

Parking Enforcement Systems (Including ALPR)

Seattle Police Department (SPD)

What is the technology?

Parking Enforcement Systems includes ALPR cameras and software, Bootview software for determining if a car should be booted, Samsung devices to issue citations, and Gtechna software to print citations.



Why do we use the technology?

SPD facilitates the flow of traffic and assists in managing on-street parking assets related to parking violations in the City of Seattle. Additionally, SPD uses these technologies to enforce the Scofflaw, a City of Seattle Ordinance governing when a car should be booted.

Collection

Data collected from ALPR includes license plates, date and times, and GPS location information. The Bootview software allows Parking Enforcement Officers to view Seattle Municipal Court information about individuals with four or more unpaid parking tickets, including license plate number, vehicle description, past violation details, and current warnings or tickets issued.

Use

ALPR is used for parking enforcement to compare vehicles in timed parking zone for violations or to enforce Scofflaw. Bootview is used to identify vehicles in violation of Scofflaw. The system is managed and maintained by Seattle Municipal Court. Samsung handheld is used to access SDOT's Pay-by-Phone application, check parking meter data, and to issue citations. Gtechna software is used for printing citations.

Protections

Individuals may contest booting action or a parking violation through the normal course of municipal proceedings. Policies ensuring employees are background checked and access to the information generated by parking enforcement technologies is controlled, include: [SPD Policy 12.040](#), [SPD Policy 12.050](#), [SPD Policy 12.080](#), [SPD Policy 12.110](#), and [SPD Policy 12.111](#).

The open comment period for this technology is currently underway. You can provide comments to [Seattle.gov/Surveillance](https://www.seattle.gov/surveillance). All comments will be included in the Surveillance Impact Report on this technology and submitted to Council. If you would like to provide feedback outside of the open comment period, please submit them directly to City Council.