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## **Summary of Curbspace Access Sounding Board, December 2019 Meeting**

### **Purpose**

SDOT is re-convening the Curbspace Access Sounding Board, which previously met as the Parking Sounding Board, with a new, broader focus on curbspace access. Specifically, the purpose of the Curbspace Sounding Board is to provide a space where SDOT can hear from neighborhood business and other organizations about their experiences with curbspace policies and access issues that affect customers, visitors, employees, and goods and services deliveries. SDOT will use information from the Curbspace Access and Sounding Board to improve and prioritize access to neighborhood business districts for customers, visitors, employees, and goods and services deliveries.

### **Attendees**

Representatives from the following neighborhoods/organizations attended the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Curbspace Access and Sounding Board:

- Alliance for Pioneer Square
- Ballard Alliance
- Capitol Hill – Greater Seattle Business Association
- Chinatown International District Business Improvement Association
- Columbia City Business Association
- Commute Seattle
- Denny Triangle Neighborhood Association
- Downtown Seattle Association
- Fremont Chamber of Commerce
- Futurewise
- Seattle Restaurant Alliance
- SODO Business Improvement Association
- UW Urban Freight Lab

Representatives from the following neighborhoods/organizations were invited, but did not attend:

- Belltown Business Association
- Beacon Business Alliance (Hillman City and Columbia City Merchants)
- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
- First Hill Improvement Association
- Greenwood
- Hillman City Business Association
- Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce
- Roosevelt Neighborhood Association
- Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC) – Capitol Hill
- SBAC – Chinatown/International District
- SBAC – Lake City
- SBAC – South Park
- South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce

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- U District Partnership
- Uptown Alliance

### **Agenda**

- Introductions – Greetings from Sam Zimbabwe, SDOT Director
- Introduction to why we are convening the Sounding Board
- Performance Parking Pricing Program overview
  - Review program history and methodology for rate adjustments based on annual data collection
  - Review 2019 parking study results for each area, and upcoming adjustments
- Discuss timing agenda topics for first 2020 Sounding Board meeting

### **Discussion**

Attendees brought up the following topics during discussion as key issues and points of interest for their neighborhoods and organizations:

- Interest in collecting both qualitative and quantitative data on the affect on-street paid parking rates and restrictions have on adjacent small businesses' revenue and customer satisfaction
- Maintaining and expanding load zones to facilitate timely and safe goods and services deliveries
- Suggestion to focus future meetings with the understanding that all curbside interests are integrated, not independent, and prioritizing curbspace is a challenge
- Working with off-street parking providers to use that space as efficiently as possible – including potential opportunities for pick-up/drop off and goods and services deliveries
- Abuse/enforcement of Temporary No Parking signs

### **Next steps**

- Spring 2020 Curbside Access and Sounding Board Meeting