

Peak Period Traffic and Parking Restrictions

On Olive Way a transit lane has been added to relieve congestion and carry additional buses during the peak hours. Transit lanes have also been added to Ninth Avenue between Olive Way and Stewart Street, and on Fifth Avenue South between South Jackson and South Washington streets for quicker paths for buses entering and exiting downtown. The Fifth Avenue transit lane can be used by cars for local access.

Parking Changes

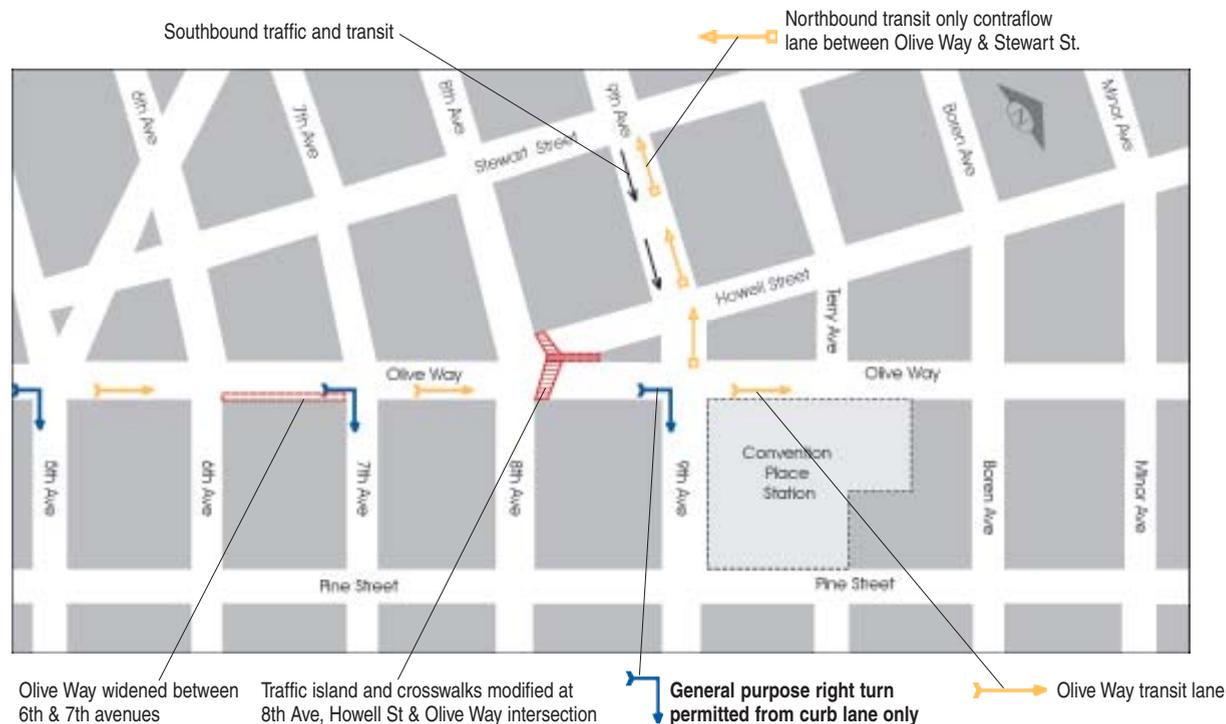
On-street parking is being removed on:

- Fifth Avenue South, between South Jackson and South Washington streets;
- East side of Fifth Avenue South, between South King and South Jackson streets;
- Fourth Avenue South, between South Jackson and South Washington streets; and
- Ninth Avenue, between Howell and Stewart streets.

On the following transit corridors, parking is currently restricted from 3-6 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. in the evening peak period, and restrictions will be extended to 7 p.m.:

- Olive Way, between Sixth and Boren avenues;
- East side of Fourth Avenue, between Yesler Way and Olive Way;
- West side of Second Avenue and Second Avenue Extension, between Stewart Street and Fourth Avenue South; and
- West side of Fifth Avenue, between South Jackson and South Dearborn streets.

Olive Way/Ninth Avenue Peak Period Restrictions



Peak Period Permitting Restrictions

Evening commute hour restrictions will be extended to 7 p.m. for lane closure and sidewalk use permits on key transit corridors.

Changes to permitting are necessary to keep transit moving. Individuals seeking a street lane closure or sidewalk use permit may apply for an exception to the restrictions. Approved exceptions will be subject to a fee.

Application for permits should be made early to ensure adequate time for review. Call (206) 684-5253.

For More Information

More information on the Seattle Department of Transportation is available at www.seattle.gov/transportation. More information on the temporary closure of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel is available at www.seattletunnel.org.

The Seattle Department of Transportation is committed to keeping downtown open and moving.



KEEPING DOWNTOWN SEATTLE MOVING



Light rail is on its way downtown



Downtown Traffic, Parking & Permitting Changes

Light rail is coming to Downtown Seattle! When completed in 2009, this critical transportation project will make it easier for residents, employees, and visitors to get into and out of downtown.

The Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel will be closed for up to two years for retrofitting for use by both buses and trains. Beginning September 24, buses currently using the tunnel will move to the streets.

To accommodate these changes, SDOT is changing traffic, parking and permitting requirements (including sidewalks), including:

- * Restricting general purpose traffic on Third Avenue during commute times;
- * Extending the evening commute period to 3-7 p.m. on transit corridors;
- * Physically changing streets such as Olive Way and Prefontaine Place South;
- * Adding parking restrictions;
- * Widening sidewalks and adding bus shelters;
- * Expanding restrictions during commute times on sidewalk use and lane closures.

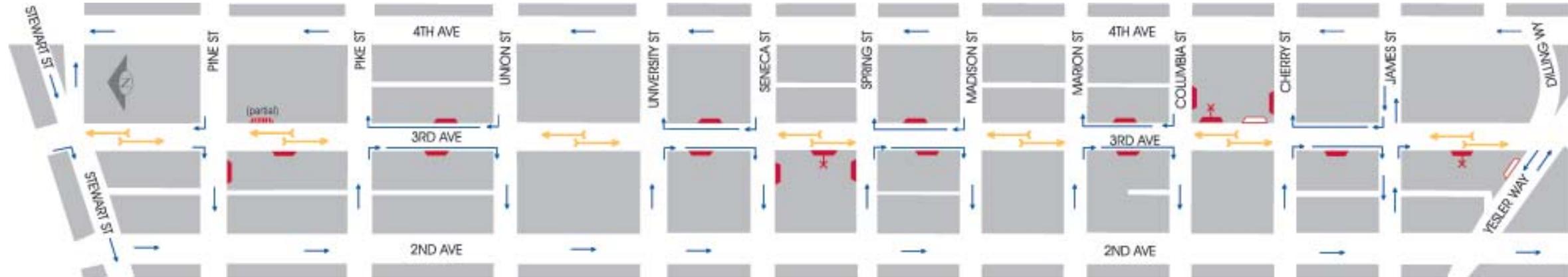


Third Avenue Peak Period Restrictions

The most visible changes will occur on Third Avenue.

- During the morning and evening peak periods, Third Avenue between Stewart Street and Yesler Way will be converted into a transit-priority corridor.
- Cars will be allowed to travel on Third Avenue for just one block and then must make a right turn. Police officers will direct traffic at critical intersections.
- Certain load zones will be removed and bus zones extended.

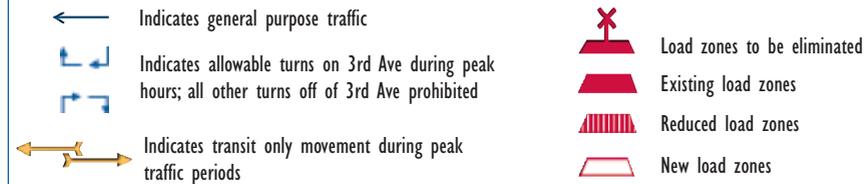
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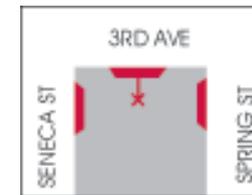
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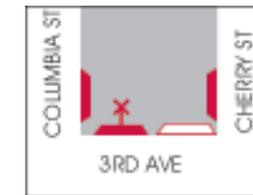
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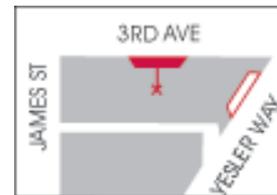
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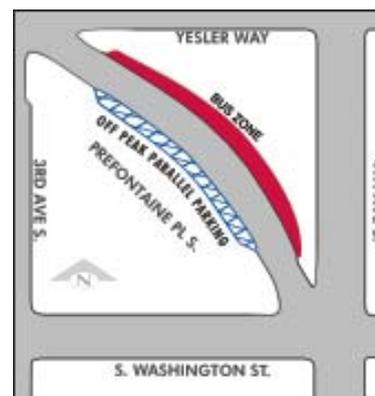


Prefontaine Place South Peak Period Restrictions

On Prefontaine Place South, traffic will be restricted to buses during the morning and evening commute periods. Northbound traffic on Fourth Avenue can continue on Fourth rather than turning at Prefontaine.

Prefontaine Place South Bus Zone and Parking Changes

Load Zone & Parking Changes



Peak Period Transit-only Lanes



5th Avenue Peak Period Contraflow Lanes

