

## **COLUMBIA CITY PARKING ACTION STRATEGY**

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### **GOAL #1: INCREASE ON-STREET PARKING – S FERDINAND STREET**

“Create new on-street parking spaces for businesses in the downtown area, for residents, and for library patrons,” and under strategy a: “Convert parallel to angled parking on the south-side of Angeline St east of Rainier Ave S (approximately 9 spaces could be gained), and the south side of Ferdinand St east of Rainier Ave S (approximately 8 spaces could be gained).” – *Columbia City Parking Action Strategy*

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2002 the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) convened a Columbia City Parking Workgroup as part of the Making the Parking System Work program. The Kick-Off of this program in Columbia City, and the presentation of the workgroup’s recommendations at the March 15, 2003, annual Columbia City Revitalization Committee’s Town Hall meeting, were well advertised through post card mailings, notices circulated on community e-mail lists, and presentations to meetings of community organizations such as the Columbia City Revitalization Committee and Columbia City Business Association. The workgroup is comprised of representatives from the Columbia City Revitalization Committee, the Columbia City Business Association, the Columbia City branch of the Seattle Public Library, and area residents.

Among the workgroup’s recommendations was the goal of increasing the number of on-street parking spaces on the 3800 block of S Ferdinand Street (between Rainier Avenue S and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue S) by converting the existing parallel parking that exists on the south side of this block to back-in angle parking. SDOT staff believe perhaps as many as 8 spaces may be gained, although there is no guarantee that this many additional spaces will be created. The parallel parking currently on the north side of this block would remain as is.

#### **APRIL 2004 UPDATE**

In late January 2004 Columbia City citizens completed the required petitioning and submitted petitions to convert to angle parking with the necessary 60% agreement of adjacent property owners. In April 2004 SDOT implemented this recommendation with an informational mailing being sent to adjacent businesses in advance of the on-street changes. A few weeks after implementation, SDOT made adjustments to the angle parking area in response to resident concerns and moved the start of the angle parking areas further back from Rainier Avenue S to improve the safety and flow of traffic turning onto this block of S Ferdinand.

For more information on the Making the Parking System Work program, contact Randy Wiger at (206) 684-8186 or [Randy.Wiger@Seattle.gov](mailto:Randy.Wiger@Seattle.gov), or visit the program website at <http://www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/neighborhoodparking.htm>.