

## Westlake Avenue North Corridor Workgroup

March 26, 2007

6:00 - 8:00 pm

South Lake Union Armory, 860 Terry Avenue N., Room 122

### Meeting 7 Summary

- Members Present: Phil Bannon  
Ann Bassetti  
Jim Codling  
Tim Hesterberg  
Lynne Reister  
Don Stonehill  
Cameron Strong  
Bill Wehrenberg  
Bill Wiginton  
Tim Zamberlin
- Members Absent: Robert Gerrish  
Lloyd Shugart  
Stan Waldrop
- SDOT Attendees: Marty Curry (consultant)  
Bill Timmer (consultant)  
Mike Estey  
Sue Partridge

#### 1. Parking Management Presentation

Bill Timmer made a presentation of principles of professional parking management that have been developed and successfully applied in large cities throughout the country ([attachment 1](#)). He discussed that, in the experience of parking management professionals,

1. Free time-limited parking
  - is not effective above ~75% occupancy
  - has little impact on reducing parking demand
  - is difficult to enforce
2. Transportation Demand Management Tools
  - don't reduce high parking demand without other incentives
  - primarily mitigate growth in parking demand, not current demand
3. Paid Parking
  - reduces parking demand
  - can be enforced effectively
  - provides incentive for individuals to change their mode of travel.

Bill then presented a scenario for applying those parking management principles to the WAN corridor. The resultant scheme, corresponding to the Workgroup's draft "Phase III" proposal, would be

1. Paid parking for zones B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, N, and O
  - east side up to 2-hour duration in 20-minute increments
  - west side up to 10-hour duration in 1-hour increments
2. RPZ permit parking on west side of zones E, H, I, and J
3. Free parking in zones K, L, M, and P
  - two-hour time limited parking on east side of zones K, L, and M
  - unlimited parking in remainder of spaces

## 2. General Discussion

The discussion began around issues that had been exchanged in e-mails during the week, and their possible inclusion in the final recommendation. Whether or not the Workgroup's recommendation would include paid parking in the first phase was a topic not resolved. There was general discussion about the proposed phasing outline developed by Cam Strong. Members agreed that Cam would incorporate the items discussed during the meeting and redistribute the outline, and other members would send him their comments by Wednesday March 28. Another draft would then be ready to finalize at the next meeting on April 2.

Lynne Reister requested that comments regarding her proposal to add new parking spaces be sent directly to her to incorporate into the document for the next meeting.

## 3. Upcoming Meetings

- Work session to develop Workgroup final recommendations executive summary—Monday, April 3, 6-8 pm in the Armory
- Presentation to Wayne Wentz Monday, April 16, 6-8 pm in the Armory

Attachments:

Parking Management Presentation

Managing Parking  
on  
Westlake Avenue North

# SDOT Parking Management Goals

- Full utilization of parking spaces (85-90% full at peak)
- Fair and balanced access to parking spaces
- Space turnover to provide access to area businesses
- Consistent space availability to minimize traffic congestion & environmental impact
- Enable voluntary compliance

# Westlake Parking Demand

- 2007 Survey Data: Potential parking demand **significantly** exceeds available supply
- 2005 Occupancy Study: Space utilization levels in south 2/3's of spaces **extremely high** – exceed those normally managed by “free” time-limited control
- South Lake Union growth & construction will continue to increase parking demand

# Seattle Parking Management Experience

## “Free” time-limited parking

- not effective above ~ 75% occupancy
- has little impact on reducing parking demand
- difficult to enforce

## Transportation Demand Management Tools

- don't reduce high parking demand w/o other incentives
- primarily mitigate growth in parking demand

## “Paid” parking

- reduces parking demand
- effectively enforced
- provides incentive to change

# Mid-week Parking Occupancy Data

Period: May 24-26, Aug, 9-11, 2005

Zone	Occupancy at Peak	Peak Hours	Duration of Peak
BC	98-100%	10 AM-3 PM	5 hrs
DEF	98-100%	9:30 AM-4 PM	6.5 hrs
GHN	98-100%	9 AM-3:30 PM	6.5 hrs
IJO	90-94%	10:30 AM-4:45 PM	6.25 hrs
KL	~70%	11:30 AM-4 PM	4.5 hrs
M	~55%	11:15 AM-3:45 PM	4.5 hrs
P	Not Measured		

# Westlake Avenue North

## Parking Management Considerations

- Paid parking for zones B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, N & O
  - East-side: up to 2-hr duration
  - West-side: up to 10-hr duration in 1-hr increments
- RPZ Permit parking on west-side of zones E, H, I & J
- Free parking in zones K, L, M & P
- 2-hr time limited parking on east-side of zones K, L & M
  - Unrestricted parking for remainder of spaces

# Westlake Avenue North Space Control Summary

<u>Parking Control</u>	<u>Spaces</u>
Paid 2-hr	452
Paid 10-hr	397
RPZ Permit	215
Free 2-hr	187
Free unrestricted	238
Total	1274