PUBLIC SPACES PUBLIC LIFE 2008 Downtown Seattle Pedestrian Environment Study Background Resources Prepared by Liz Stenning, University of Washington

The resources listed below provide background information for the pedestrian environment of downtown Seattle. The following resources consist of reports, policies, and current and future projects. The \*\* indicate resources that provide the most relevant or concise information.

## CITY CENTER PROJECTS OVERVIEW

- *Center City Seattle* (home page) <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/centercity/">http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/centercity/</a> [\*\*Starting point to learn about current projects.]
- *Initiatives Underway in Center City*, as of April 2006, SDPD <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@proj/documents/web\_informational/dpdp\_018303.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@proj/documents/web\_informational/dpdp\_018303.pdf</a>.
  - [\*\*Starting point to learn about current projects.]
- City Center Access Strategy Reports (see attachment)
  [List prepared by SDOT of current Center City Access Strategy reports. Links to these reports can be found on the SDOT webpage, <a href="http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/transportation/">http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/transportation/</a>, or contact Kristen Simpson Kristen.Simpson Seattle.Gov at SDOT.]
- **List of IDT projects** prepared by Gary Johnson, SDPD (Seattle Public Realm work attachment) [\*\*Starting point to learn about current projects.]
- Center City Circulation Report SDOT 2003

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmpcentercity.htm.

[Provides a clear, conceptual approach for maximizing access to downtown with improvements to transit, bicycle and pedestrian networks.]

• The Blue Ring Plan (Seattle's Open Space Strategy for the Center City) SDPD, June 2002 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds 006516.pdf</a>.

[Describes the "Blue Ring" concept with maps of corridor, connector, and green streets].

## Seattle Waterfront

- "Eight Options on Table for Seattle's Alaska Way Viaduct," Larry Lang, Seattle PI, June 27, 2008 <a href="http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/transportation/368681\_viaduct27.html">http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/transportation/368681\_viaduct27.html</a>. [\*\*Current status on options for Alaska Way Viaduct.]
- Alaska Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Washington State DOT Website
   <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct">http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct</a>.

   [WSDOT website provides overview of Alaska Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement]
- Seattle's Central Waterfront Plan SDPD, June 2006
  <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Central\_Waterfront/DraftWaterfrontConceptPlan/default.asp">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Central\_Waterfront/DraftWaterfrontConceptPlan/default.asp</a>
  [Concept plan intended to guide policy and future design work. Provides description of the the study area and context.]

# South Downtown

 Livable South Downtown Planning Study: Draft Land Use Recommendations City of Seattle, May 2008 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/South\_Downtown/Planning\_Study/index.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Planning/South\_Downtown/Planning\_Study/index.htm</a>.
 [Provides a draft of future lands use recommendation with description of the the study area and context.]

# First Hill

• 1st Hill West Slope Design Workshop Summary, http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/First\_Hill\_Revitalization/Overview/.

[Provides an overview of area with proposed connections and open spaces.]

## TRANSPORTATION and STREETS

#### Pedestrian/Bicvcle

• *Draft State of the Pedestrian Environment Report* SVR Design Company, May 2008 (prepared for SDOT, see attachment).

[\*\*Overview of pedestrian conditions throughout Seattle]

- Seattle Master Bicycle Plan SDOT, 2007 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/Transportation/bikemaster.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/Transportation/bikemaster.htm</a> [\*\*Starting point for bicycle conditions and future planning proposals. Maps included.]
- Pedestrian Master Plan SDOT (not completed)
   <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/Transportation/ped\_masterplan.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/Transportation/ped\_masterplan.htm</a>
   <a href="mailto:seattle.gov/Transportation/ped\_masterplan.htm">status.]</a>
- The Potlach Trail Concept Plan SDPD 2001 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds</a> 008507.pdf

[Proposed location and designs for Potlach Trail.]

# GREEN RESEARCH FUTURES LAB

# <u>Streetscape</u>

- **Seattle Right-of-Way Improvements Manual SDOT** http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/
  - [\*\*On-line resource to assist property developers with the design and construction of Seattle's right-of-way].
- **SDOT Art Plan** Daniel Mihalyo SDOT & the Mayor's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, 2005 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/artplan.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/artplan.htm</a>

[Plan of action with details for how to incorporate art throughout the city.]

• Seattle Wayfinding Project Phase 2, Sea Reach LTD, October 2003 [prepared for City Design] Seattle Wayfinding Background Report, Sea Reach LTD, April 2003 [prepared for City Design] <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds-008409.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/stellent/groups/pan/@pan/@plan/@citydesign/documents/web\_informational/dpds-008409.pdf</a>

[Describes a wayfinding system for Seattle; indicating locations and types of signs.]

# City Center Parks, Trails & Recreation

- *Center City Parks* (City website) <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/centercity/parks.htm#list">http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/centercity/parks.htm#list</a> [\*\*Starting point to learn about current projects.]
- Downtown Parks Renaissance Report Berk & Associates, March 2006 [prepared for Seattle Parks and Recreation] <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown/Report.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown/Report.pdf</a>
   [\*\*Strategies for improving downtown parks. Includes descriptions of each park with
  - [\*\*Strategies for improving downtown parks. Includes descriptions of each park with recommendations. Great place to start learning about downtown public parks.
- **Downtown Open Space Evaluation** MAKERS, April 2001 [prepared for City of Seattle, Strategic Planning Office] (see attachment)

[\*\*Starting point for learning about downtown open space and future recommendations.]

- **Bands of Green** Cedar River Group, 2007 [prepared for Seattle Parks Foundation]

  <a href="http://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/Bands%20of%20Green%20Final%20Plan\_web.pdf">http://www.seattleparksfoundation.org/Bands%20of%20Green%20Final%20Plan\_web.pdf</a>

  [Comprehensive plan for developing bicycle, pedestrian trails, boulevards, and linear parks.]
- Urban Forest Management Plan City of Seattle, April 2007
   <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/environment/documents/Final\_UFMP.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/environment/documents/Final\_UFMP.pdf</a>

   [Report describing current conditions and future goals for Seattle's urban forest.]
- *Port of Seattle Parks*, website <a href="http://www.portseattle.org/community/resources/parks/index.shtml">http://www.portseattle.org/community/resources/parks/index.shtml</a> [Lists all Port of Seattle-owned parks.]

## Green Infrastructure/Climate Change

• City of Seattle 2006-2007Environmental Action Agenda, Office of Sustainability and the Environment <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/environment/Documents/eaa/2006\_Brochure\_color.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/environment/Documents/eaa/2006\_Brochure\_color.pdf</a> [List of recent accomplishments to help reduce global warming.]

- 2007-2008 Seattle Climate Action Plan Progress Report, Office of Sustainability and the Environment <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/climate/docs/SeaCAP%20Progress%20Report2007.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/climate/docs/SeaCAP%20Progress%20Report2007.pdf</a> [Current progress report highlighting global warming reduction initiatives.]
- Seattle Climate Change Implementation Matrix, Office of Sustainability and the Environment <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/climate/docs/SeaCAP%20Status-October%202007.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/climate/docs/SeaCAP%20Status-October%202007.pdf</a> [Matrix of implementation measures to help reduce global warming.]
- US Mayors Climate Protection Plan, Office of the Mayor <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/">http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/</a> [Official website for the US Mayors Climate Protection plan.]
- Greenprint for King County, Trust for Public Lands, March 2005 [prepared for King County] <a href="http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/greenprint/">http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/greenprint/</a>

[Report for a regional conservation strategy to adopt and protect open spaces.]

- Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound, Puget Sound Action Team, Washington State University Pierce County Extension, January 2005
   <a href="http://www.psparchives.com/publications/our\_work/stormwater/lid/LID\_manual2005.pdf">http://www.psparchives.com/publications/our\_work/stormwater/lid/LID\_manual2005.pdf</a>
   [Stormwater management strategy for the Puget Sound.]
- Street Edge Alternatives (SEA Streets) Project, Seattle Public Utilities

  <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/util/About\_SPU/Drainage\_&\_Sewer\_System/Natural\_Drainage\_Systems/Street\_Edge\_Alternatives/index.asp">http://www.seattle.gov/util/About\_SPU/Drainage\_&\_Sewer\_System/Natural\_Drainage\_Systems/Street\_Edge\_Alternatives/index.asp</a>

  [Pilot project to reduce stormwater run-off by using natural landscape techniques.]
- City of Seattle Comprehensive Drainage Plan, Seattle Public Utilities 2004

  <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/UTIL/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@usm/documents/webcontent/cos\_004806.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/UTIL/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@usm/documents/webcontent/cos\_004806.pdf</a>

[Comprehensive stormwater and drainage policies, and list of potential projects

• *Open Space 2100 Report*, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington, July 2006 <a href="http://depts.washington.edu/open2100/book/book.complete.pdf">http://depts.washington.edu/open2100/book/book.complete.pdf</a>
[Future strategies for increasing open space over the next 100 years in Seattle.]