HOW DID SDOT DEVELOP THIS PLAN?

Parking data collected in fall 2013 and mid-2014 showed that existing Westlake spaces aren’t being managed effectively to accommodate the range of users who rely on them. Although Westlake Cycle Track construction is scheduled to begin fall 2015, there is a need to address Westlake parking needs now.

To learn about parking priorities from the community, SDOT:

- Worked with the Westlake Cycle Track Design Advisory Committee to develop a list of parking management priorities.
- Shared these priorities for public feedback at an October 2014 open house.
- Convened two Westlake Parking Management Roundtables to review parking management priorities and provide feedback on a draft parking management plan. In response to roundtable feedback, SDOT extended two-hour parking restrictions further north than initially proposed.
- Shared a draft parking management plan with corridor businesses and residents through a December 2014 online survey.

Although feedback has not been unanimous, many people who live and work on the corridor agree that better parking management will increase the availability of parking and support the area’s economic vitality.

SDOT will continue to monitor the Westlake parking area to see how the changes are working. SDOT will collect parking occupancy data annually and will make revisions to the parking management plan consistent with the data.

HOW WILL THIS PLAN AFFECT MOORAGE TENANTS, LIVEABOARDS AND FLOATING HOME RESIDENTS?

Just as today, boaters will still be able to park for up to 72 hours and take advantage of free parking in the evenings after 4 PM and all day on weekends. Liveaboards and floating home residents will also have the same RPZ eligibility as today.

WHAT ARE SDOT’S NEXT STEPS?

SDOT will implement parking management changes by the end of March and then monitor how the changes are working in the spring and summer. SDOT will continue to be responsive and will make revisions to the parking management plan as needed.

The Westlake Cycle Track project will create a safer and more predictable way to travel for people walking, biking and driving. The protected bike lane will be located on the east side of the Westlake parking area adjacent to the sidewalk. Construction is planned to begin in fall 2015.
As part of the Westlake Cycle Track Project, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) collected parking data and worked with community stakeholders to develop a parking management plan that best balances the needs of residents, businesses, customers, tourists and moorage tenants in the unique Westlake Avenue N maritime area. These changes are intended to make it easier for people who live and work in the Westlake area to find parking. The plan includes introducing more location-based time limits, paid parking and adjustments to Restricted (Residential) Parking Zone (RPZ) eligibility.

SDOT will begin implementing changes at the end of March 2015.

OVERVIEW OF PARKING CHANGES

Maintain current paid parking hours and days:
9 AM – 4 PM, weekdays only; parking up to 72 hours allowed in ‘All Day’ spaces

Restricted (Residential) Parking Zone (RPZ): Modify boundaries for the existing RPZ to include only residents on the east side of the corridor, as well as current RPZ permit holders on the west side of the corridor. Going forward, RPZ permits would not be issued to new housing developments on the west side of Westlake Avenue N, nor to current west side residents who don’t already have an RPZ permit. This change to RPZ boundaries requires a public hearing.

Aloha Street to Highland Drive:
4-hour paid parking on both sides of the parking area to improve access for corridor users and eliminate South Lake Union construction worker parking

Highland Drive to Galer Street:
All-day (7-hour) paid parking on both sides of the parking area; parking allowed up to 72 hours

Galer Street to McGraw Street (East side):
2-hour paid parking on east side of the parking area to ensure access for customers and visitors

Galer Street to McGraw Street (West side):
All-day (7-hour) paid parking on west side of the parking area; parking allowed up to 72 hours to ensure longer-term parking for boaters and other corridor users

North of McGraw Street:
No paid parking or other changes; maintain RPZ parking spaces on east side of the parking area; continue to monitor

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- New paid parking on west side of parking area
- All-day parking provides up to 72 hours for marina users; paid days/hours remain Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM only

This map is for illustrative purposes only. Please check paystations and signs on street for specific regulations.
Parking management changes in the Westlake Ave N Parking Area