

## ***KEEPING DOWNTOWN SEATTLE MOVING***

The City of Seattle, King County Metro, Community Transit and Sound Transit are sensitive to the overall needs of businesses for short-term parking for service and customer access. Every effort is being made to balance that with the need to manage loading zones and transit movement. While on-street spaces may be removed in some areas, a significant amount of off-street parking exists. (A map of off-street parking can be found at <http://www.trueguides.com/downtown/downtown.html>.)

### **Business Assistance and Community Outreach**

We will keep you informed of construction activities well in advance of upcoming work and changes in the street as work progresses by providing advance notice through written construction updates, door-to-door visits, email, meetings and briefings.

We will also be working with the Seattle-King County Building Owners and Managers Association, the Downtown Seattle Association and the Downtown District Council to provide information to the downtown community about this project.

For more information about SDOT's work on Olive Way and Ninth Avenue, please contact:

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### **Upcoming Changes to Olive Way, Ninth Avenue for Morning and Evening Rush Hour Transit Priority**

Sound Transit construction will require major modification to the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel to accommodate Link light rail, necessitating the Tunnel's closure for up to two years beginning in September 2005. During the closure, King County Metro and Sound Transit buses that normally use the Tunnel will move to surface streets, primarily Third Avenue. There will also be a slight increase in bus volumes on both Second and Fourth avenues. During this time, transit movement through downtown Seattle and to the freeways will be the highest priority.

In order to keep downtown traffic moving most efficiently, the Seattle Department of Transportation will be making several surface street improvements.

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## Olive Way Peak Period Parking Restrictions

TRANSIT ONLY LANE (6-9 A.M. and 3-7 P.M.)  
from 5TH AVENUE to MINOR AVENUE

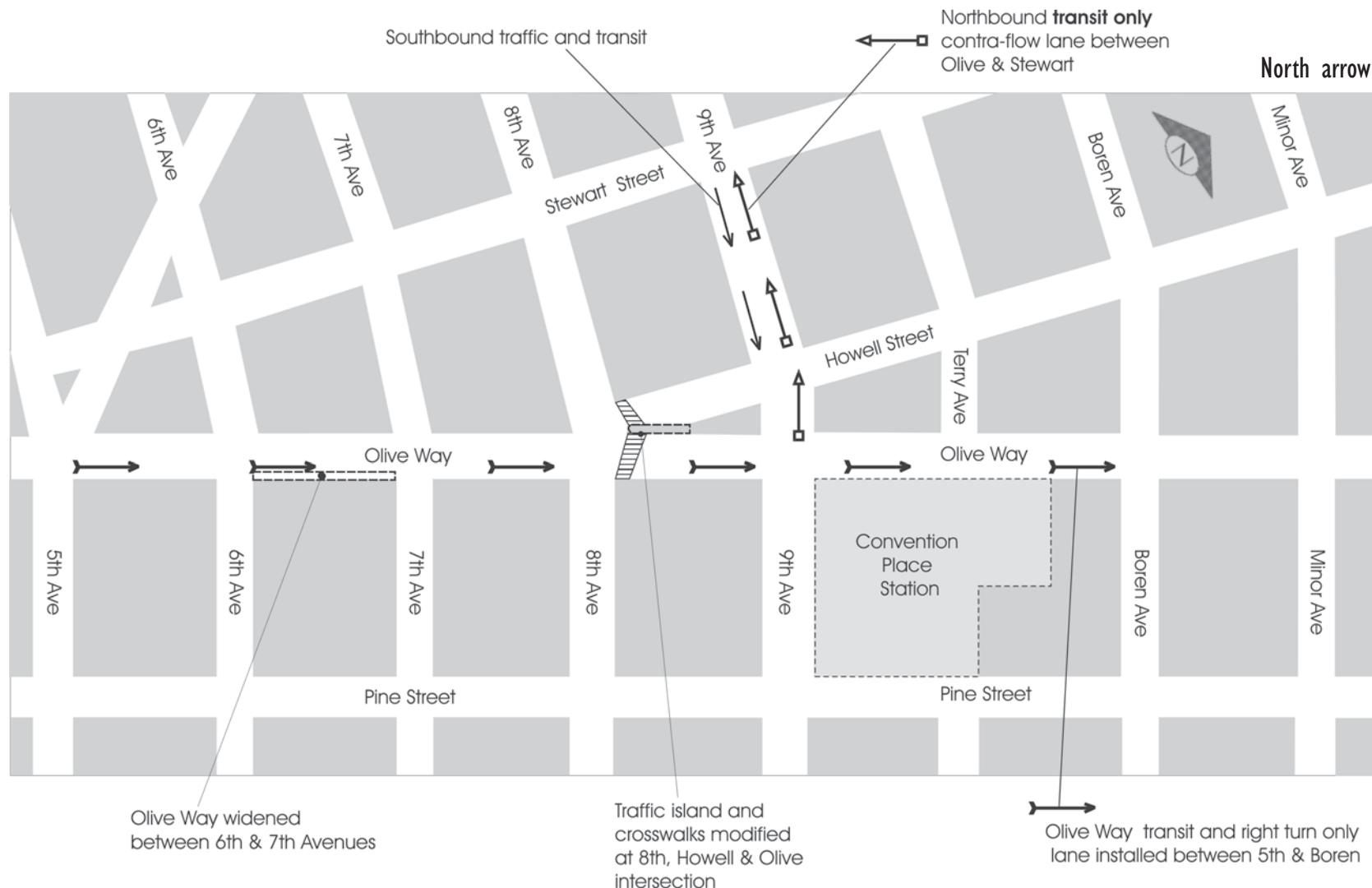
### Olive Way

- A transit and right turn only lane will be installed on Olive Way (south curb lane) between Fifth and Terry avenues.

- Olive Way will be widened between Sixth and Seventh avenues (south side) to accommodate a greater flow of buses traveling to the freeway. A sidewalk cutback of three feet will be required to widen the street in that block.

- The traffic islands and crosswalks at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and Olive Way will be modified.

- p.m. peak period parking restrictions will be extended from “No Parking 4 - 6 p.m.” to “No Parking 3 - 7 p.m.”



### Ninth Avenue

The department will install a northbound transit contra-flow lane on Ninth Avenue. The contra-flow lane will allow buses coming from the Convention Place Station (Olive Way) to travel north to Stewart Street and into downtown Seattle while the tunnel is closed. (A contra-flow lane is a dedicated bus lane in the opposite direction on what would otherwise be a one-way street.)

- Existing metered parking and passenger load zones on both sides of Ninth Avenue will be removed to accommodate the northbound transit contra-flow lane on the east side, and to make way for installation of a transit stop on the west side of the street.