

Community Preservation and Development Authorities

A Washington State Solution to Community Impacts

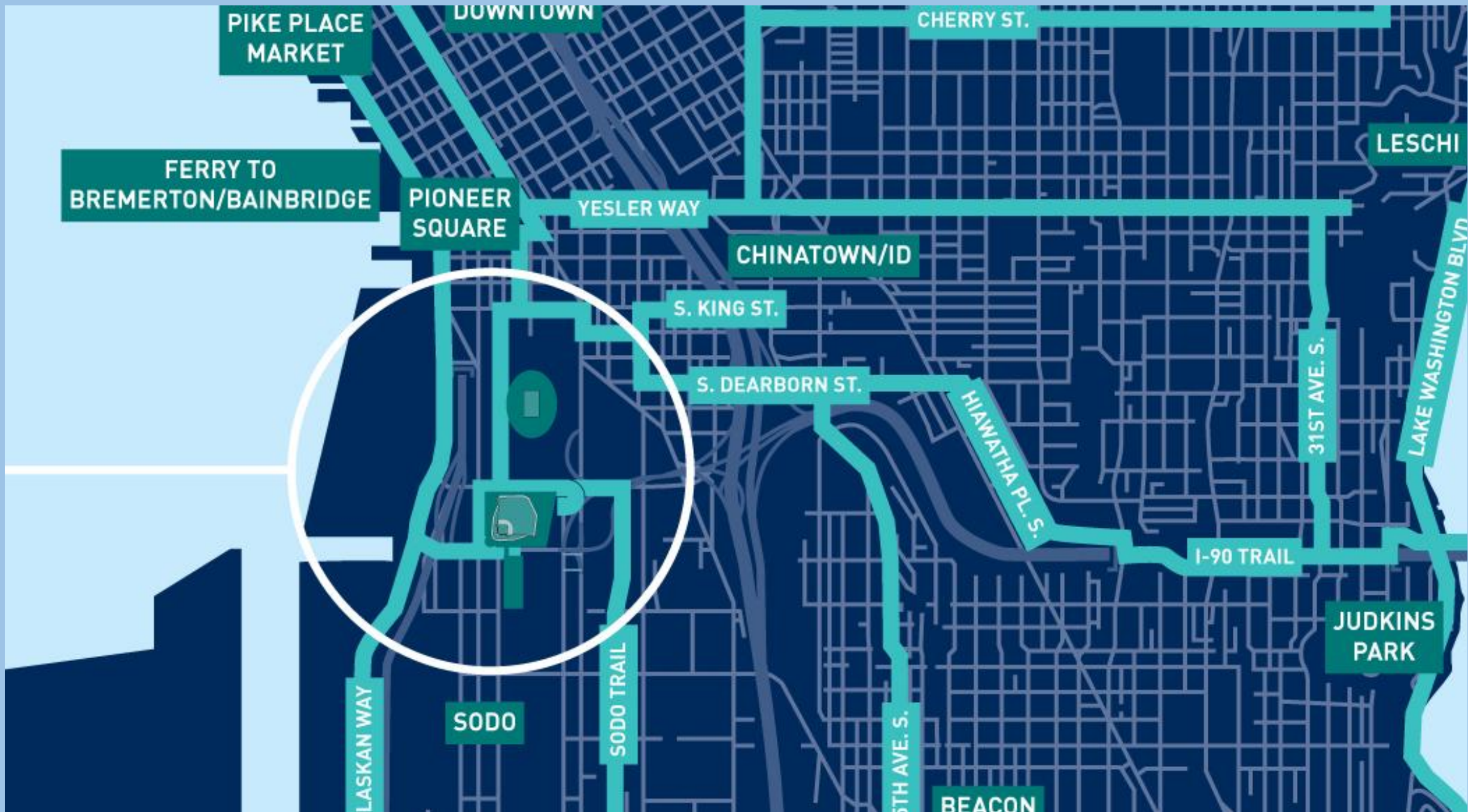
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Pioneer Square Chinatown International District Community Preservation and Development Authority Dba Historic South Downtown

Formed by the Washington State Legislature (2007)

RCW 43.167.007(1)

to restore or enhance the health, safety, and economic well-being of communities adversely impacted by the construction of, or ongoing operation of, multiple major public facilities, public works, and capital projects with significant public funding or by other land use decisions.



Historic South Downtown

Enhance

Enhance, preserve unique character of impacted communities, including historic buildings or areas by returning them to economically productive uses;

Mitigate

Mitigate the adverse effects of multiple major public facilities, publicly funded capital projects, or other land use decisions

Restore

Restore a local area's sense of community and stimulate economic vitality

Reduce

Reduce the displacement of community members and businesses;

Improve

Enhance public service provisions



We deliver on our mission through:

- **Grant Making**
- **Advocacy**
- **Research and Policy**
- **Individual Support**



HISTORIC SOUTH DOWNTOWN

We envision two healthy, safe, and connected neighborhoods where current and future businesses, residents, nonprofits, cultures, and histories survive and thrive. We envision two neighborhoods that attract, inspire, and remain significant to communities throughout Seattle and across the region.

OUR WORK IS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION

COMMUNITY STABILITY & EQUITY



Protect residents, businesses, and nonprofits from displacement while addressing systemic inequities.

CULTURAL VITALITY & PLACE

Celebrate and sustain the neighborhood's cultural identity, history, and quality of life.

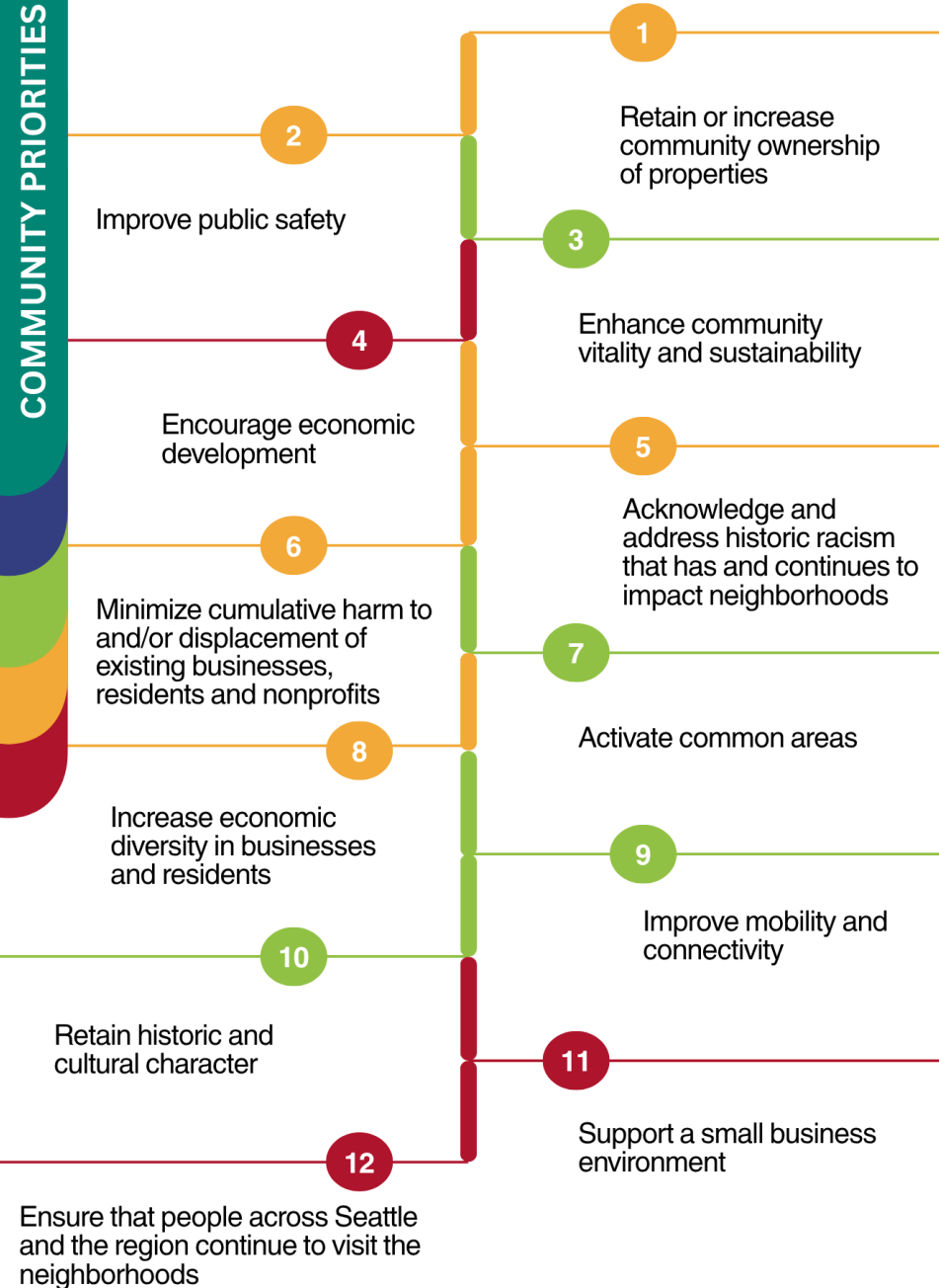


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & VITALITY



Build a strong, resilient economy that supports small businesses and attracts regional visitors.

SOUTH DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



2007 to 2026

- 2008 to 2017: All-volunteer run. Board received some funding during 2008 economic crisis to invest in neighborhood. Projects included the first painting of colonnades under I-5, and sponsored store pop-ups to activate vacant commercial spaces in Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District. Offices in Grand Central Building.
- 2017 to 2023: With Sound Transit III funding, hired first Executive Director, first Grant Making Coordinator. Launched first large grant push distributed more than \$6M in grants. Offices in Hing Hay Co-works.
- 2021 to 2026: Began advocating with legislative partners (Speaker Chopp, Rep. Santos early on). Participated in 2021-22 process led by Department of Revenue, plus stakeholders including representatives from the PFD and PSA. Identified sales/use tax diversion was preferred funding method.
HB1408 PASSES!



THANK YOU!
For your partnership and support.



What is next?

Grant Making

September 23, 2026:

Release Requests for Proposal for up to \$1M in Capital Grants

March 21, 2027:

Release Request for Proposal for Program and Operating funding

By 2026, we will be releasing up to \$2M in funding each year, divided between capital and operation funding.

Advocacy

Returning to the legislature in 2027 to advocate for:

Funding for statewide inventory of **Unreinforced Masonry**;

Increasing **mental health**, **substance use** and **housing** support;

Transparency in planning around **Pier 48**.

Research and Policy

New program designed to identify areas where improved policies can support **economic vitality**;; understand ways to increase the impact of our efforts to support unhoused and addicted members of the community, and other issues.

Individual and Community Support

Invest and provide increased capacity to those who live, work and consider South Downtown to be home, so that members of these communities are equipped to advocate for themselves and to expect improved public services.



2027

- Improved measures to ensure we can understand and guide our impact
- 20th Anniversary of HSD!

Thank you!

