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SAFE PARKING - PSU

WHERE & WHAT IS THE NEED?

IMPLEMETNATION & BARRIERS

FUTURE SAFE PARKING PROJECTS

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Portland State University has a unique advantage to become a successful safe parking program over other city or county based projects. It can become a program that can set an example for future programs like it in universities and colleges across the US. PSU, because of its university status has more autonomy of its campus grounds than city grounds might have, meaning it does not need to abide by some of the laws and codes by which other city properties are bound.

CASE STUDIES: GREATER PORTLAND

A PLACE TO CATCH YOUR BREATH

Minneapolis Lutheran Church 05.04.19

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A national study does collect data on homelessness rates in some way. The gap between 11% - 14% of students are experiencing homelessness. A study has not been done on specific data at PSU, however, there are students and staff experiencing homelessness at PSU and some of those students are sleeping in their vehicles. Some of the individuals living in their vehicles purchase quarterly parking passes for the PSU parking program. These individuals would benefit from a Safe Parking Program. There are existing infrastructures, systems and services that could be made available or utilized immediately. The purpose of this proposal is to map those existing infrastructures, systems and services to use as a document to suggest feasibility of a Safe Parking Program. This can then be sent out for review and embark on a project of this nature. It has more of different flexibilities of costs, allowances, uses of buildings, and accesses then city systems might have. Parking Structure 2 (PS2) is an ideal site to launch the SPPP - PSU's roof level parking is at the same elevation as the AMC - US Bancorp. The external entry of US Bancorp can be either from this skybridge, or from the southern exterior stairwell of the USB. The southern entry leads to a corridor consisting of 2 restrooms and the office of Advancing and Career Services. From the entry from the skybridge, passing through the hallway there is an exit that opens to the top level of PS2. The office can be made accessible through a corridor that will be locked and the restrooms and entry / exits can remain open for use by Safe Parking Program participants only. Card access can ensure utilization of restrooms for the participants, without causing any security issues for the building.

IMPLEMENTATION & BARRIERS

FOR FUTURE SAFE PARKING PROJECTS

OUTSIDE OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

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