

BEACON HILL PARKING MATRIX SUMMARY

The *Beacon Hill Parking Matrix* was developed between July and October 2003 by key community members in conjunction with the Seattle Department of Transportation's *Making the Parking System Work* program, and by reviewing relevant neighborhood planning documents. The boundaries that define the scope of the program are Beacon Ave S. from 14th Ave S. to S. Hanford, and extending one block on each side of Beacon Ave. S.

Through the *Making the Parking System Work* program, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) staff collaborate with neighborhood business and community organizations to identify and implement low-cost, common-sense local parking management and access strategies. These active partnerships seek to achieve an acceptable balance of residential, visitor, business customer and employee parking in a particular neighborhood. The partnerships also create and employ techniques to reduce demand for parking spaces by promoting travel by foot, bike, bus and carpool. These techniques are also known as transportation demand management or TDM. Additional information about the *Making the Parking System Work* program can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodparking.htm> or by contacting Randy Wiger at (206) 684-8186 or Randy.Wiger@Seattle.gov.

This Summary highlights Key Issues understood to be of highest importance to the local community, and is not a complete inventory of all items in the Beacon Hill Parking Matrix.

KEY ISSUES

Item #2a) On-Street: Investigate and resolve conflicting placement of bus stop and loading dock on 2500 block (west side) of Beacon Ave S.

A business adjacent to the bus zone on the west side of the 2500 block of Beacon Avenue S operates a forklift on the sidewalk in a way that disturbs pedestrians, and delivery trucks sometimes park in the bus zone while unloading.

Recommendations to address Item #2a:

SDOT has met with businesses and developed action steps. SDOT has located a load zone on 15th Ave S for the adjacent businesses to use, and the business that operated the forklift has moved to a new location.

Additional Item: Support efforts to improve access and increase pedestrian safety around Mercer Middle School

Access to Mercer Middle School (1600 Columbia Way S) is impacted by less than ideal traffic circulation and drop-off/pick-up locations on the school lot as well as on 16th Avenue S (that runs along the side of the school). Additionally students walking to and from school have sometimes challenging situations to navigate.

Recommendations:

Support the formation of a Traffic and Safety Committee, engage key stakeholders, and engage SDOT on items which can be acted upon in the near term.