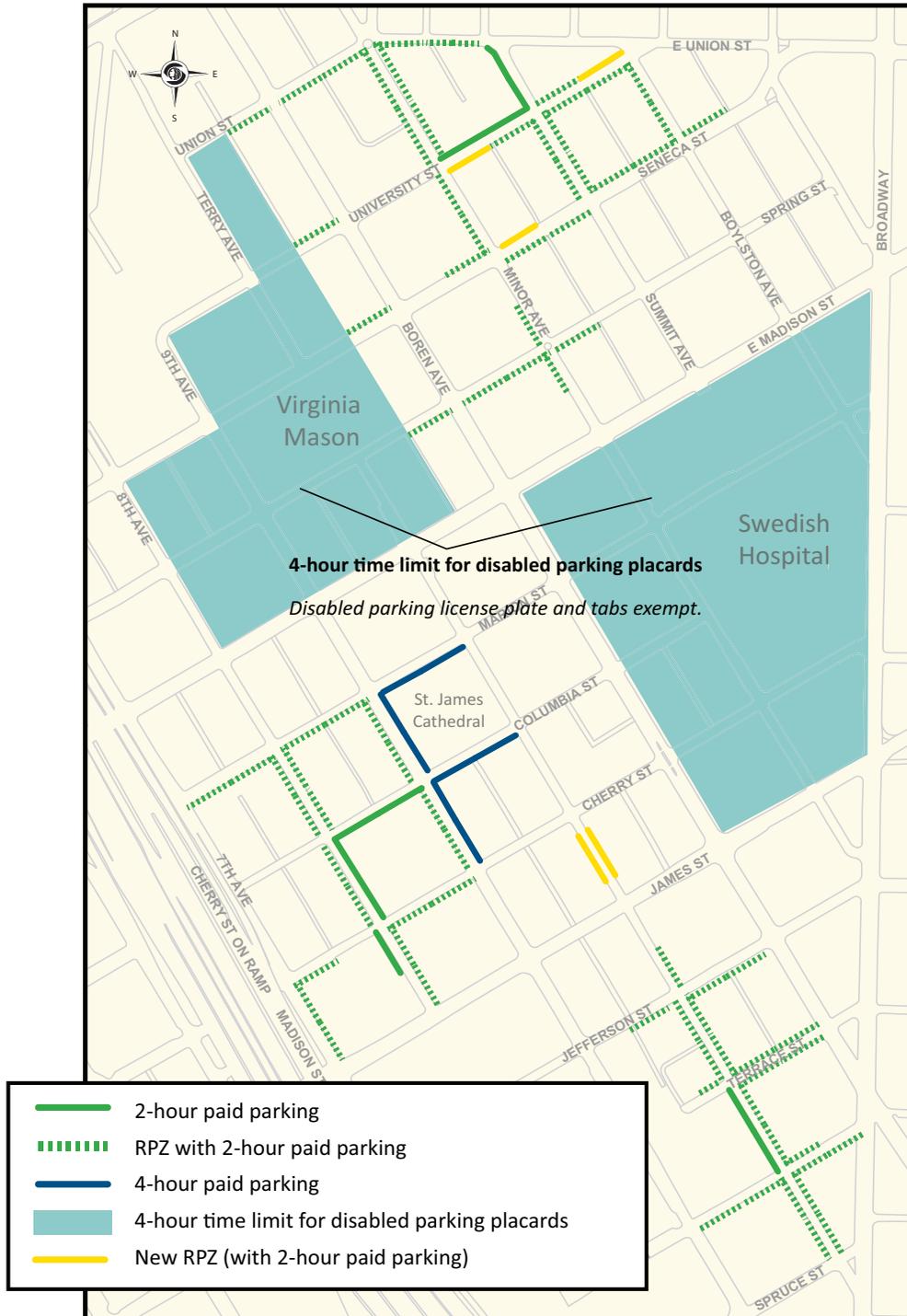


## PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES

SDOT recently studied parking in First Hill and found that many spaces are full throughout the day and that compliance with posted time limits is poor. The map below shows proposed changes aimed at improving parking availability (load zones will not change unless requested). Please take a look and let us know what you think. Contact SDOT with your feedback by February 26, 2010.



### To improve parking and access in First Hill, SDOT proposes to:

- Increase residential parking access by:
  - Installing Zone 7 and Zone 21 restricted parking zone (RPZ) signs where there are currently gaps.
  - Adding paid parking to RPZ blocks (**valid RPZ permit holders would be exempt from posted time limits and paid parking**).
  - In RPZs, on-street parking is limited to a few hours for vehicles without a valid permit or guest pass. Visit <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm> to learn more.
- Standardize short-term parking and improve customer and visitor access by converting 1-hour and 2-hour time limit signs to 2-hour paid parking.
- Improve accessibility for a variety of users by changing some unrestricted parking to 4-hour paid parking (around St. James Cathedral).
- Reduce abuse of disabled parking placards by adding 4-hour time limit signs to paid parking areas around First Hill hospitals. The 4-hour limit would apply only to vehicles displaying disabled parking placards. **Vehicles with disabled parking license plates and tabs would be exempt from the 4-hour time limit.**
  - SDOT's recent parking study found that 40% of vehicles around Swedish Hospital and Virginia Mason had disabled parking placards.
  - 4-hour time limits would improve short-term access for all vehicles.
  - To address the needs of people with disabilities, SDOT is currently discussing this proposal with disability advocacy groups and First Hill organizations.



# WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Contact SDOT with your feedback by February 26, 2010



- Take a **short survey**, leave a comment and learn more about the project online at: [http://seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp\\_firsthill.htm](http://seattle.gov/transportation/parking/cp_firsthill.htm)
- Email project manager Allison Schwartz at [FirstHillParking@seattle.gov](mailto:FirstHillParking@seattle.gov)
- Call SDOT at (206) 684-8186

## Next Steps:

**Jan - Feb 2010**  
Community review of proposed changes



**March 2010**  
Develop final parking plan



**Spring 2010**  
Begin installing new parking changes



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### SDOT's Community Parking Program

Since January 2009, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has been working with First Hill community members to identify parking challenges and solutions. Based on these conversations and recent parking study results, SDOT has developed proposed parking changes.

**Take a look and let us know what you think.**



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## Other neighborhood news:

- SDOT and Sound Transit are currently developing plans for the First Hill Streetcar. To get involved and learn more, visit <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org>
- Seattle Parks and Recreation is working on providing more open space in First Hill. Learn more at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/FirstHillAcquisition.htm>
- The City and County are partnering to bring improvements to Metro Route 60 in 2010. You may have already seen service improvements on Routes 2, 3, and 4 in 2008 and 2009. Learn more at <http://seattle.gov/transportation/BridgingtheGap.htm>

