



Right of Way Improvement Manual

10 YEAR UPDATE



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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.

SDOT's core principles



Presentation overview

- Right of Way Improvement Manual- Authority
- Background
- Policy Framework
- Vision for update
- General Scope of work
- Timeline
- Stakeholder involvement

ROWIM – Authority & Purpose

“Establishes and documents the policies, procedures and practices for how the City manages physical improvements in the street right of way and on public property”.



Background

- Developed in 2005
 - was recognized as best practice at that time
 - One stop resource for private contractors
 - Web interface and numerous links to relevant codes, standards, etc.
- Two minor updates since 2005
 - (2008 and 2012)

Relationship to Other Plans & Standards

- Seattle Municipal Code
- Standard Plans and Specifications
- Federal, State, and Regional regulatory requirements
- City-wide plans, such as the Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan, SDOT Pedestrian, Transit and Bicycle Modal Plans, and the Storm Water Code.

**Manual on Uniform
Traffic Control Devices**
for Streets and Highways
2009 Edition

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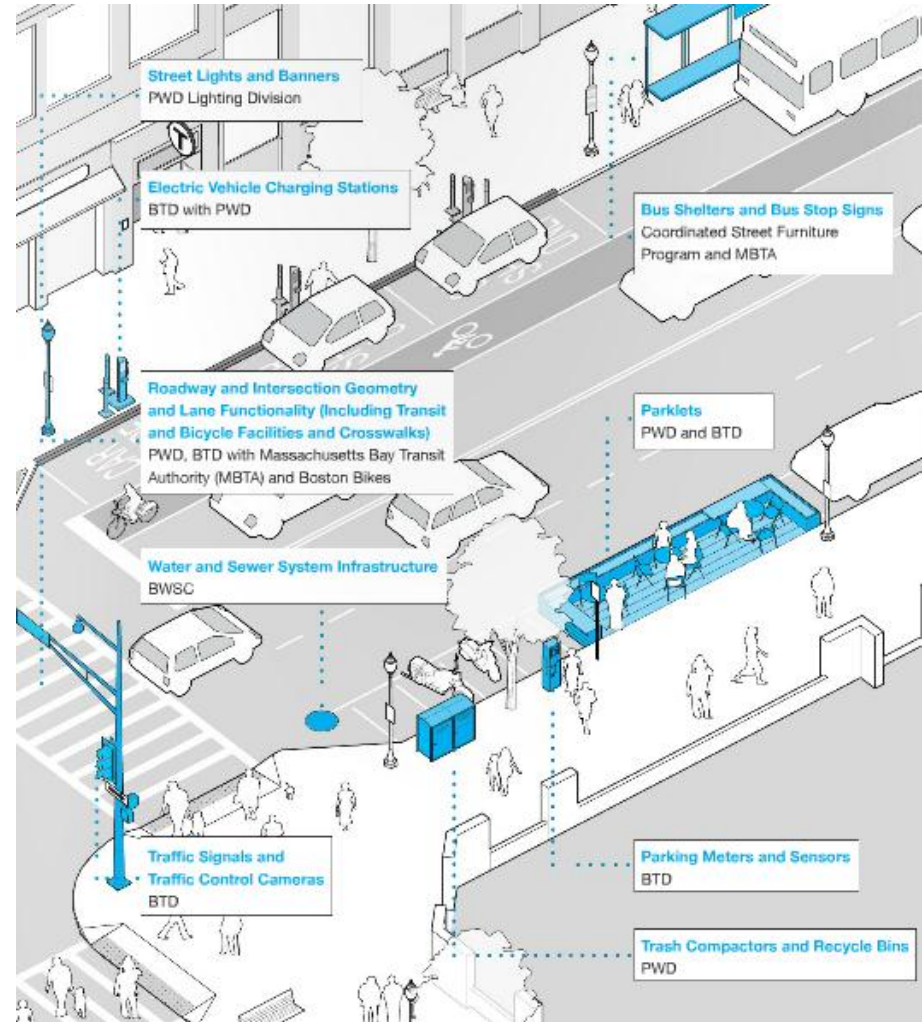
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Key Outcomes

- A revised manual structure and organization
- A multi-disciplinary and widely distributed user survey
- An illustrative and interactive web based manual with a modern, easy to navigate user interface

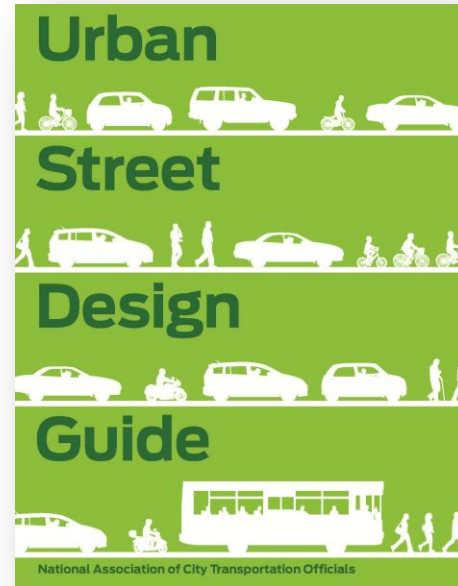
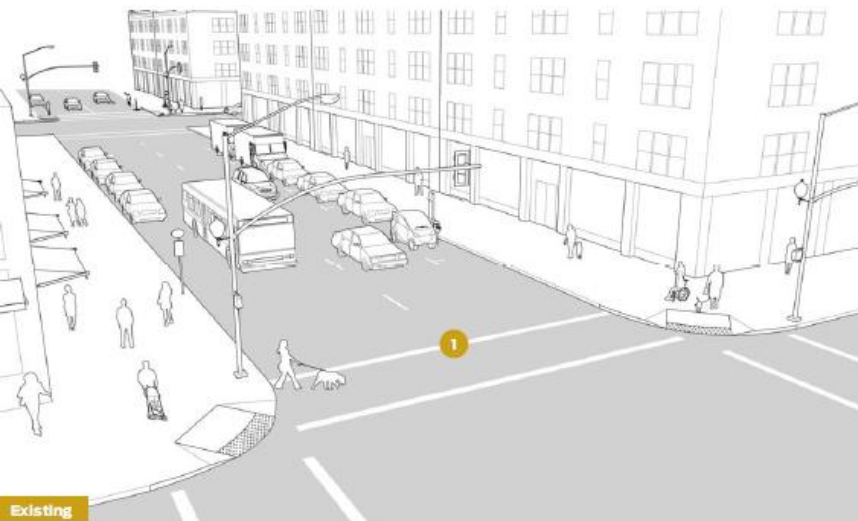


Emerging Opportunities

- *Illustrative* Street Typologies
- Development Review Process Improvements
- Interim Design Strategies
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Public Space Management Program (parklets, alley activation, pavement to parks, etc.)
- Modal Plan Design Criteria (PMP, TMP, BMP, FMP(emerging))- examples: buffered bike lanes, pedestrian lighting, etc
- Construction Coordination
- Accessibility



Street Manual Examples



Streets need to convey people, goods, and services, but should also serve as front yards, parks, playgrounds, and public spaces to accommodate the ever-expanding set of urban needs.

Project Structure

- Core Team
- Chapter Leads
- Executive Steering Committee
- Interdepartmental Team
- Advisory Group (Boards & Commissions)

Next steps



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