PUBLIC SPACE MANAGEMENT

MISSION:
Seattle’s Public Space Management Program promotes and regulates a vibrant, safe, accessible, and attractive right-of-way.

GOALS:
1/ Encourage: Promote the activation of public space
2/ Implement: Ensure that opportunities to active the R.O.W. are not missed due to perceived obstacles or implementation hurdles
3/ Innovate: Identify opportunities for activation
4/ Regulate: Manage our public spaces in a transparent and predictable way

Identified 37 potential program areas, including Play in the R.O.W.
PLAY IN THE R.O.W.

Began as an idea about how to allow play equipment into the ROW

Ran into concerns about maintenance and liability

Looked into best practices from the other cities and Healthy Partnership for America
POLICY BACKGROUND

BLOCK PARTIES
In 2008, application process streamlined and fees waived
On pace to issue 350 block parties in 2015

1/ Not on an arterial street
2/ Intersections must stay open
3/ No bus stops on the block
4/ Street cleared by 10pm
5/ Not more than once per month

NIGHT OUT
One night in August, aimed at increase neighborhood support in anti-crime efforts while also celebrating community and spending time with neighbors

1,250+ events were registered in 2015
Seattle has been participating since 1984

SEATTLE SUMMER STREETS/PARKWAYS
Started in 2008, closed 3-4 streets in different neighborhoods during summer weekends

In 2015, program changed to Summer Parkways

Each Summer a loop of streets are closed in specific neighborhoods with the focus of active transportation
PLAY STREET APPLICATION

To close off your street and register your block as a play street, complete the following information. You will receive notification of your permit within 14 days. Please include a copy of your permit on the traffic barricades closing your street.

APPLICANT BASIC INFORMATION

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<th>(check one)</th>
<th>School</th>
<th>Resident</th>
<th>Community Organization</th>
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NAME (contact person)  

ADDRESS  

PHONE  

EMAIL

PLAY STREET INFORMATION

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<th>DATE of first play street (allow 14 days to obtain the permit)</th>
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<td>month / day / year</td>
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Recurring?  

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TIME of street closure  

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DATE of last play street  

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STREET NAME  

to be closed  

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ACTIVITIES (check all that apply):  

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<th>Chalk art</th>
<th>Games (hopscotch, jump rope, four square, basketball, badminton, etc.)</th>
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Organized class (dance, yoga, martial arts)  

Bicycle rodeo, roller-blading, relay races  

Unstructured play  

Other  

I will ensure that my block is adequately closed to traffic with sufficient and effective traffic barricades:  

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I have contacted ALL of my neighbors on my block about my plans:  

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<th>NO</th>
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By submitting this application, I agree to adhere to all City of Seattle Street Use rules and regulations.

signature  

date
www.seattle.gov/transportation/playstreets.htm
Public space permits: (206) 684-5267
In 18 months, we’ve issued 162 permits
Over 9,000 hours worth of play streets
NEXT STEPS

1/ Move from Pilot to Permanent in 2016
   + Update the municipal code
   + Adjust program rules
   + Make a handbook

2/ Improve geographic equity
   + Reach out to community groups and schools
   + Host events in underserved n’hoods
   + Provide play materials

3/ Promote program benefits
   + Adds extra space for safe, active play
   + Provides easy community building
   + Links to other city plans