

*Your input will help shape parking solutions for a vibrant, livable Center City now and in the future.*

## A Growing Center City

*The following facts relate to Center City Seattle, a combination of the 10 neighborhoods shown on the map.*

- Center City has around 100,000 non-residential off- and on-street parking spaces.
- There are around 5,000 on-street paid parking spaces from Denny Way to the stadiums.
- Center City businesses currently provide 244,000 Seattle jobs.
- Between 2004 and 2024 the Center City can expect an additional 50,000 new jobs.
- If the current drive-alone pattern continues, accommodating job growth would require 20 city blocks of parking lots, 10 stories high, costing up to \$750 million.
- The city, Downtown Seattle Association and King County Metro have set a goal of shifting 4,000 drive-alone commuters to transit, bicycle, and walking commuters each year for nine years.

## Meeting the Kyoto Challenge

- To meet the Kyoto Protocol by 2012, Seattle needs to reduce greenhouse emissions by 680,000 tons.
- This is the equivalent of 148,000 cars taking off the road.

## Replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall

*Now is the time to prepare and meet the parking challenge.*

- Construction to replace 40 percent of the viaduct, between S. Holgate to S. King streets, begins in late 2009.
- Major construction to replace the viaduct along the Central Waterfront begins in 2012.
- No matter what is built, up to 1,200 public parking spaces will likely be removed, or restricted due to construction.
- Hundreds of additional on-street spaces could be affected to ensure mobility for people and goods.
- SDOT is collaborating with the private sector to implement an electronic guidance system
- Ideal facility characteristics for a guidance system include: within three blocks of destination points, ample supply of parking spaces available, extended operating hours, good access, and possibility to count incoming and outgoing cars
- SDOT is relying on a Parking Advisory Committee comprised of industry experts and other interests for input.



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## Preparing for major construction and growth

*A number of projects are underway to prepare Center City streets for the impacts additional traffic, to keep people and freight moving and businesses accessible.*

- The Bridging the Gap transportation levy is funding the repaving of major Center City streets over the next four years including:
  - Fifth Avenue in 2008,
  - Second Avenue and Stewart Street in 2009, and
  - Fourth Avenue in 2010.
- SDOT is implementing several transportation improvements through the Center City Access Strategy including:
  - Westlake Transportation Hub enhancements ongoing
  - Stewart/Olive/Howell/Virginia/Fairview transit access improvements in 2009
  - Pike and Pine streets transit improvements between Eighth Avenue and Broadway in 2009
- Major regional projects are underway to ensure access to and from I-5 including:
  - S. Spokane Street Viaduct widening and Fourth Avenue off-ramp starting 2008
  - SR 519 Intermodal Access project starting in late 2008
  - Two-way Mercer Corridor and narrow Valley Street in 2009
- More travel options are being added:
  - Seattle is proposing to buy more bus service for 19 bus routes to get us closer to our goal of transit service every 15 minutes, 18 hours a day, seven days a week
  - Sound Transit Link Light Rail begins operating in 2009

To learn more about these projects, to see a construction schedule, or read about the Center City Construction Coordination (4C) Program visit:

**[www.seattle.gov/transportation/centercityaccess.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/centercityaccess.htm)**

## Comments or questions on the parking program?

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