

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

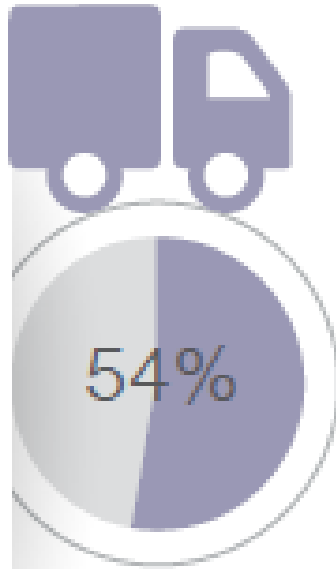


Pilot purpose

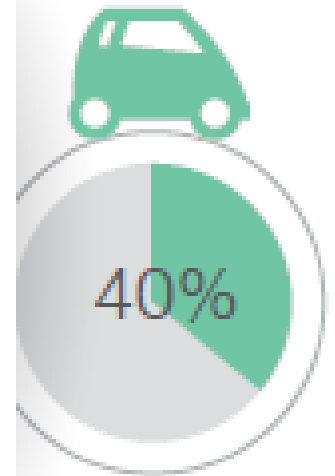
- Improve CVLZ access and efficiency
- Provide real-time data about zone availability for those using the system
- Complement other on-street management pricing programs with new technology and innovation

Vehicle types observed

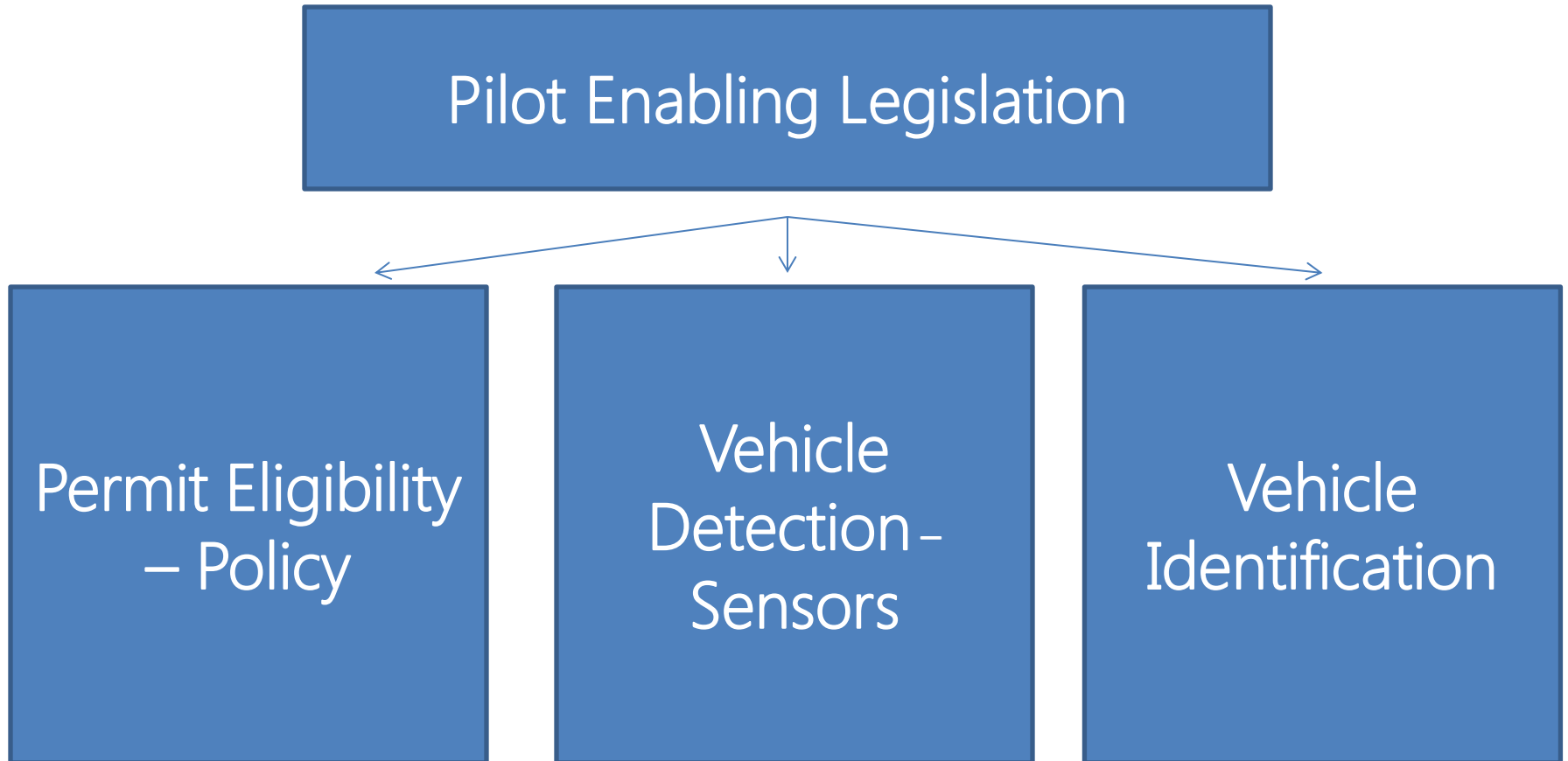
54% of vehicles at CVLZs were commercial vehicles



40% of vehicles at CVLZs were passenger vehicles; rest were taxis, gov't exempt



Pilot concepts



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:

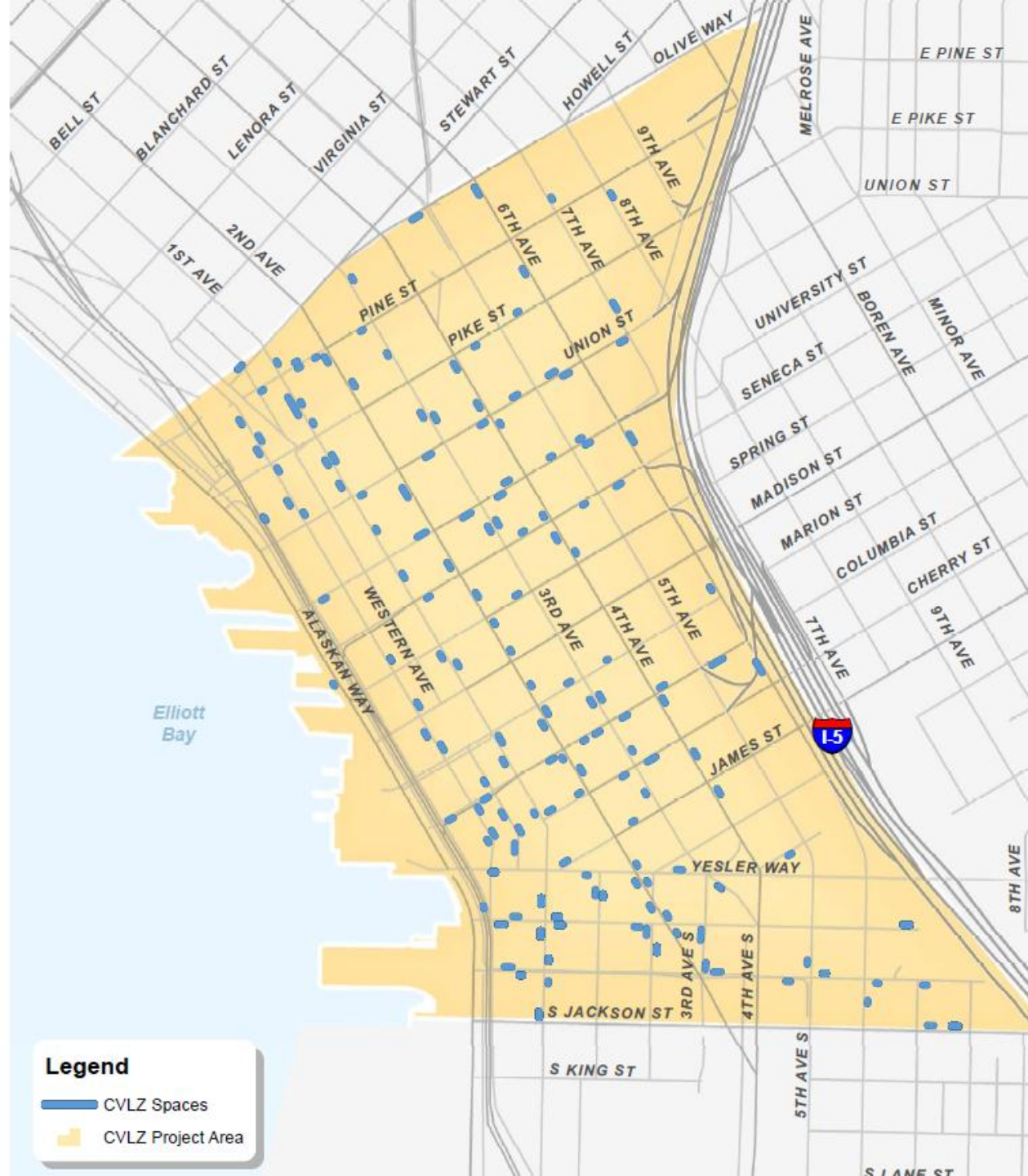
- A motor truck (**Clarify: passenger cars with a truck plate and Seattle business license would not qualify**)
- A station wagon or a van permanently modified to carry no more than three seated passengers that is licensed as a truck
- A motor vehicle (**Add: licensed as a truck with** business name 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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