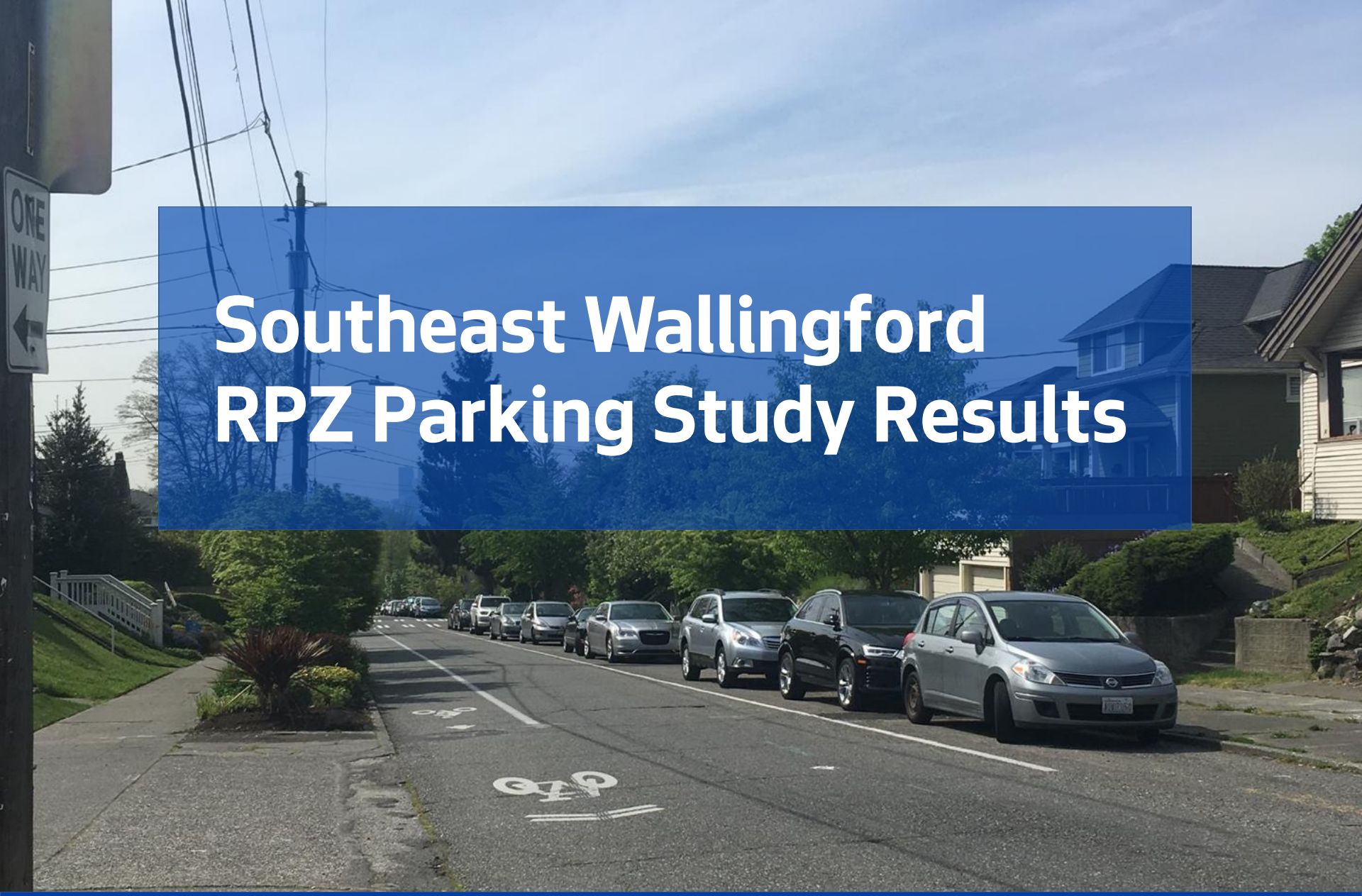

Southeast Wallingford RPZ Parking Study Results

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Our mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

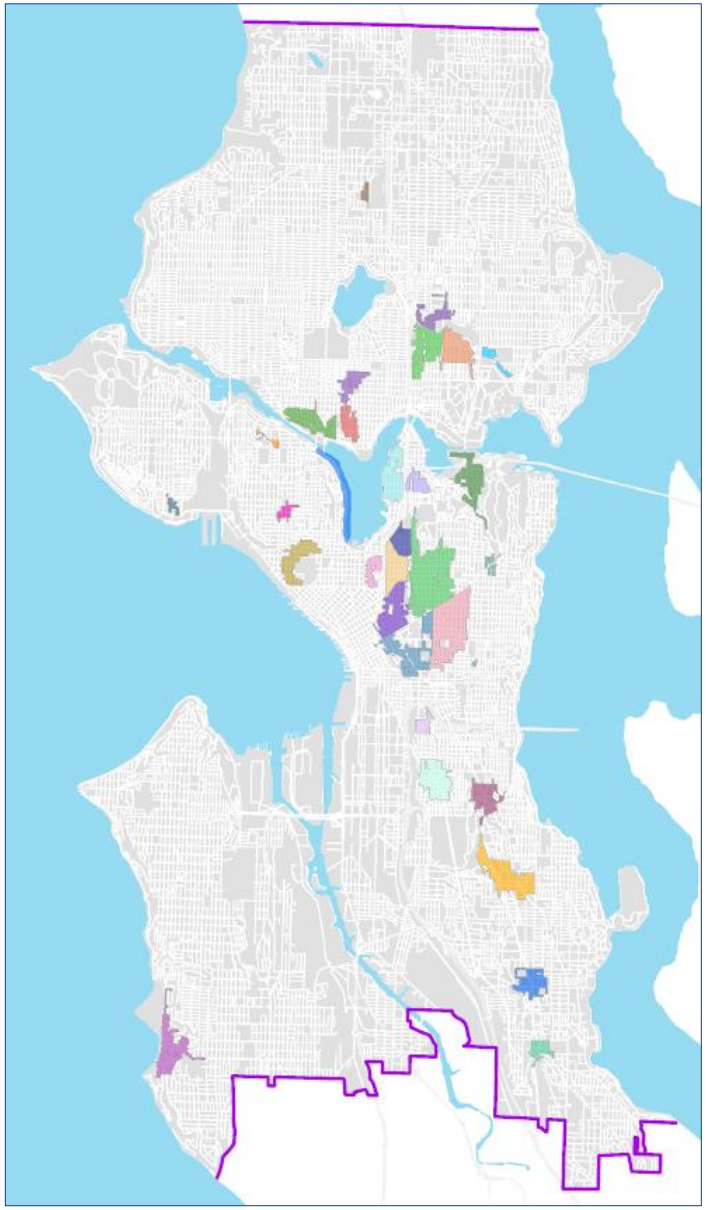
For **all**

Presentation Overview

- Background
- Study process and results
- Next steps
- Q&A

Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program

- Created in 1979
- Currently 34 zones
- RPZs are in residential areas around **commuter** traffic generators
  - residential and short-term visitor parking prioritized over commuter parking
- Curbspace is a limited **public resource**
  - restricting public space requires a compelling reason

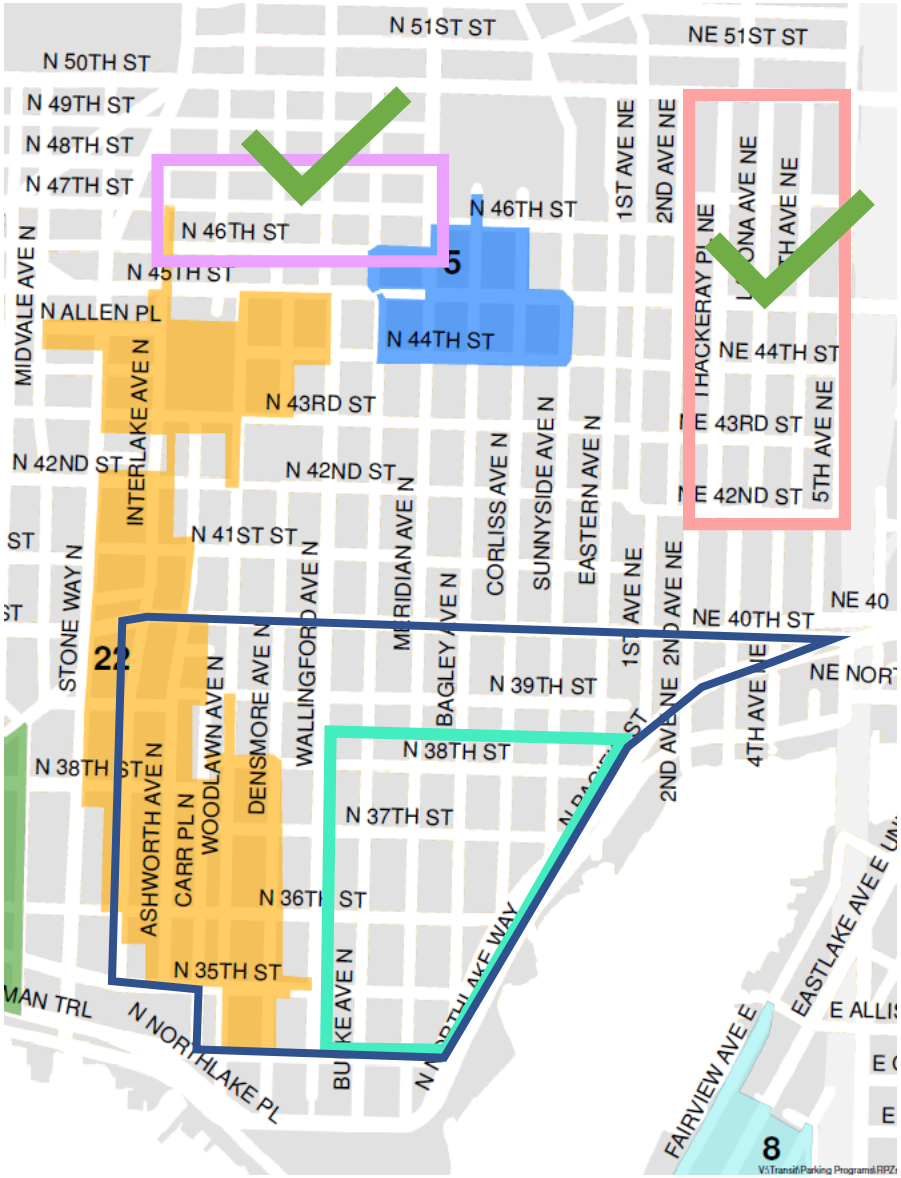


How do RPZs work?

- Permits exempt residents from time limit
- Most other vehicles subject to 2-hour time limit
- 4 decal permits per household
- 1 guest permit per household
- Current fee is $65/two years
- Do not differentiate between residents

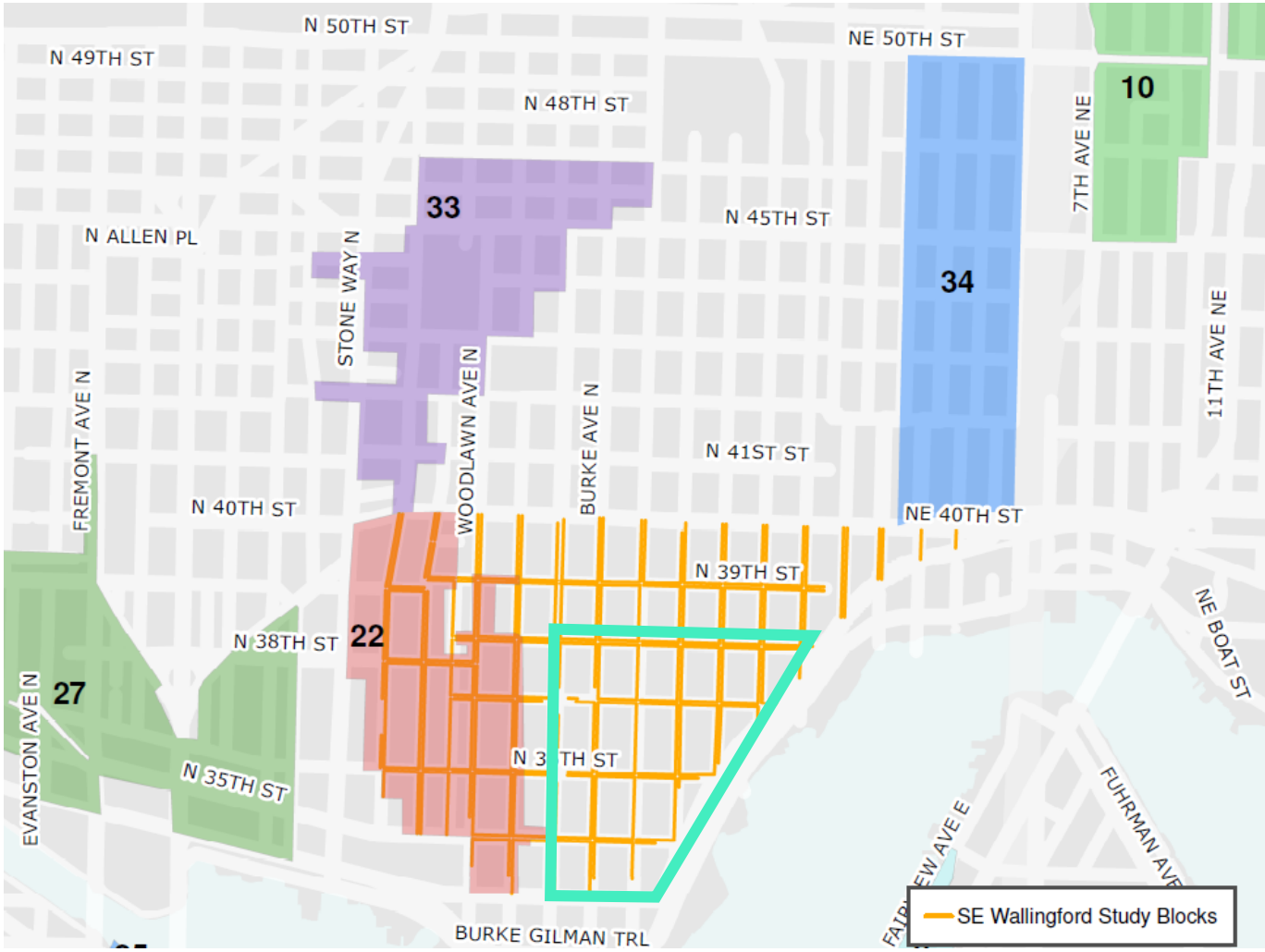
Background and requests

- Received three requests from the Wallingford Community Council (WCC)



Current conditions

- Existing zones
- Study area, 209 blockfaces
- One weekday and a Saturday in May 2018



Criteria to create a new RPZ

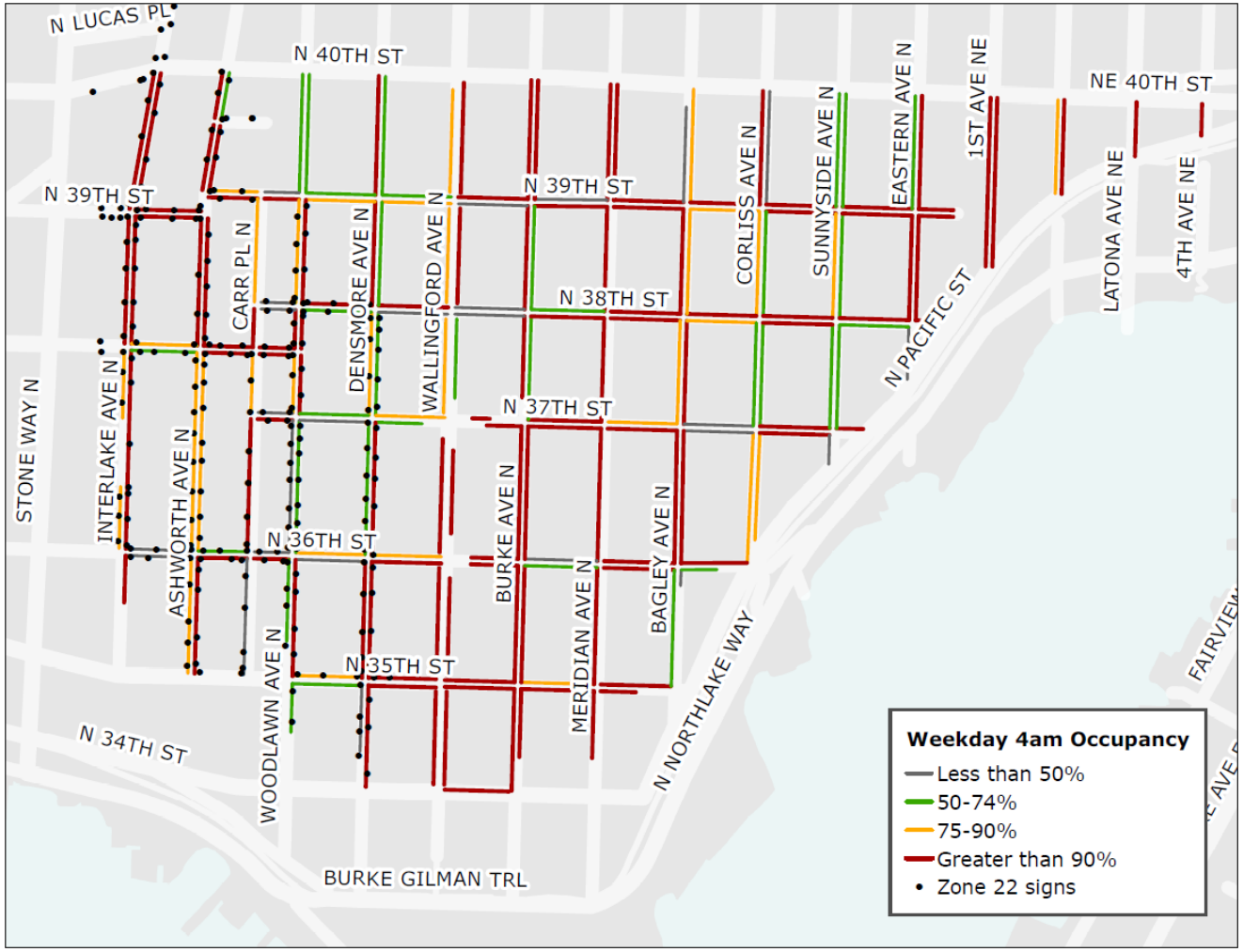
- Occupancy
  - Qualifying blocks are both **75% or more full** of parked vehicles AND **35%** or more of those vehicles are **non-resident**
- Scale
  - At least **20 contiguous blockfaces** that meet the above occupancy criteria
- Outreach
  - Robust public engagement required; SDOT director makes final decision

Overall study results

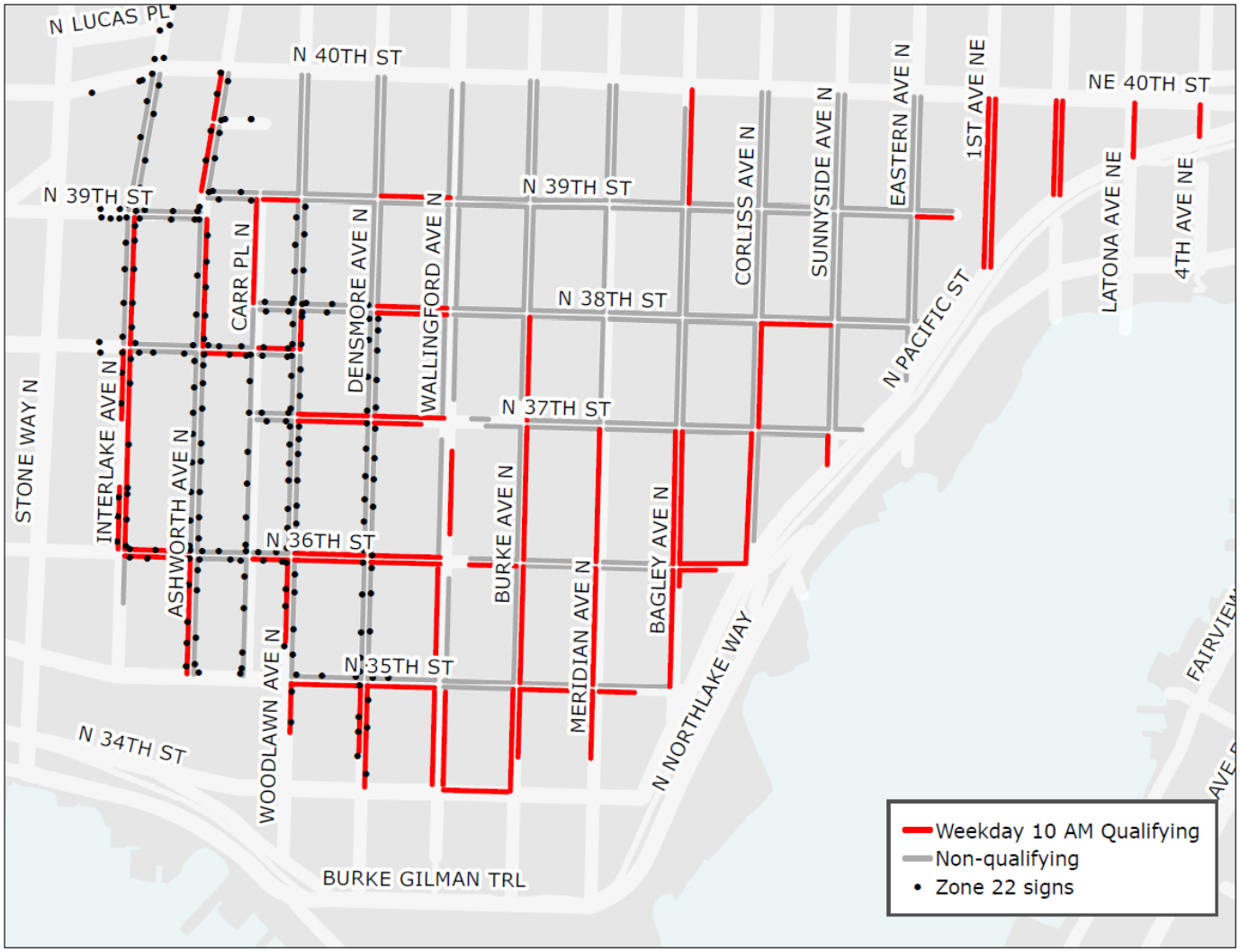
- Four counts on each day
  - 4 AM (establish residents vs non-residents)
  - 10 AM, 2 PM, 8 PM
- Occupancies over 75%
- More non-residents parking during weekday

	4am	10am		2pm		8pm	
	Occ.	Occ.	Non-res.	Occ.	Non-res.	Occ.	Non-res.
Weekday	91%	79%	42%	77%	47%	86%	21%
Weekend	92%	81%	10%	77%	20%	88%	18%

General occupancy on weekday at 4 AM



Study results: Weekday 10 AM

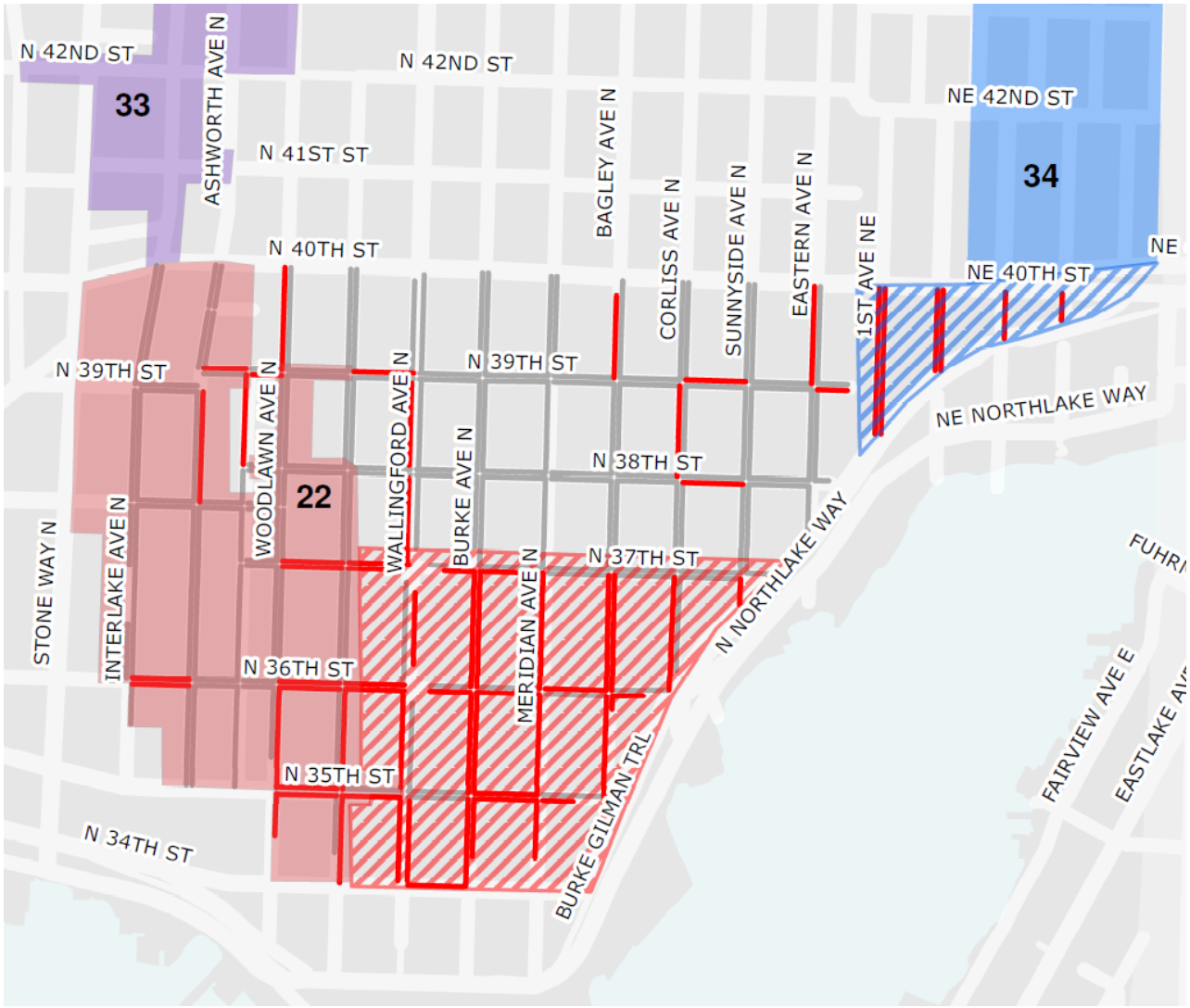


Preliminary findings

- Approximate request area qualifies during the day on the weekday (>20 contiguous blockfaces)
  - Times that qualify: 10 AM and 2 PM
  - Majority of non-resident vehicles staying for four or more hours
- Northeast area also qualifies
- Central area south of N 40th (to 37th/38th) does not qualify
- Evenings do not qualify (<35% non-resident)
- Weekends do not qualify (<35% non-resident)

Elements in a potential proposal

- Current Zone 22 area
- Potential new Zone 22 area
- Zone 34 area (November)
- Potential new Zone 34 area
- Qualifying blocks
- Non-qualifying blocks



Feedback desired

- General support for potential RPZ expansions
- Consideration of options such as:
  - RPZ signs on both sides or one side of streets
  - Change Zone 22 hours from currently 8 am – 5 pm, M – F to standard is 7 am – 6 pm M – F

Next steps

Date	Activity/Action
October 2018	Present study results to WCC and other stakeholders; gather feedback
November 2018	Send draft proposal via mailer with online survey
Early 2019	Final mailer with public hearing information
Spring 2019	Public hearing

Questions?

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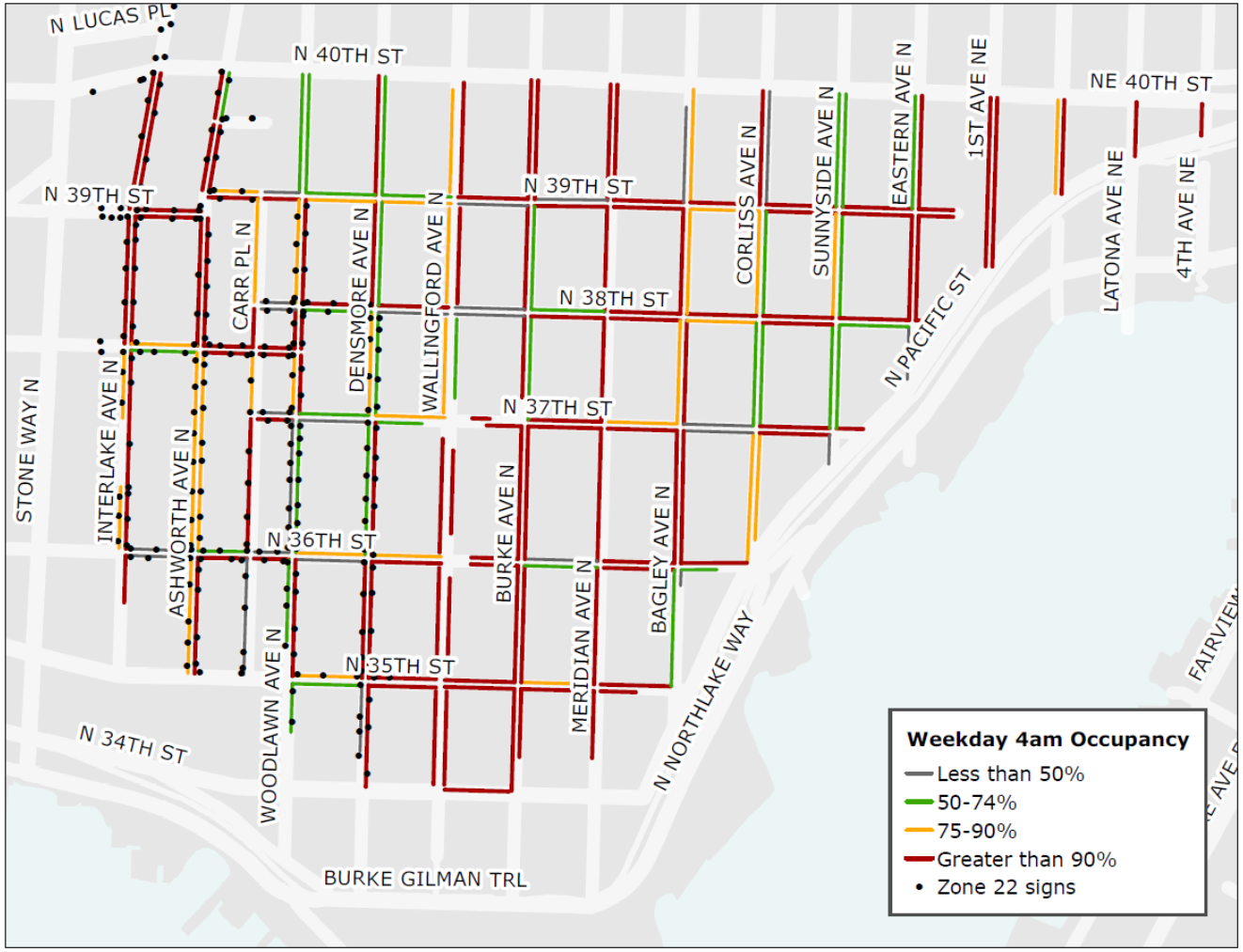
www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm

Appendix: Maps at all study times

General occupancy on weekday at 4 AM



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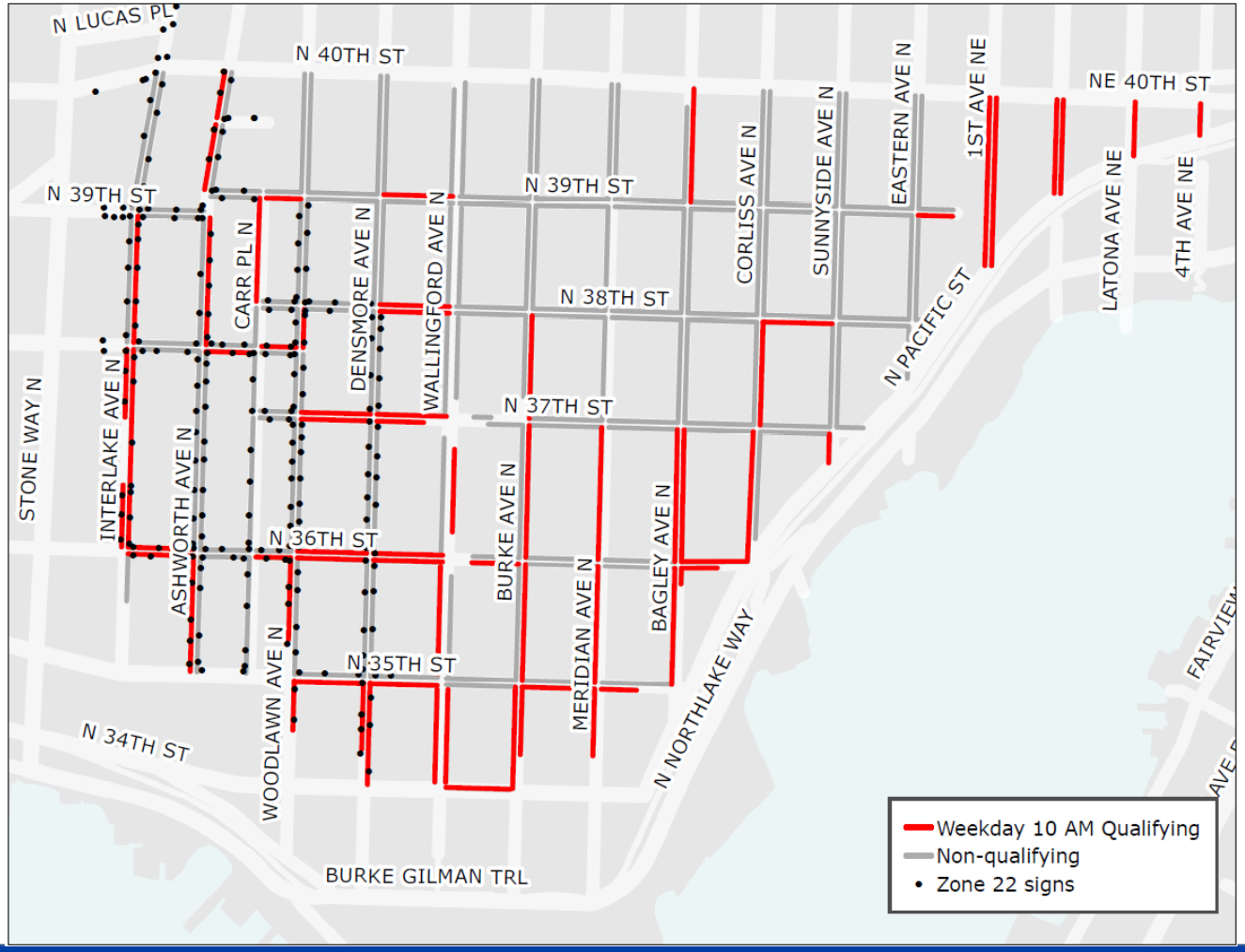
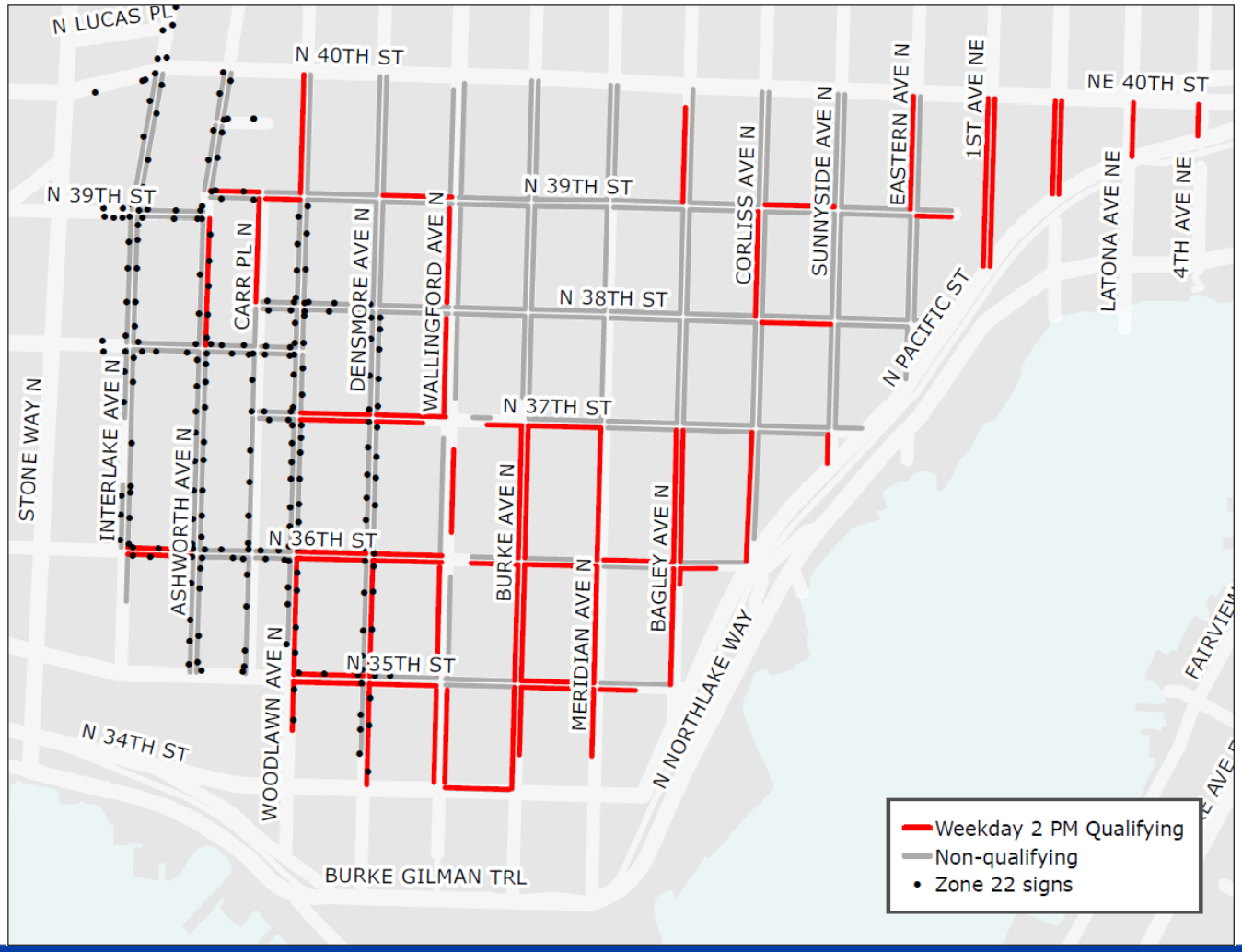
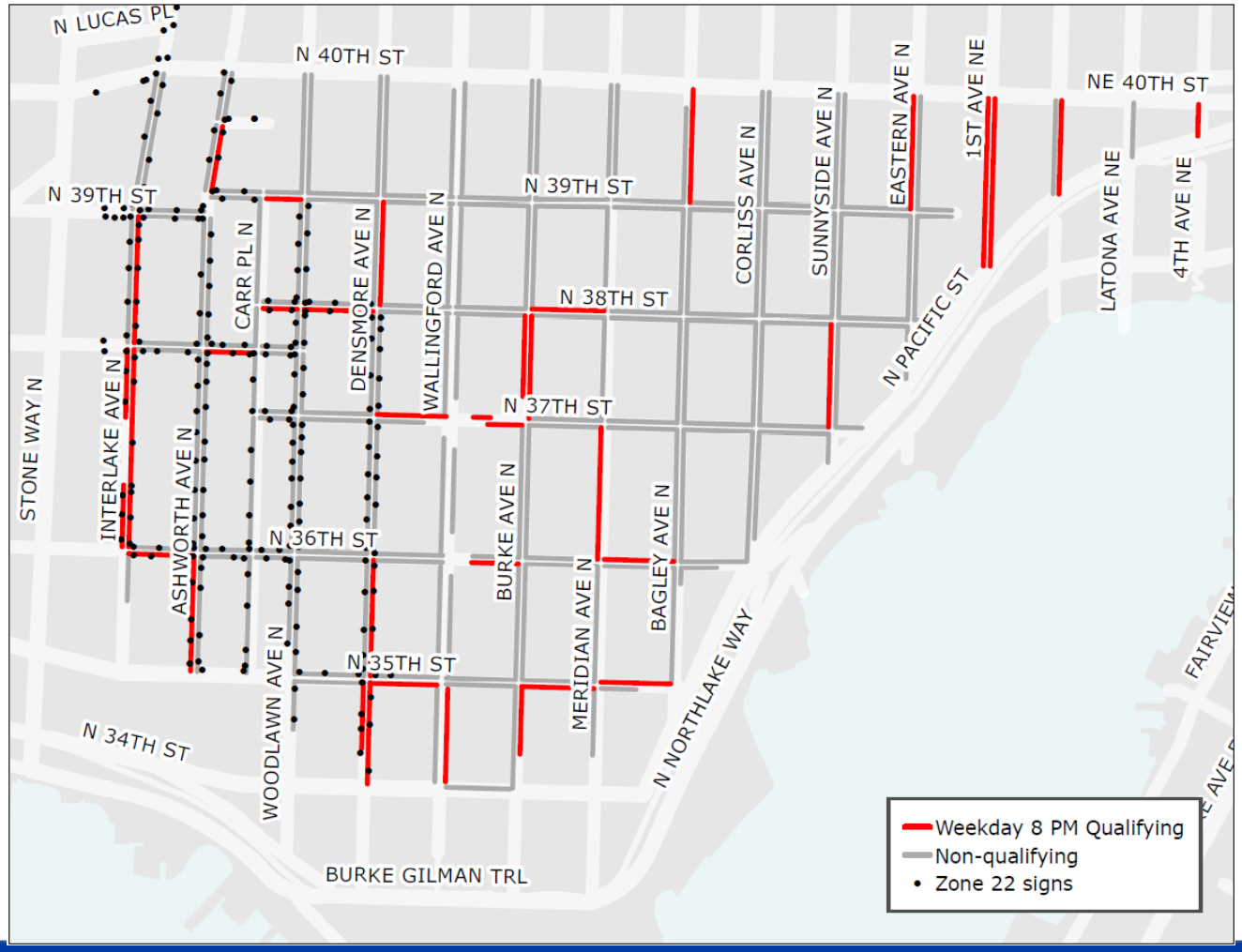


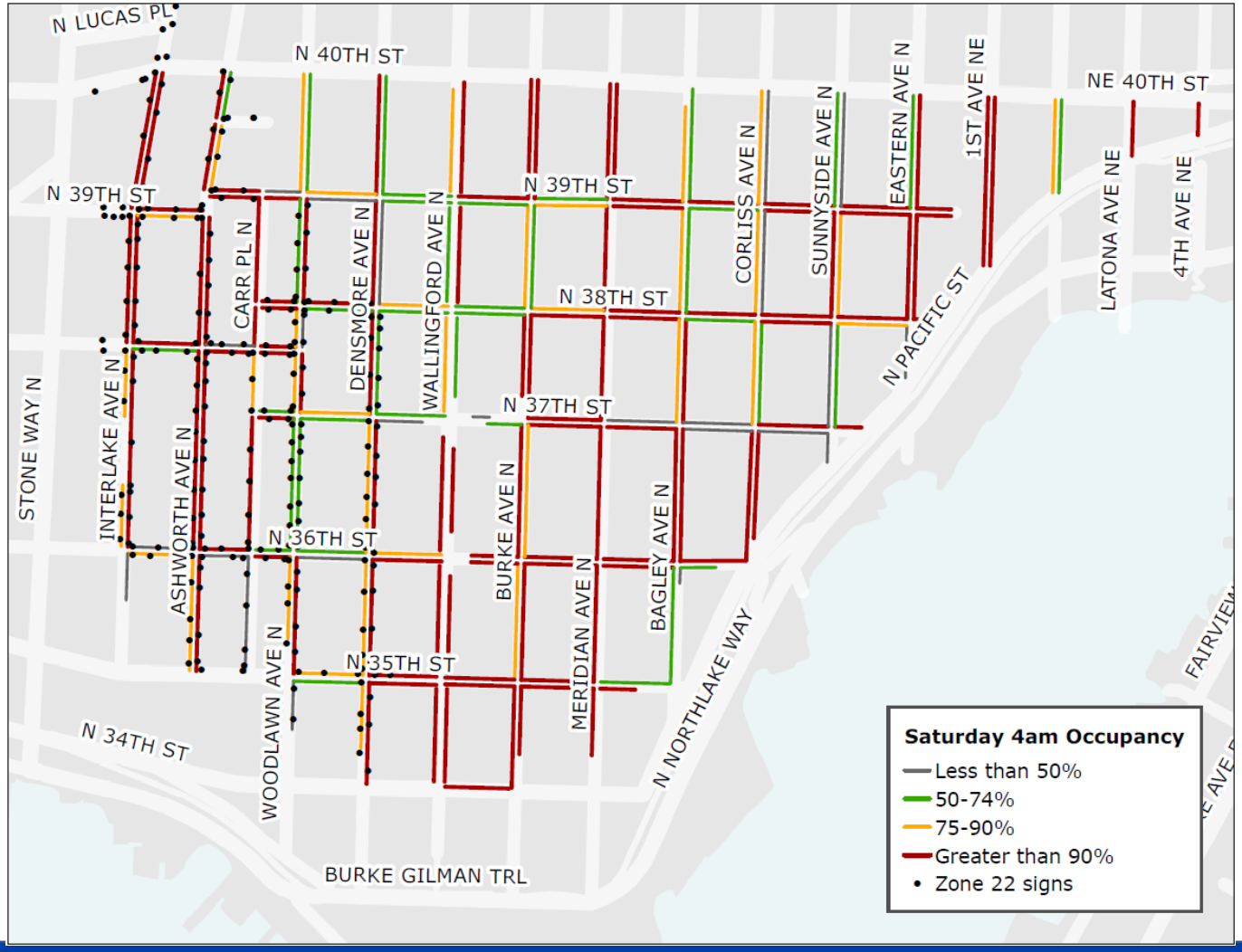
Study results: Weekday 2 PM



Study results: Weekday 8 PM



General occupancy on Saturday at 4 AM



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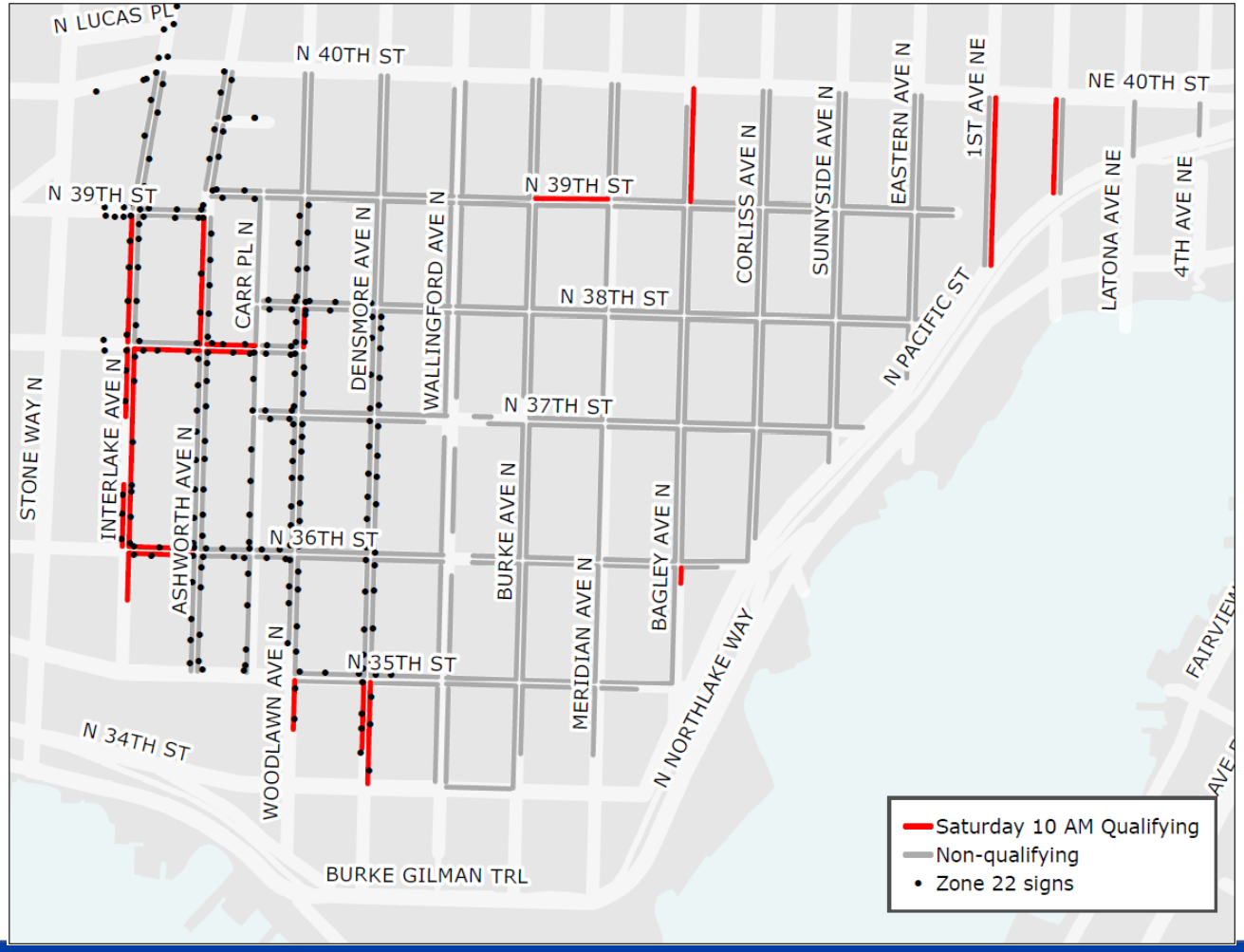

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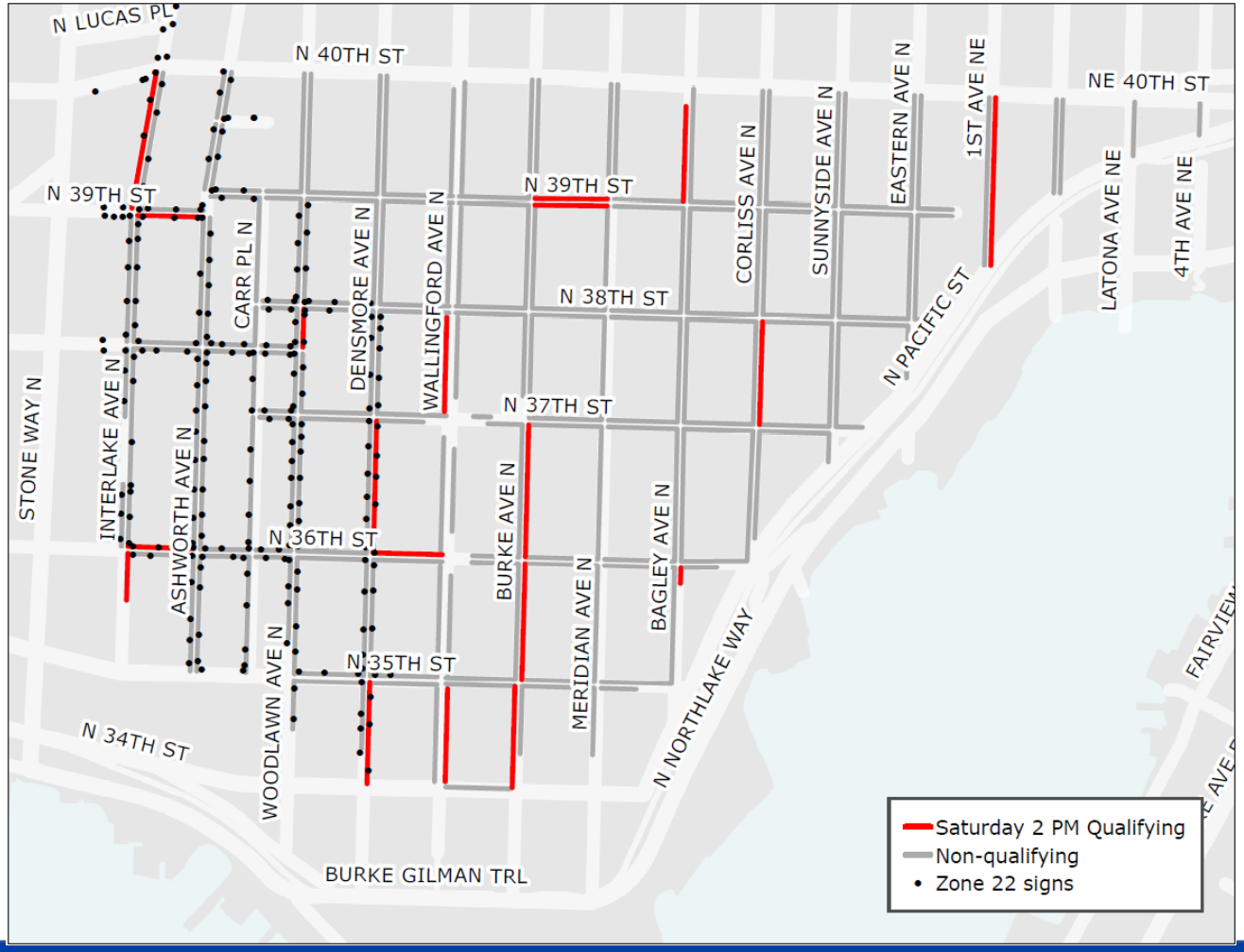

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