Commercial Vehicle Pricing Project

April Freight Advisory Committee Meeting
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Today’s meeting purpose

• Get your feedback on proposed changes:
  – Permit eligibility
  – Permit requirements
SDOT’s mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.

Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.
SDOT’s core principles

- Keep it safe
- Focus on the basics
- Build healthy communities
- Support a thriving economy
- Provide great service
Pilot purpose

• Improve CVLZ access and efficiency
• Provide real-time data about zone availability for those using the system
• Complement other on-street management pricing programs with new technology and innovation
Vehicle types observed

54% of vehicles at CVLZs were commercial vehicles

40% of vehicles at CVLZs were passenger vehicles; rest were taxis, gov’t exempt
Commercial vehicle permit eligibility

- Vehicles licensed as trucks in King County include Smart Cars, Porsche 911s, and similar vehicles
Proposed permit eligibility

• Restrict permit eligibility to vehicles defined as commercial vehicles
  – Will not include passenger vehicles with truck plate and business license
  – Pros: Passenger cars have other loading options whereas box-trucks often do not; too many truck-licensed cars for efficient program use
  – Cons: Concerns about small business delivery out of owner’s passenger car
Proposed CV definition

A commercial vehicle is identified as:

• A motor truck (Clarify: passenger cars with a truck plate and Seattle business license would not qualify)

• A station wagon or a van permanently modified to carry no more than three seated passengers that is licensed as a truck

• A motor vehicle (Add: licensed as a truck with) business name permanently displayed on both sides of vehicle, in, at a minimum, 2-in lettering
Proposed requirement during pilot

Within Pilot Area (downtown Seattle)

– Permit required to be displayed
– No payment at nearby pay station allowed (new signage)
– Potential for RFID or smart card vehicle identification
– No transferable permit available
Study Area
Next steps

• Conduct outreach to affected permit holders
  – Mailer to current permit holders regarding potential changes
  – Discuss with delivery companies, FAB, BOMA

• Pursue legislation for pilot permit changes

• Issue Request for Proposals for new technology
Thanks!

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