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New City Design Manual, “Streets Illustrated”, Released Today
Online resource will help design professionals with right-of-way improvements

SEATTLE – The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is pleased to announce the release of “[Seattle Streets Illustrated](#),” an updated online resource to help developers, architects, and property owners involved in design, permitting, and construction within the street right-of way. Streets Illustrated, Seattle’s Right-of-Way Improvement Manual, is effective December 1, 2017.

New Vision for Seattle’s Streets

Seattle today is facing the challenges that come with being one of the fastest-growing major cities in the country. Seattle streets must continue to adapt to accommodate a multi-use system that is efficient, safe, and accessible to all travelers. Streets Illustrated is setting the standard for other major cities including New York and Los Angeles, with Seattle being one of the first major cities to adopt a completely online and interactive design manual. New features include:

- **Street Type Map:** Twelve new street types are viewable on an interactive map demonstrating required right-of-way to accommodate different modes of travel.
- **Street Type Standards:** Illustrative images provide standard dimensions for all elements of each of the twelve street types.

Purpose and Need

Street right-of-way accounts for twenty-seven percent of city land and has a tremendous impact on how people move through the city. This manual sets new standards for varying modes of transportation and advances best practice design in the realm of freight, transit, pedestrians, and bicycles. It also facilitates better outcomes in the public realm by including tools on how to activate and enhance public space, which will serve as a tool to advocacy groups and neighborhoods throughout the City of Seattle.

Procedures and design standards for Streets Illustrated were developed keeping in mind the critical balance of safety, infrastructure, and preserving our environment. Streets Illustrated summarizes the City of Seattle’s Land Use Code requirements ([Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code](#)) for street improvements and presents specific criteria for design and installation.

Scott Kubly, SDOT Director

“Seattle Streets Illustrated is a modern technically innovative design manual for a modern and innovative Seattle, not just for today but for the future. Seattle continues to grow and this manual sets best in class standards helping people travel safely and efficiently through the city.”

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