

Seattle Permits

— part of a multi-departmental City of Seattle series on getting a permit

Holiday Construction Moratorium

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Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) does not allow construction work during winter holidays in streets or sidewalks located in the Downtown Retail Core and Pioneer Square. The ban on construction supports Seattle businesses during the peak shopping season and reduces traffic congestion during this busy time of year.

Holiday Construction Moratorium Details:

- The moratorium period is from Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- The moratorium boundaries are:

Downtown Retail Core: Seneca Street, I-5, Denny Way, Virginia Street and First Avenue

Pioneer Square District: Columbia Street, Second Avenue, South King Street and Elliott Bay

- Exceptions are allowed for emergencies (see below) and for special circumstances authorized by the SDOT Director.
- Requests for exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- In general, construction exceptions are short term, and may start 30 minutes after store closing hours and when there is no significant noise impact. Store closing times vary during the moratorium period. Consult the major retailer web sites.
- If a short term exception is granted, the City's right-of-way must be cleared and restored by 6 AM the following business day.
- Long-term right-of-way use that does not significantly impede retail traffic or pedestrian flow may be considered for an exception.

- To request an exception, the *Holiday Moratorium Exception Request* form must be filled out and received by the SDOT Street Use Right-of-Way Coordinator at **least 30 days in advance of Thanksgiving**. The form is available at:
www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm.

Emergency work—work that could not have been anticipated and is necessary for the protection of the public's health and safety

- Emergency work should conform to SDOT's "Traffic Control Manual for In Street Work" whenever practical
- SDOT must be notified of an emergency at the earliest possible opportunity by calling: Charles Street Shops (206) 386-1218
- A Street Use permit must be obtained within 24 hours by calling Street Use at: (206) 684-5253

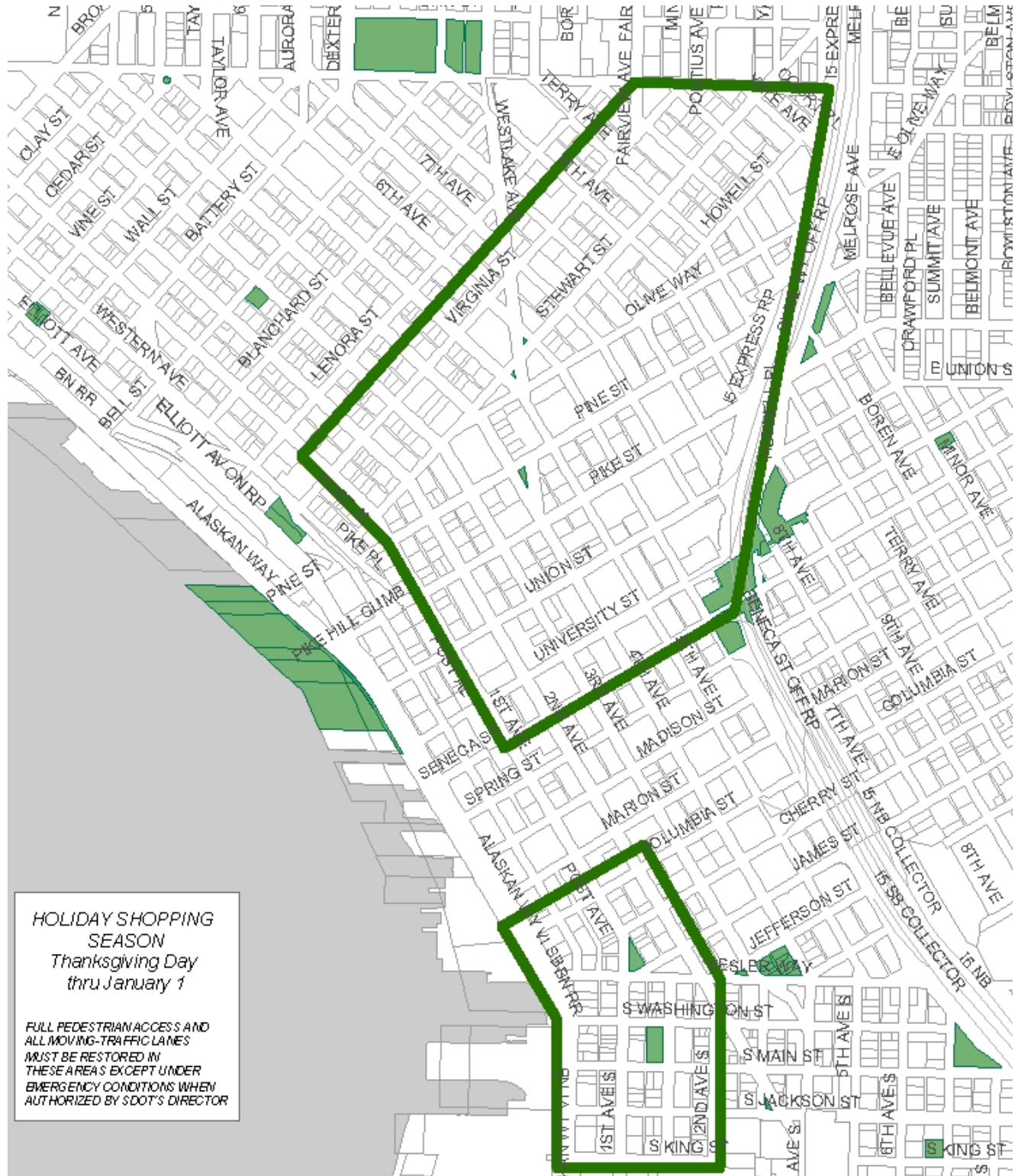
We invite you to visit SDOT's web site for more information on Street Use Permitting at:

- www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_home.htm.
- Note: Special event/film permits could be subject to the moratorium, information available at the link above.

www.seattle.gov/transportation



Map of Holiday Construction Moratorium Areas



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON
Thanksgiving Day
thru January 1

FULL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND ALL MOVING-TRAFFIC LANES MUST BE RESTORED IN THESE AREAS EXCEPT UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WHEN AUTHORIZED BY SDOT'S DIRECTOR