

A photograph of the Seattle skyline, including the Smith Tower and other skyscrapers, viewed from across the water under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

# The Final 50 Feet Program and 2018 Statement of Legislative Intent

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## Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) - 2018

“Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle Police Department, identify and report on tools to reduce alley congestion in the Downtown core.

Alley congestion refers to site conditions and vehicle use that limit the ability of alleys to function for circulation and access to adjoining properties. Strategies to consider should include, but are not limited to, education, enforcement and design of the built environment.”

# Study approach

- Alleys are one part of urban goods network – need to be viewed as part of a larger system along with private loading facilities and public curb space
- Recognize that historic and current uses may be very different - use data-driven process to identify needs and solutions
- Integrate Final 50 Feet / SLI work with the One Center City *Near-Term Action Plan* and upcoming long term vision process.

# 2018 Final 50 Feet Program Activities – accelerated tasks

Alley network and operations studies:

- Inventory of location and attributes
- Observations on how alleys are being used
- Review of ownership and public authority / responsibilities

Companion Commercial Vehicle Load Zone Study

Integration of alley, private loading facilities, public curbspace data to build map of urban goods network and system gaps

# 2018 Statement of Legislative Intent – new tasks

## SDOT Coordination with other City Departments:

- Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
- Office of Planning and Community Development
- Seattle Police Department
- Seattle Fire Department
- Seattle Information Technology
- Seattle Public Utilities

# 2018 Statement of Legislative Intent – new tasks

Consider solutions across disciplines:

- Life safety access
- Transportation operations
- Land use, building and site design standards
- Utilities, garbage collection, enforcement needs

# Some early ideas

## Short term recommendations:

- Interim strategies for loading facility gaps
- Test and apply innovations through Urban Freight Lab
- Education/outreach for shippers, drivers, property owners

## Long term recommendations:

- Modern loading facility specifications
- Land use code updates to support “self-sufficient” building design
- “Goods Trip Reduction” program for existing building assistance

# SLI Schedule



# Questions?

# Thank you

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