

PARKING STUDY DATA: LAKE CITY WAY NE

In September and October 1999, the City of Seattle collected data in 35 study areas in 26 of Seattle’s neighborhoods as part of the *Comprehensive Neighborhood Parking Study*. The parking data below represents the area along Lake City Way NE from NE 120th Street to NE 133rd Street and approximately from one to three blocks either side of Lake City Way NE. The area contained 1,844 parking spaces: 550 On-Street spaces and 1,294 Off-Street spaces (which includes 152 public Off-Street spaces and 1,142 private Off-Street spaces).

Table 1: Lake City Parking Usage				
	Number	Average	Peak	Total
On-Street	550	49%	70%	59%
Off-Street	1,294	44%	64%	54%
Total	1,844	46.5%	67%	56.5%

As shown in Table 2, Average Utilization of On-Street parking in Lake City is significantly lower than the City-Wide Average, whereas Average Off-Street parking is close to the City-Wide Average. Peak Utilization for On-Street parking slightly exceeds the City-Wide Average, while Peak Utilization for Off-Street parking is almost equal to the City-Wide Average.

TABLE 2: LAKE CITY PARKING USAGE COMPARED TO CITY-WIDE						
	Average			Peak-Hour		
	On-Street	Off-Street	Total	On-Street	Off-Street	Total
Lake City Average	49%	44%	46.5%	70%	59%	67%
City-Wide Average	60%	49%	56%	68%	61%	66%

The study also examined Average Duration for On-Street parking spaces, presenting the average length of time vehicles were parked. As shown in Table 3, the overall Average Parking Duration in Lake City is less than the City-Wide Average in many categories, although is unusually high for 2-hour spaces. This suggests there is may be a specific aspect of the 2-hour spaces that is especially appealing or it may be that the small number of only four 2-hour spaces may responsible for the atypical results.

TABLE 3: AVERAGE PARKING DURATION IN LAKE CITY (in hours)					
	Unrestricted	2-hour max	1-hour max	Load zone	Average
Lake City Average	1.15	6.0	.71	1.11	1.13
City-Wide Average	3.2	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.8

As there are no public pay lots operating in the Lake City area, there is no data to use in exploring possible utilization of public pay lots (including parking facilities). Data from the Comprehensive Neighborhood Parking Study for the University District (University Way NE a.k.a. “The Ave”) shows only a slightly higher Peak On-Street Utilization (70%) and Peak Off-Street Utilization (64%) than the City-Wide Average. This may suggest that if a parking facility were to be constructed it may experience similar utilization as the current Off-Street parking. However, introducing a parking facility with a fee for use in an area such as Lake City that does not currently have paid parking either On-Street or Off-Street may result in a lower utilization rate than current Off-Street spaces.

Parking Study Location Map

Lake City (#34)

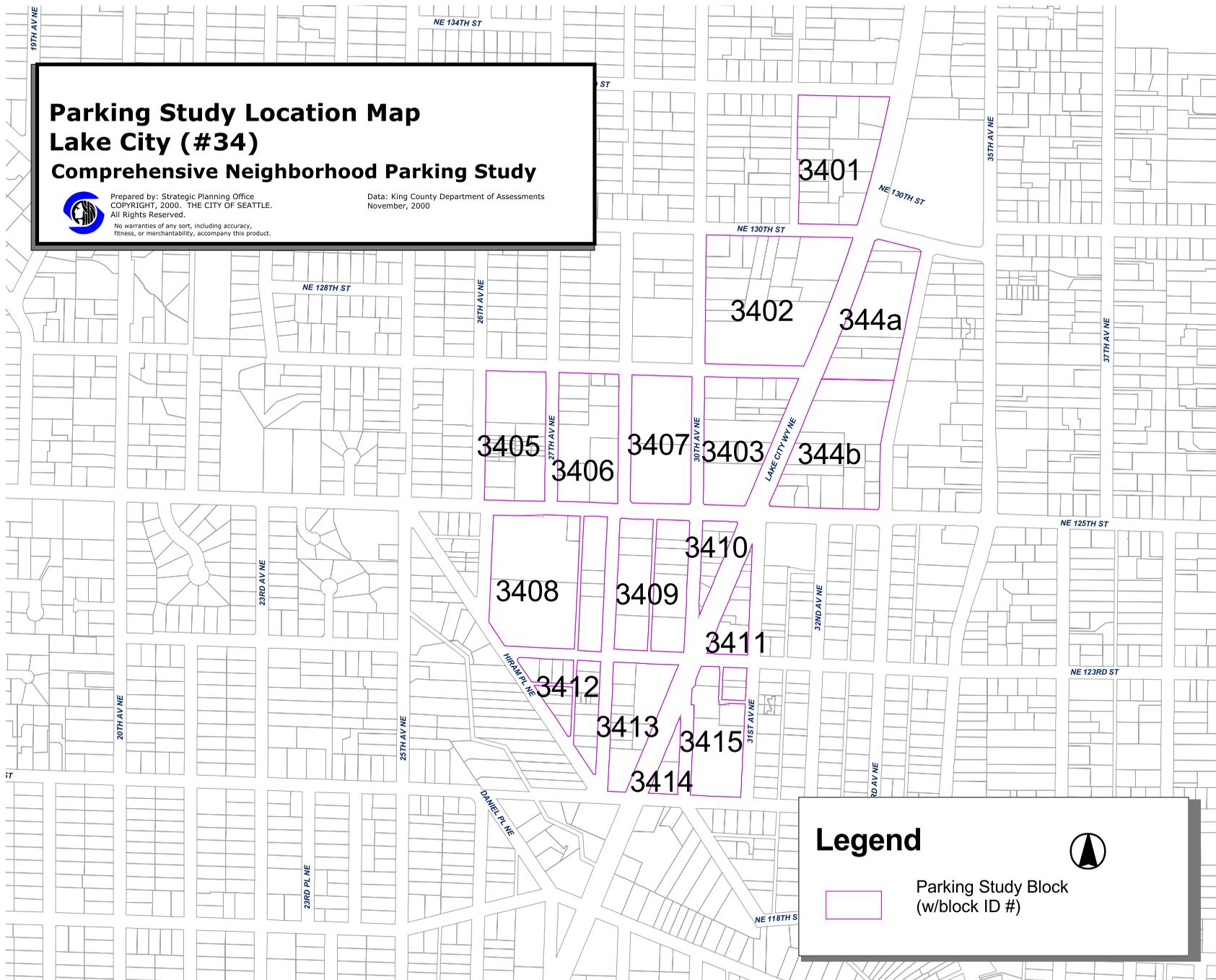
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-  Parking Study Block (w/block ID #)