

Parking Pay Stations:

New parking technology arrives under the Viaduct

Starting the first week of January 2005, pay stations will replace the aging-single space meters under the Viaduct. This is an on-going part of the City of Seattle's plan to replace parking meters with parking pay stations to improve customer convenience, predictability and reliability. At the end of 2006, up to 1,600 pay stations will have replaced most of the City's 9,000 parking meters.

What is a pay station?

- Automated kiosk replacing multiple parking meters
- Accepts coins, credit and debit cards
- Provides customer receipts
- Communicates in English, Chinese and Spanish

What are the benefits of pay stations?

- Improved customer payment convenience
- Ability to use unexpired time at another metered or pay station space
- Better predictability for drivers with standardized parking layout and simple signage
- Greater reliability – less out-of-service time, better parking data
- Increased parking turnover



What changes come with pay stations?

- Fewer customers seeking change, as the need to carry lots of coins disappears
- More parking turnover means more access for customers
- Enhanced streetscape and more sidewalk space
- Seamless conversion with limited loss of parking during installation
- "Meter Greeters" ease transition for customers in the weeks after installation
- New bike racks replace lost "informal" parking at meters

What other changes can be expected?

- Some pay stations will be installed in existing parking spaces to ensure access for all users
- Each pay station will be centrally located to serve multiple parking spaces with minimal walking distances
- Pay stations will replace most meters under the viaduct between S. King St and Virginia St
- Pay stations will remain in place until Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement construction starts (scheduled for 2009)

When and where will they arrive in 2005?

In 2004, pay stations replaced parking meters in Pioneer Square, most of downtown Seattle and on Capitol Hill, Pike/Pine and First Hill. Pay stations were also installed in the Chandler's Cove area. In 2005, look for pay stations to arrive:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Nov.	Dec.
Viaduct		■									
Pike-Pine & First Hill			■								
Fremont				■							
Ballard & the Ballard Locks					■						
University District						■					
Chinatown/ International District									■		
Belltown											■



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For more information about pay stations underneath the Viaduct:

Visit <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation.htm>

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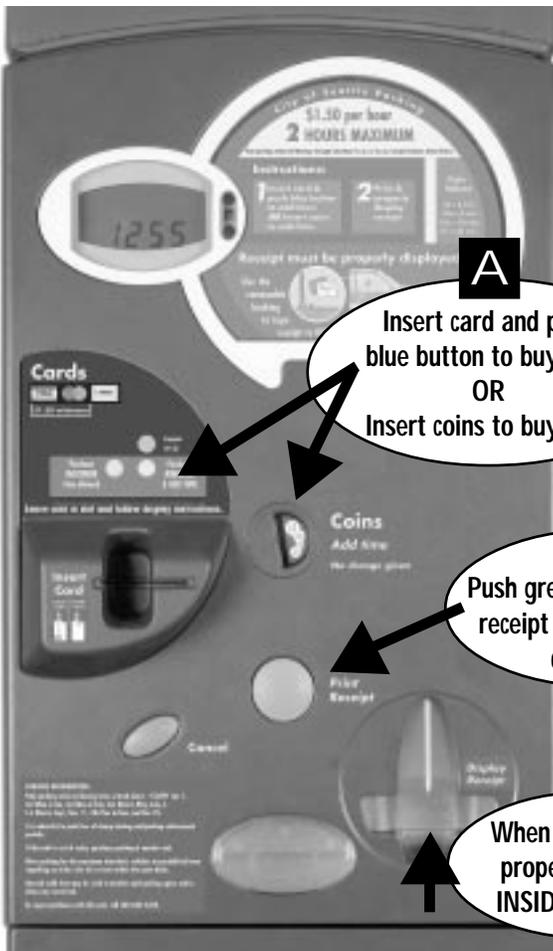
How to Use Pay Stations

1 Look for these signs on blocks with pay stations

Wherever a City block has one or more pay stations, signs at each end of the block direct users to "Pay to Park" with an arrow pointing towards the pay station. Above each pay station another sign points to the machine and directs users to "Pay Here to Park."



2 Use the pay station to purchase parking



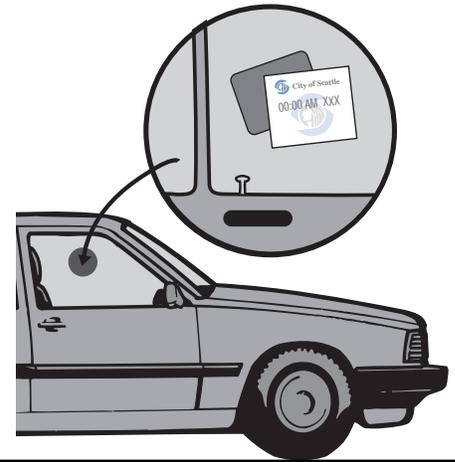
A
Insert card and push blue button to buy time
OR
Insert coins to buy time

B
Push green button to print receipt and then remove credit card

C
When receipt prints, properly display it
INSIDE car window

3 Display the receipt properly

The pay station will print a receipt that has a removable backing. Peel off the back and use it to tape the receipt to the inside of the curbside window. For angled parking, use the side window on the driver's side. Be sure that the expiration time is facing out!



4 Take unexpired time with you to another parking space

Until the time on the receipt expires, park at any other parking meter or pay station space in Seattle! Regardless of expiration time,

time limits and all other parking regulations still apply.

