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SUBJECT: Pilot Safe Parking Program

In addition to the Council's consideration of the operational contract and lease agreement for the upcoming Pilot Safe Parking Program on tonight's Consent Calendar, staff will present an overview of the program and key steps leading to program launch.

The primary goal of the Safe Parking program is to provide stabilization to individuals who live in their vehicles as they seek permanent housing. The City's program will help to fill a critical need for services for families and individuals living in vehicles, expanding the support network for some of our most vulnerable community members.

The program will provide a clean, safe, off-street parking area with on-site access to bathrooms, showers, and a kitchen, as well as case management and related services to support residents in their search for housing and other stability. The program will serve individuals of any demographic background who use their vehicle as a sole place of residence, with preference given to families with children.

The program operator, 4 Tomorrow, is a local Bellevue agency, with a focus on serving vulnerable populations and connecting to communities of color. They will work in partnership with i2, which brings extensive experience serving those experiencing homelessness and facilitating safe parking programs.

Following approval of the operational contract and lease agreement, the project team and operator will move quickly to prepare for program launch. Key next steps include:

- Complete improvements to day center space including restroom and kitchen repairs, laundry facilities, interior painting and furniture, and security improvements.
- Install fencing around safe parking area as well as a welcome booth.
- 4 Tomorrow will hire program staff, finalize safety plan and code of conduct.
- City outreach staff will identify potential program participants and refer to 4 Tomorrow for intake.

The project team anticipates welcoming the first clients to the site by early spring.