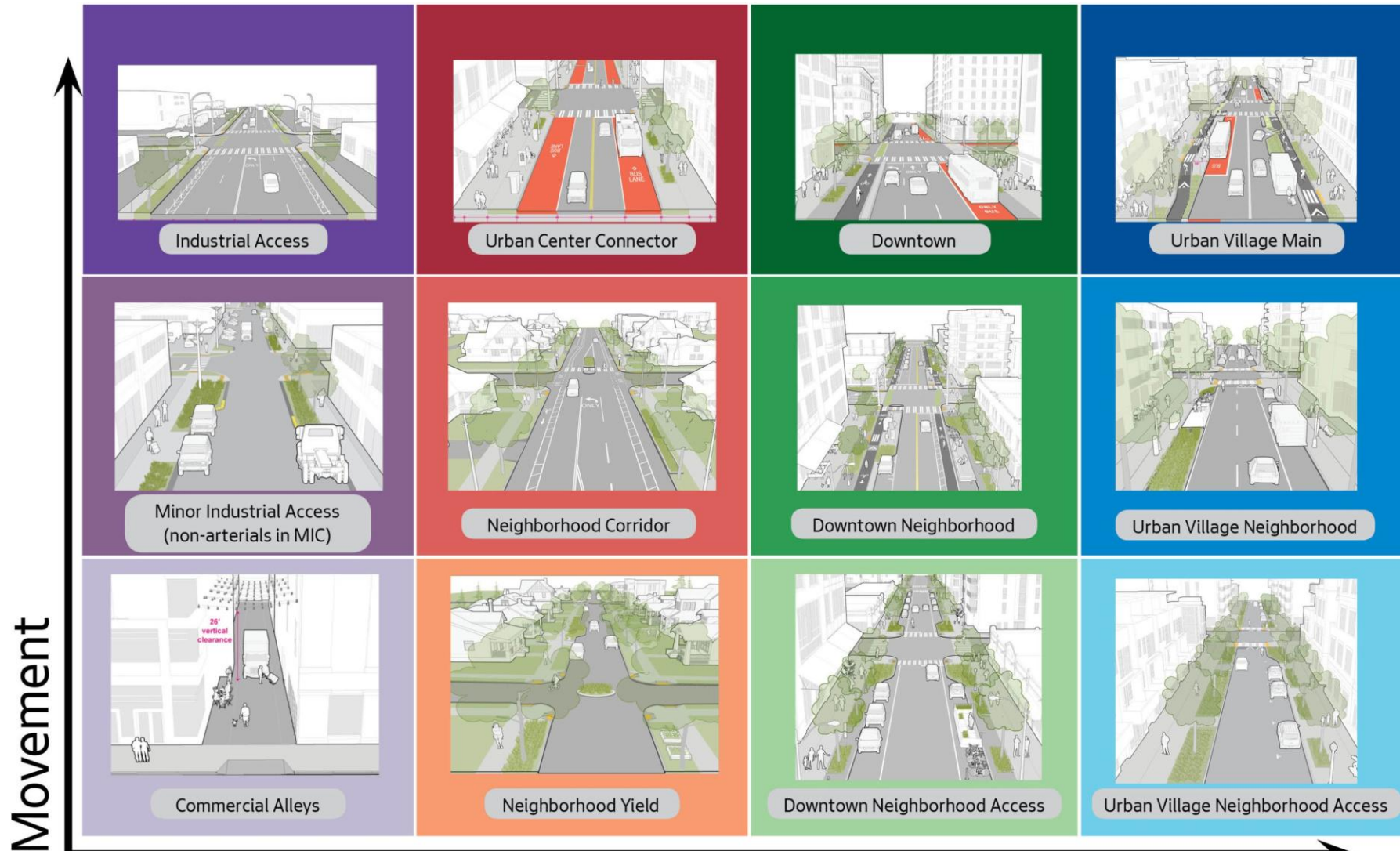


Streets Illustrated & Land Use Code

- Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) sets out requirements (what) and when they would be triggered.
- SMC Title 23.53 refers to Streets Illustrated (Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual) for street and alley improvements



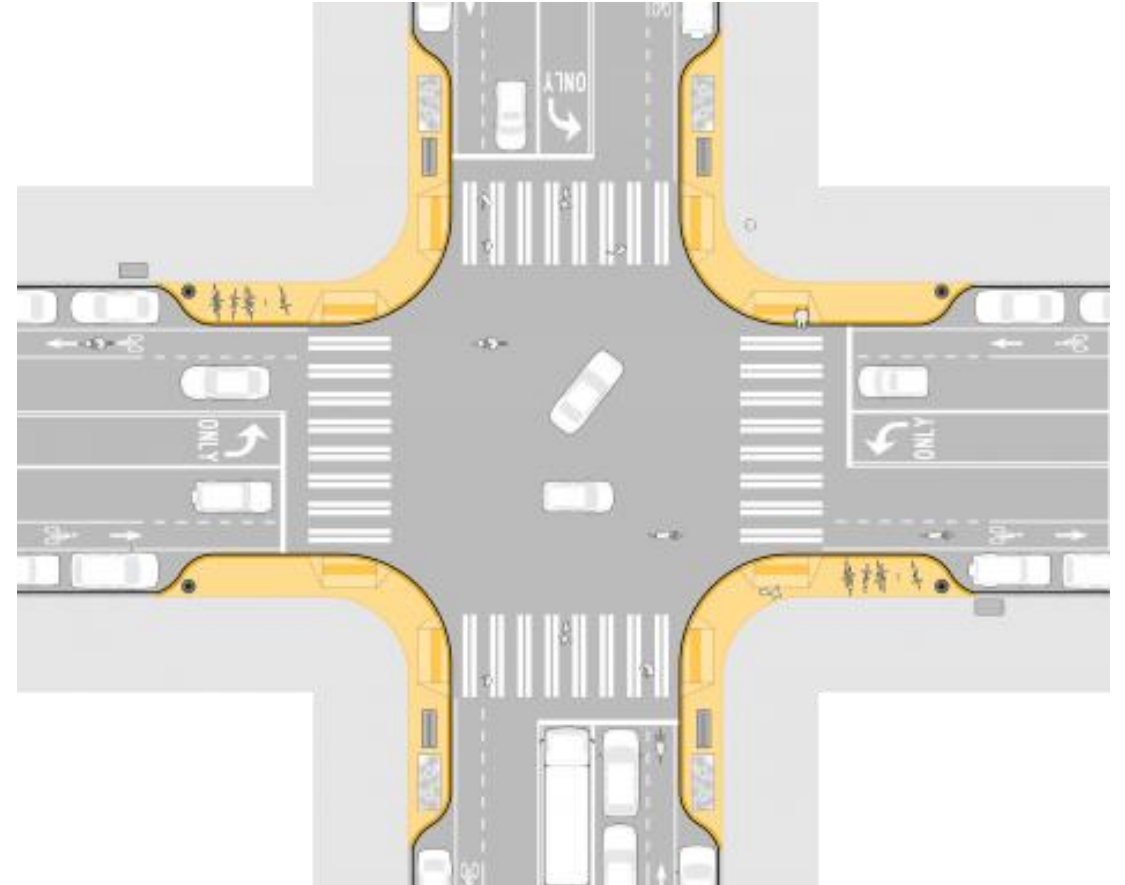
Streets Illustrated: Street Type Standards



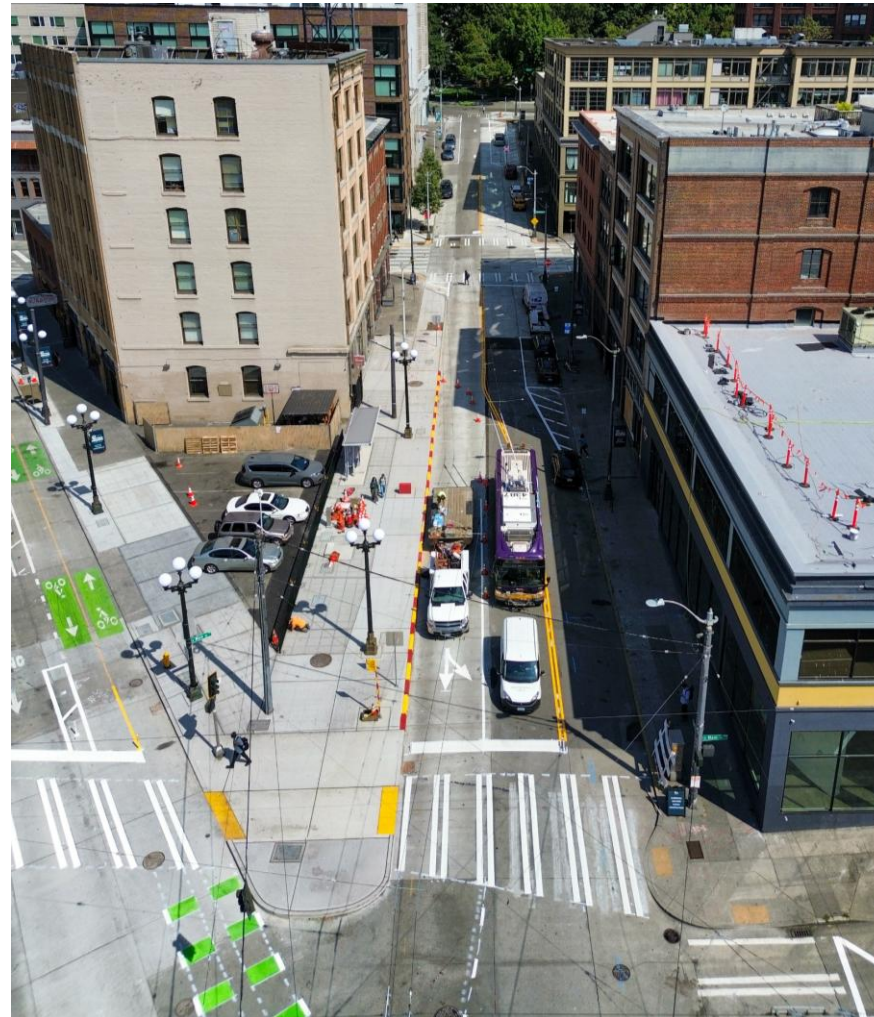
* Except limited access/controlled driveway access streets

Streets Illustrated: Street Design Standards

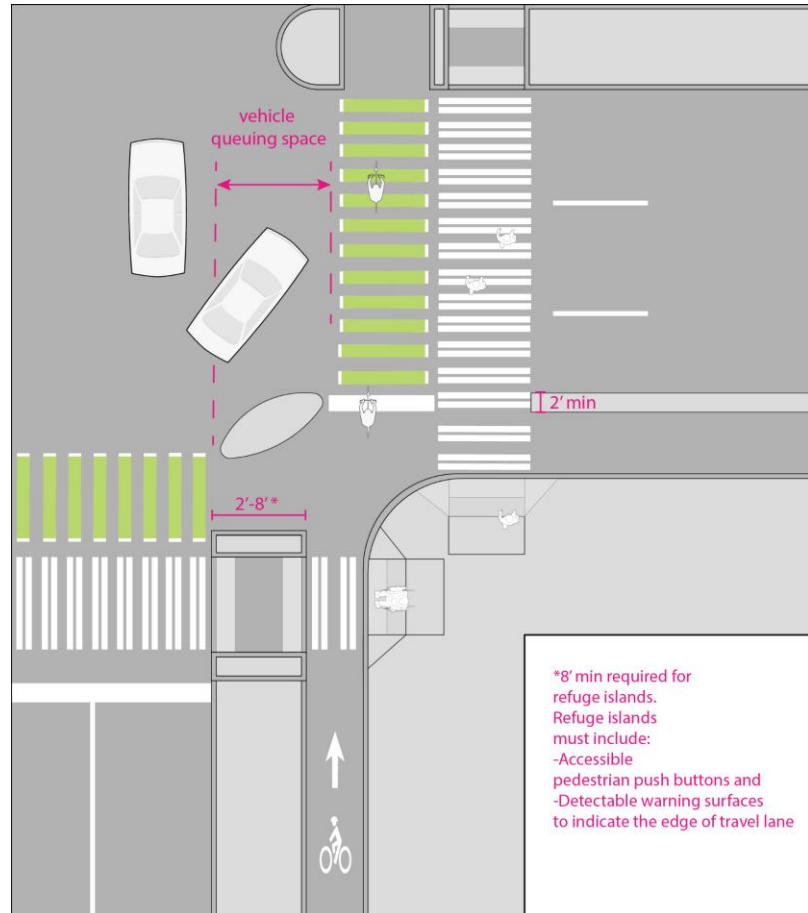
- Sidewalks
- Traffic calming
- Street trees
- Accessibility
- Intersections
- Clearances
- Drainage
- Street and Pedestrian lighting
- Transit
- Bicycle
- Freight



3rd Ave S and S Main St Bus Stop Project



Thomas St: 5th Ave N to Dexter Ave N Project



Bike Intersection Design

East Marginal Way Corridor Project



Rapid Ride H Line Delridge Way SW



Greenwood Raised Community Crosswalk



Why update Streets Illustrated?



Updated & New Modal Networks and Growth Strategy (Seattle Transportation Plan, One Seattle Plan & Regional Center Plans)



Updated Design Guidance (PROWAG final rules, NACTO Design Guidance, etc.)



New Legislation (WA Senate Bill 5595 Designated Shared Streets)



New and Emerging Mobility (Micromobility, EV, AV, etc.)

Update Approach

Phased Basis	Update in phases
Prioritize	Prioritize topics to advance each year
Develop	Develop content with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) / Consultants
Engage	Engage with stakeholders (including Modal Advisory Boards) for input
Adopt	Adopt update content through Director's Rule

Priority Topics

- Safety (Vision Zero)
 - Traffic calming, Daylighting Intersections, No Turn on Red (NTOR), Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI), Pedestrian Crossing, etc.
- Accessibility (ADA)
 - Curb ramps, Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSI), Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)
- Public Realm
 - Design guidance and elements
- Streets Illustrated Map
 - Street Type designation update in response to the One Seattle Plan growth strategies

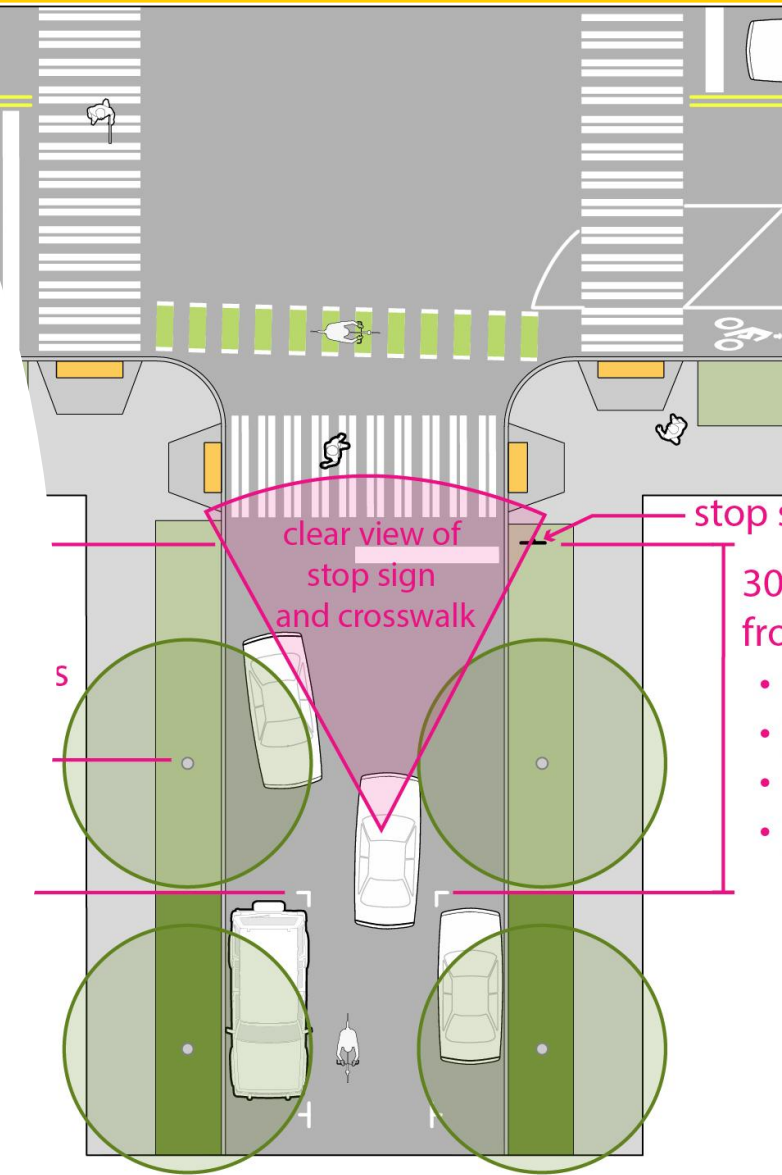


Discussion

- What are Design Commission's topics of interest in transportation as it relates to the implementation of Seattle Transportation Plan & One Seattle Plan?
- Are there any specific Streets Illustrated design standards and guidance that you feel are missing or need an update?

Next Steps

- Draft Design Standards & Guidance working with SMEs
- Engage with stakeholders when draft content is ready to share
- Prioritize topics to advance in the next cycle



From the entire SDOT Team:

Thank you!



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