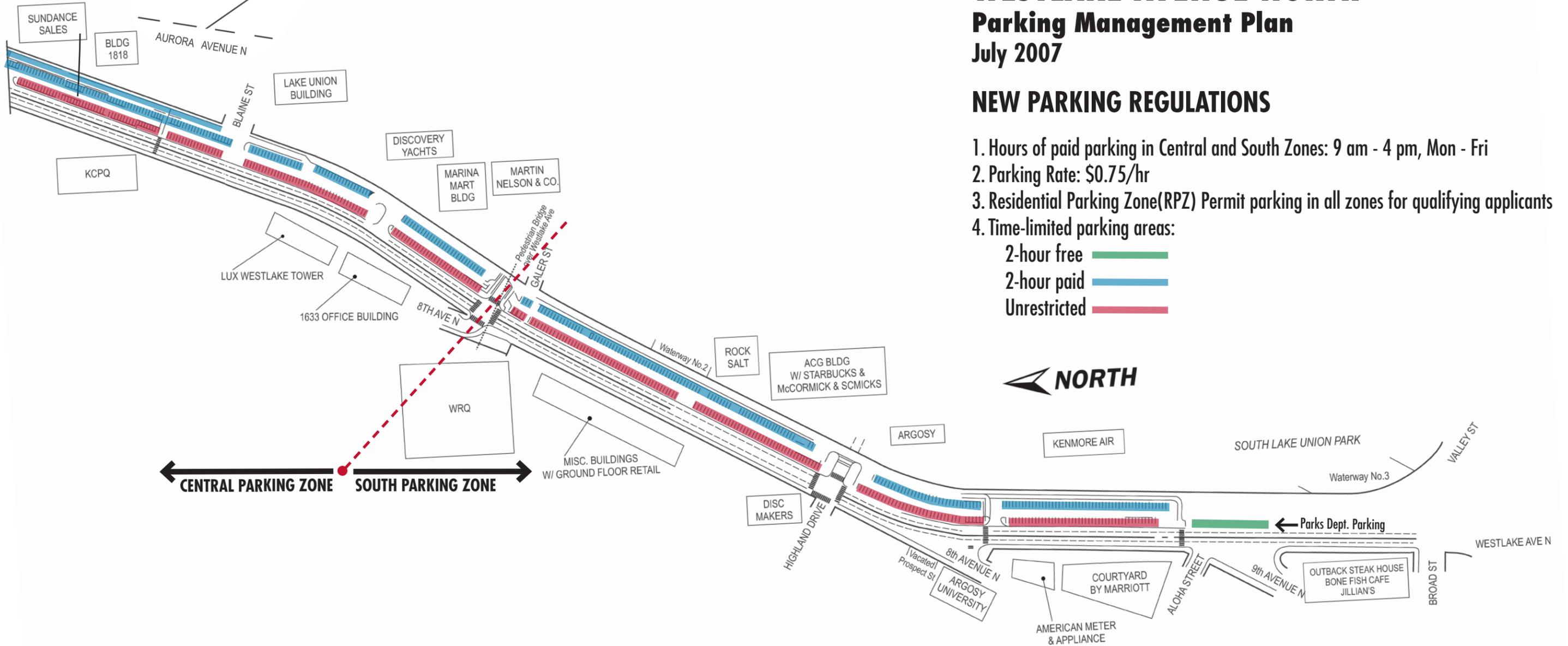


# WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH Parking Management Plan July 2007

## NEW PARKING REGULATIONS

1. Hours of paid parking in Central and South Zones: 9 am - 4 pm, Mon - Fri
2. Parking Rate: \$0.75/hr
3. Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) Permit parking in all zones for qualifying applicants
4. Time-limited parking areas:

- 2-hour free █
- 2-hour paid █
- Unrestricted █





Seattle Department of Transportation

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**Subject:** Parking Management Changes for Westlake Avenue North (WAN)

Dear Westlake businesses, employees, boaters, residents and customers,

In June 2006, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) introduced a draft parking management plan to the Westlake community. The plan recommended paid parking throughout the Westlake Avenue North parking corridor to address data that showed parking congestion throughout the day in much of the corridor.

Based on the negative reaction at two June 2006 open house meetings, SDOT made a commitment to work with the community to better understand the unique character of this neighborhood. In October 2006, three sets of Stakeholder meetings were held to allow various types of corridor users (residents; marina owners, operators and users; and businesses and employees) to describe their parking needs. From those meetings, 15 Westlake Parking Workgroup members were selected from the community to collaborate with SDOT in developing a final parking plan. Since November 2006, 12 Workgroup meetings have been held to discuss the details of parking in the Westlake corridor, leading to the generation of the revised Westlake Avenue North Parking Management Plan.

The plan has the support of both SDOT and the Westlake Avenue North Parking Workgroup as a place to start to address parking congestion in Westlake. This plan provides the foundation for a continuing dialog with community members concerning the unique parking control requirements of the Westlake Avenue North corridor.

On behalf of SDOT, I would like to thank all of the members of the community, and particularly the Workgroup members, for the investment of their time, knowledge and community passion. We have tried to meet their commitment with openness and honesty as we have worked towards a more responsive parking management plan.

Sincerely,

Wayne Wentz, P.E., P.T.O.E.  
City Traffic Engineer

### Westlake Avenue North Parking Management Plan

Seattle's 1.7-mile Westlake Avenue North (WAN) community, located on the west shore of Lake Union, is experiencing parking congestion that will only become more severe over time as a result of the continuing redevelopment of the South Lake Union area.

The Westlake Avenue North community is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders. It includes a significant number of marine-related and some non-marine related businesses, employees, residential occupants (in floating homes, live-aboards, condominiums, and rentals), as well as 19 marinas with over 1,000 moorages for recreational boaters. Each of these groups has distinct needs and interests for parking and access (some that are complementary and some that are competing). The Workgroup did its best to represent the overall interests of all stakeholders in the community in the development of this unique Parking Management Plan.

### Westlake Avenue North Parking Management Plan *continued*

#### SDOT & Community Workgroup Joint Effort

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and the WAN Parking Workgroup have collaborated on, jointly developed, and support the following Parking Management Plan as a starting point for improving parking access in the Westlake corridor. Effective parking management will involve continuing collaboration between SDOT and the WAN community.

The initial Westlake Avenue North Parking Management Plan will include the following specific features (see map for details):

- **Residential parking zone (RPZ) permits** will be issued to qualified residential applicants on both the east and west sides of Westlake Avenue North. The permits allow free parking in any parking space throughout the Westlake corridor for up to 72 hours.
- **Time-limited paid parking** will be implemented for all parking spaces on the east side between Aloha Street and McGraw Street (South and Central zones), with those spaces limited to a two-hour maximum stay (except with an RPZ permit).
- **No time-limit or payment requirements** will be established for the west side parking spaces between Aloha Street and McGraw Street (South and Central zones) or in any of the spaces north of McGraw Street (North zone).
- **The paid parking rate** will start at \$0.75/hour. In paid spaces, users may purchase time in increments of \$0.25, up to a maximum stay of 2 hours.
- **Paid parking will be in effect** Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Parking payment technology** will be "pay by space," where a user enters the parking stall number at the pay station at the time of payment. There is no need to display a receipt in the vehicle.
- **Triggers for parking changes** will be evaluated from parking occupancy data collected by SDOT, along with any available enforcement data, during each quarter following full implementation of the initial Parking Management Plan. The objective of having time limits is to ensure dependable parking turnover for the clients of businesses and restaurants along the corridor. If data show that occupancy in any zone of the corridor exceeds 90% (averaged over the time-limited and unrestricted spaces in the zone) for a significant period of time, SDOT will work with the WAN community to collect additional information from corridor users to help evaluate options for changing the Parking Management Plan. SDOT and the WAN Workgroup will review and discuss possible methods for encouraging more turnover. Potential methods include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - ◆ Decrease parking timeframe in some spaces (e.g. provide a few 15 or 30 minute parking spaces)
  - ◆ Increase hourly rate at existing paid parking locations
  - ◆ Increase enforcement
  - ◆ Increase number of paid parking spaces
- **SDOT will continue** to collaborate with the community, through the existing Westlake Avenue North Parking Workgroup, to review regularly collected parking occupancy and available enforcement data and evaluate options for changing the Parking Management Plan to meet the overall parking management needs of the community.

#### Schedule for Design and Installation

Implementation of this plan is scheduled to start in mid-September. RPZ permit applications will be mailed to residential property addresses on both sides of Westlake Avenue North. Live-aboard, and others who may not receive such a general mailing but might otherwise qualify for an RPZ permit will need to contact SDOT's Traffic Permits Counter at 206-684-5086.

Installation will be planned to limit impact to corridor parking. Parking pay station design layout and space numbering will be some of the first work that will be noticeable. Changes to load zones, dumpster storage and disabled parking spaces are contemplated and will be reviewed with adjacent businesses during the design process.

#### More Information

Visit [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation\\_westlake.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation_westlake.htm) or contact Sue Partridge, [sue.partridge@seattle.gov](mailto:sue.partridge@seattle.gov).