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The Right-of-Way Improvements Manual, Chapters 3 and 4  *NOTE: The Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (formerly the "Street Improvement Manual") is Joint Director's Rule DPD 22-2005 & SDOT 2-05. This Rule amends only Chapters 3 and 4 of the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual.		SMC Chapters 23.22, 23.24, 23.53, 23.71 and 23.84	
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### **Background**

Seattle's street rights-of-way are an important and complex public resource. They must safely accommodate multiple modes of travel, offer universal access around and through the city, provide access to private property, enhance a place's character, protect environmental resources, and allow for the delivery of utility services. The City works collaboratively with various private and public entities to design, construct, maintain and manage the City's public properties and street rights-of-way.

The Right-of-Way (ROW) Improvements Manual is a resource developed by the City of Seattle to help property owners, developers, architects, landscape architects, and engineers plan for

and design street and alley improvements associated with development projects. It is also a resource for City Staff and partner agencies involved with the design, permitting and construction of improvements to Seattle's street rights-of-way.

The ROW Manual considers the access and mobility needs of all users of the street rights-of-way: pedestrians, non-motorized vehicles, automobiles, transit, and freight. Procedures and design criteria were developed keeping in mind the critical balance between these users. Knowing that all projects have site specific opportunities and constraints, the ROW Manual articulates the City's design criteria for ROW improvements and describes a process to achieve flexibility when practical.

### **Rule**

The full text of the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual can be found online at <http://seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/>.

The ROW Manual documents how the City manages physical improvements in Seattle's street rights-of-way. It attempts to provide a comprehensive resource for requirements, procedures, standards and guidelines affecting physical changes in the street rights-of-way.

As a comprehensive resource of information, the online version of the manual contains six chapters and several appendices. However, only two chapters are formally adopted by this Director's Rule. These are Chapter 3: *Right-of-Way Improvements Requirements*; and Chapter 4: *Design Criteria*. Chapter 3 of the ROW Manual summarizes the City of Seattle's Land Use Code requirements (Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code) for street and alley improvements. Chapter 4 presents specific criteria for design and installation.