DISABLED PARKING ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

What is happening?
Beginning in late 2018, SDOT will install new designated disabled spaces in on-street paid parking areas in downtown Seattle. In future years, we will install new designated disabled parking spaces in other paid parking areas throughout the City.

Where will the spaces be located?
Each block with paid parking spaces will be evaluated to determine if there are suitable locations for a disabled permit space. Determining factors for siting spaces include steepness of the street, clear space on the adjacent sidewalk, and proximity to curb ramps. In most cases the preferred space to designate is the first space on a blockface.

SDOT is planning to install 20-30 spaces in downtown Seattle (between Olive Way on the north and Yesler Way on the south, bounded by Interstate 5 and Puget Sound). We have identified specific locations for an initial nine spaces, as shown on the map, and are finalizing locations for the remaining spaces. We plan to retain existing loading zones, but zones may be shifted to an adjacent space.

What will the disabled parking spaces look like and how will they operate?
Spaces will be reserved for holders of valid disabled permits (plates or placards, including those issued by other states) during all hours when parking is allowed. During times when paid parking and time limits are in effect on the block, users of the space will be limited to 4 hours of parking time. On-street parking is free for holders of valid disabled permits.

Why is the City adding designated disabled parking spaces?
SDOT’s mission is to deliver a high-quality transportation system for all users. In Seattle there are currently over 2,000 designated disabled parking spaces on City streets, with most spaces located near residential addresses. Locating new spaces in commercial areas will improve short-term access to destinations across the City for users with disabilities. Spaces are being designed and located in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

How can I find out more information?
Visit our website at www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/disabled-parking or contact us at Jonathan.Williams@seattle.gov, (206) 733-9026.