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Five New Late Night Taxi Stands Open for Business *Component of mayor's Nightlife Initiative to create a safe and vibrant nightlife in Seattle*

SEATTLE—Following through on his plan for creating a safe and vibrant nightlife in Seattle, Mayor Mike McGinn announced the installation of five new late night taxi stands today. To help ensure that everyone arrives home safely, the stands provide a safe and visible sidewalk location for people to grab taxis in the city's entertainment hubs and operate nightly from 10PM to 6AM. Locations are:

- Fremont—north side of 36th Avenue between Francis and Dayton
- Belltown—east side of First Avenue between Blanchard and Bell
- Belltown—east side of First Avenue between Pike and Pine
- Pioneer Square—west side of Occidental between Washington and Yesler
- Capitol Hill—south side of E Pike Street between 10th and Broadway

“Our nightlife initiative seeks to enhance public safety while improving urban vibrancy and supporting local businesses,” said McGinn. “The addition of late night taxi stands is one more step for ensuring that Seattle has a rich nightlife and that people can get home safely.”

The five new taxi stands supplement existing taxi zones with either 24 hour service, or late night service from Thursday thru Saturday from 11:30PM to 3AM. A map of all late night stands can be found on the Mayor's Seattle Nightlife web site www.seattle.gov/nightlife.

The installation of late night taxi stands supports the recent implementation of next day parking pre-payment. Pay stations now open at 10 p.m. so drivers can pre-purchase up to two hours of parking from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. the following morning. Drivers can find an alternate way home such as taking a cab or using late night transit and retrieve the vehicle in the morning without receiving a parking ticket.

Last July, City Council passed a resolution supporting a proposal to the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) to build a regulatory framework in which to consider and approve petitions from cities to allow extended liquor service. If the proposed rule changes are

adopted, Mayor McGinn will work with the public and City Council to craft a specific proposal for extended hours in Seattle. The WSLCB agreed to open its rule-making in October. Rule-making is a public process and the WSLCB is taking input from the public, law enforcement, city officials and others as it considers revising the rule. Comments must be received by December 1.

“The Chamber welcomes the addition of a new late night taxi stand in Fremont and the city’s willingness to work with businesses and residents to identify opportunities to keep local businesses thriving and to get people home safe,” said Jessica Vets, Executive Director of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

The Seattle Nightlife Initiative has several components.

- code compliance enforcement,
- flexible liquor service hours,
- noise ordinance enforcement,
- security training requirements,
- precinct community outreach,
- late-night transportation alternatives, and
- targeting public nuisances

Please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/nightlife> to find out more about the mayor's initiative.

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