# **Public Input Meeting**

February 16, 2015

# Potential Downtown Public Restroom

# **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Background
- Overview of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Efforts
- Recommendations
- Questions and Comments

### Introductions

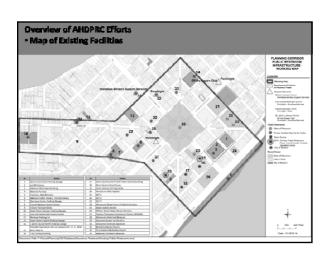
- Susan Schmitz, Presenter President of Downtown Madison Chair of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee
- Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Members
- City Staff

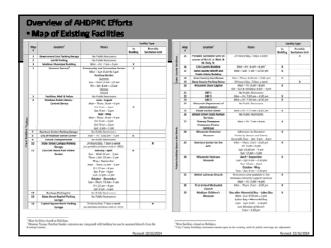
### Background

- \$300,000 in Capital Budget to fund one or more public restrooms in the downtown area
- Downtown Public Restrooms Staff Report Accepted by Council on 7/16/2014
- Creation of the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee to recommend to the Council and Mayor proposed locations, design and operation aspects of one or more public toilet in the downtown area
- Temporarily installed Porta-Johns at State Street Parking Ramps and outside City County Building

# Overview of AHDPRC Efforts

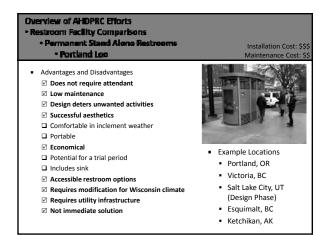
- Overview of Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee Efforts
  - Mapping of existing public restroom infrastructure
  - Restroom facility comparisons
  - Focus groups
  - Survey of restroom user issues at Bethel Homeless Ministries Day Center
  - Research on expanding Lisa Link Visitor Center hours of operation
  - Signage examples

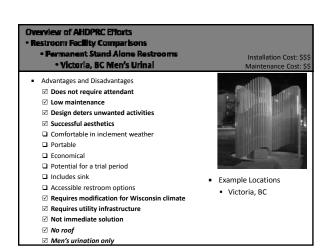


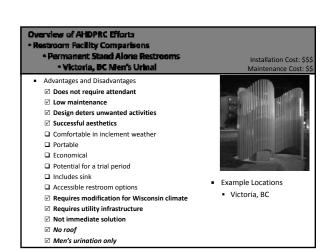


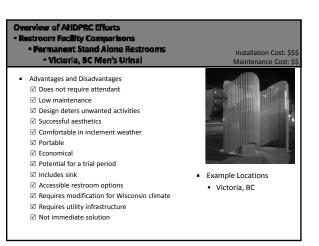
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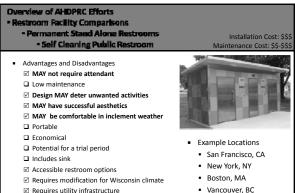
- Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
  - Portland Loo
  - Victoria, BC Men's Urinal
  - Self Cleaning Public Restroom
- Non Permanent Stand Alone Restrooms
  - Porta-John
  - Restroom Trailers
  - Men's Only Portable Facilities
- Embedded Restrooms
  - Lisa Link Peace Park Visitor Center
  - Future Development Project



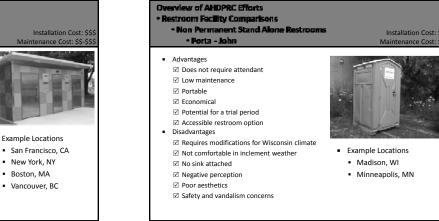


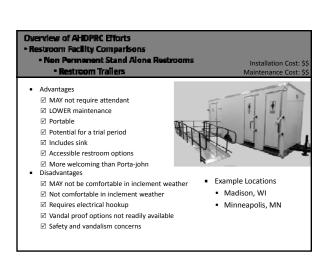


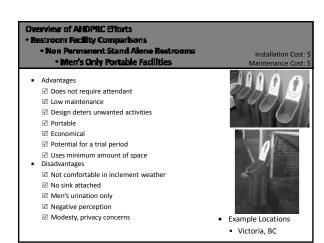




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# Overview of AHDPRC Efforts • Focus Group Discussions

- January 6, 2015 Invited Members of the Homeless Services Consortium
- January 20, 2015 Invited Members of Madison Central Business Improvement District

### Overview of AHDPRC Efforts

Survey

# Distributed on 1/26/2015 at Bethel Homeless Ministries Day Center to 38 residents

### Top Responses:

- Where do you sleep?
- Emergency Shelter 27, Street 15
- What time of day is it difficult to find a restroom?
- Generally equal, except 5pm 10 pm was least difficult
- What do you do when you can not find an open restroom?
- Streets/Bushes 22
- Do you use the Porta-johns located by the city and county?
  - City- County Building 21, Near Lower State Street 11, Near Lower Fairchild – 10
- Where would a good location be for a 24/7 restroom?
  - State/Mifflin Streets area 9, Anywhere/all over 6

### Overview of AHDPRC Efforts

- \* Cost Estimate for Expanding Lisa Link Visitor Center Hours
- Central Madison Business Improvement District Downtown Ambassadors
  - Currently provides 2,171 annual staffing hours
  - To provide additional 1,623 hours would cost \$22,217
- 30 Day Trial Period
  - Up to approximately \$20,000
- Annual costs for Twenty- four Hour Open Facility
  - Up to approximately \$180,000 for City to staff

# Overview of AHDPRC Efforts • Signage Examples Tollets In the state of the state

# Recommendations?

- Way finding signage
- Expanding hours of existing public facilities

# **Questions and Comments**