

What to Expect With Pay Stations in Pioneer Square

When will pay stations come to Pioneer Square?

Pioneer Square is the first neighborhood to receive pay stations! Installation will be seamless with no loss of on-street parking. In the weeks following installation, look for "meter greeters" on the sidewalks offering assistance to customers and visitors using the new pay stations.

What other changes can be expected?

On-street parking is important to Pioneer Square's businesses and residents! When planning a trip to Pioneer Square, customers, delivery people and visitors often rely on their ability to find the right space that is available for the right amount of time. To make parking easier for all users, the installation of pay stations is a great opportunity to institute standardized parking layouts along most blocks.

What is a standardized block face?

On a standardized block face:

- Load zones are placed at the ends of the block
- Paid parking spaces are grouped together
- Short-term spaces (15 and 30 minutes) are removed
- Bus zones, hours of paid parking and existing am and pm peak period restrictions remain unchanged

Pioneer Square Timeline

	February	March	April	May
Community Outreach & Design				
Installation				
Meter Greeters				

What are the benefits of a standardized block face?

Standardized parking layouts and simple signage make parking easier for customers, visitors and delivery people.

- Users know what to expect on each block
- With uniform time limits, there is a cleaner streetscape with fewer signs displayed on posts
- Visitors and customers can more easily understand how long they can park
- By grouping paid parking spaces, walking distances to pay stations are minimized
- By placing commercial and truck load zones at the beginning of each block, it is easier for trucks to park. This improves congestion by minimizing double-parking

How will businesses know if their block is changing?

Most blocks in Pioneer Square already meet a standardized layout with passenger and commercial zones located at either end. City staff will make efforts to contact affected block tenants directly to notify them about possible changes.

When will meter rates increase?

As part of the City's 2004 budget, the City Council approved a meter rate increase to \$1.50 per hour. The rate increase will begin at meters in the downtown in Spring 2004. As pay stations are installed in Pioneer Square, they will be installed at a rate of \$1.50 per hour and parking meter rates will increase at remaining single-space meters.



Standardized Block

For more information about pay stations in Pioneer Square: Visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmp_pay_station.htm
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