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To: Fremont business owners, property owners and residents  
From: Katherine G. Casseday, PE, Traffic Management Director  
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Date: August 15, 2005  
RE: On-Street parking changes coming to the Fremont business district

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The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is pleased to announce improved customer parking and access to the Center of the Universe! Over the past year, SDOT, the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, and area businesses and residents have been working together to develop on-street parking changes in the business district in time for the start of the Fremont Bridge Approaches and Circulation projects.

#### New parking time-limit signs to be installed soon

Starting in September, SDOT will make the on-street parking changes shown on the attached map. The new on-street parking signs are based on comments received from Fremont Chamber members, individual businesses, and residents, as well as from results of a parking analysis completed last winter. That study found that on-street parking was very full for most of the day and evening on both weekdays and Saturdays. Such high demand means that the business district parking supply needs to be actively managed for customer parking. This is consistent with City transportation policy to support short-term parking in business districts and to not prioritize on-street employee parking. SDOT will monitor parking conditions to ensure that the time-limit signs are working well. We will reconsider pay stations in 2006 or 2007 to further promote short-term parking for customer access.

#### Community Comments

SDOT heard from a number of business owners and employees as well as residents about the proposed changes. Generally, we heard support for adding 2-hour time limit signs instead of pay stations to improve customer access to Fremont retail businesses and restaurants. We also heard concerns from employees about the loss of unrestricted parking for their commute to work.

#### Parking in residential areas

A parking workgroup, comprised of neighborhood residents and businesses, is working to collect petition signatures and confirm the specific blocks where a residential parking zone (RPZ) will be implemented. The RPZ is intended to address parking congestion created by employees in the Fremont area and bus riders parking seeking easy bus access to downtown Seattle.

#### For more information

For questions about Fremont business district parking, please contact Mary Catherine Snyder at (206) 684-8110 or [marycatherine.snyder@seattle.gov](mailto:marycatherine.snyder@seattle.gov). For RPZ questions, please contact Julie Erickson at (206) 684-5092 or [julie.erickson@seattle.gov](mailto:julie.erickson@seattle.gov). The *Fremont Business District Parking Study* (2005) by Heffron Transportation, Inc. is available at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation\\_fremont.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paystation_fremont.htm).



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## New Time-Limit Signs in Fremont Business District

-  Changing to 2-hour Signs From Unrestricted Parking
-  Changing to 1-hour Signs From Unrestricted Parking (only along south side of N 35th St near Evanston Ave N)
-  Remains as Unrestricted Parking
-  To be determined once Residential Parking Zone north of N 36th St is established.

Several of these blocks have missing signs that will be replaced.

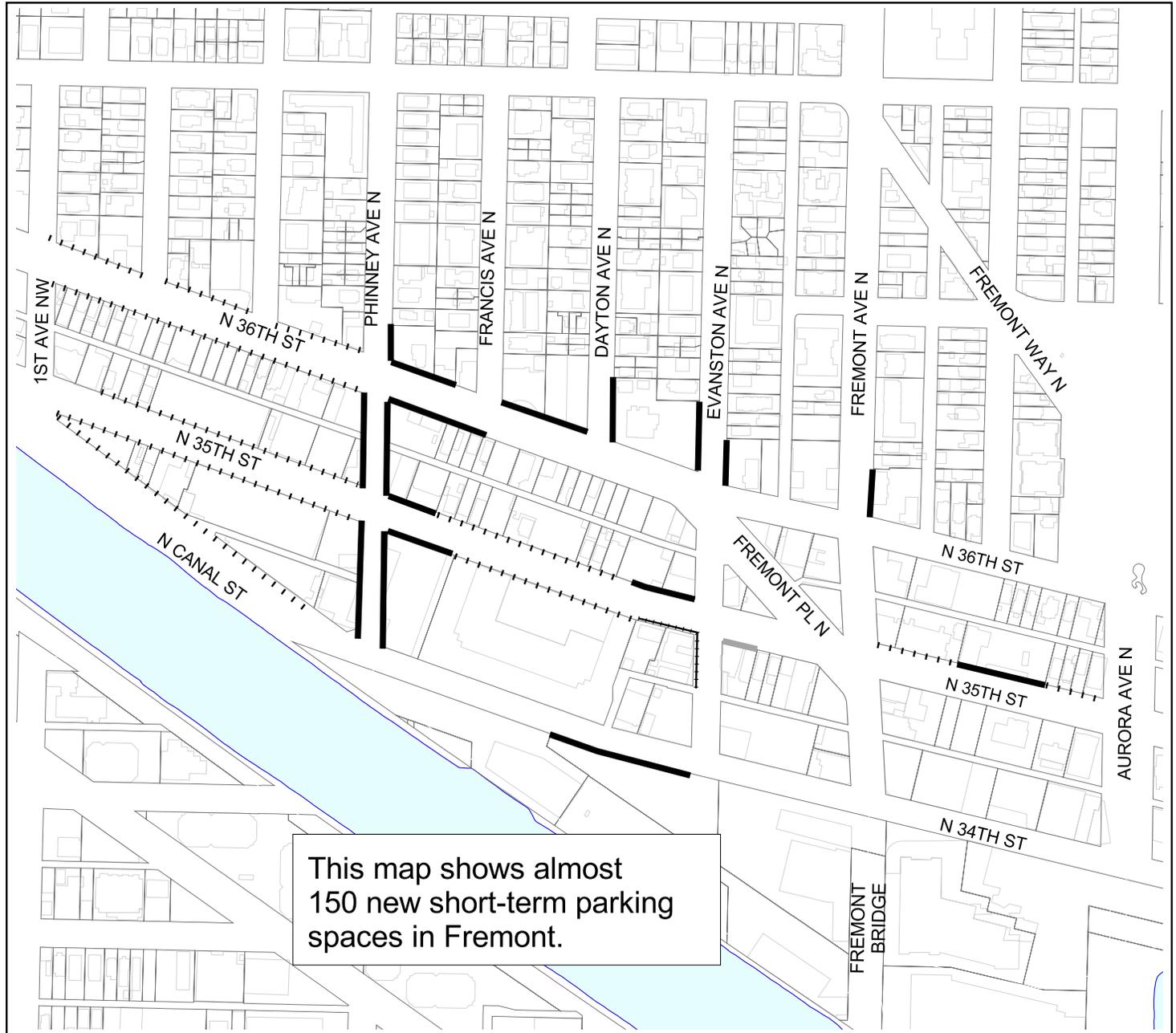
This map indicates only new on-street parking signs. Load zones are not changing. The map does not show all changes to parking configurations (e.g., angled parking) as part of the Fremont Bridge Approaches and Circulation projects.

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This map shows almost 150 new short-term parking spaces in Fremont.