

Attachment B – Interim Measures and Improvements

This attachment addresses an element of the direction received from the City Council in December 2023, specifically:

Direct staff to present options to the Retail *ad hoc* Committee and come back to Council with interim measures that can be done inexpensively and quickly to show progress

Staff presented the overall vision and design themes as well as near-term improvements and a stakeholder engagement strategy to the Retail Committee in March and April. Staff has recommended several interim improvements, balancing the level of investment with the fact that long-term improvements are anticipated to be implemented in about five years.

Proposed near-term improvements include enhanced cleaning and maintenance as well as some modest infrastructure improvements as described below. The bolded text represents the general description and bulleted notes follow for each to provide additional context.

Enhanced Cleaning and Maintenance

Continue Street sweeping at current service level

- Continue service level at 3 times/week through contractual services
- Need to address issue of businesses blowing debris from the parklets into a swept street

Pressure washing/steam cleaning of Downtown District sidewalks

- Important to set expectations on what pressure washing/steam cleaning can accomplish
- Current service level at 1 time/month, 2 times/month at Lytton Plaza, costs about \$11K/month
- Doubling frequency would require an additional \$132K/year in funding and a contract amendment
- Increased pressure washing to 2 times/month as a pilot project in the most impacted sidewalk areas

Trash pickup

- Continue Green Waste service level at 6 times/week, no service on Sundays
- Explore additional Green Waste pick-up on Sundays and in areas of heavy use through contractual services, additional funding needed
- Explore use of garbage bags by Green Waste to keep trash can liners clean
- Filled long-vacant Street Maintenance Assistant position
- Added litter and trash pickup on Friday and Saturday afternoons/evenings for 4.5 hours each day and on Sunday afternoon/evening for 9 hours (temporary pending review of results and costs)

Trash pickup (cont'd)

- Added 18 hours of trash can liner washing weekly on Friday mornings (temporary pending review of results and costs)
- Added 40 hours per week of M-F litter pickup, biohazard clean up, reducing overflowing trash cans, wiping down newspaper racks, and removing flyers off poles (temporary pending review of results and costs)

Infrastructure Improvements**Replace aged public trash cans**

- Replacing 20 aging trash receptacles, with replacement estimated to be completed in July
- Purchased 35 new trash can liners for replacement as needed and to swap out dirty liners with clean liners weekly

Remove aging and unused news racks

- Staff has completed an initial review of the total 214 news rack boxes and approximately 1/3 appear to be abandoned. Staff is working through the process to remove them

Identify locations for additional bike parking and install bike racks

- Assessment is being done as part of the bicycle and pedestrian transportation plan, estimated completion in 2025; bike racks may be installed upon request

Miscellaneous infrastructure improvements

- Continue minor repairs of sidewalks and other infrastructure such as streetlights
- Businesses that have installed custom sidewalks are responsible for their own maintenance