

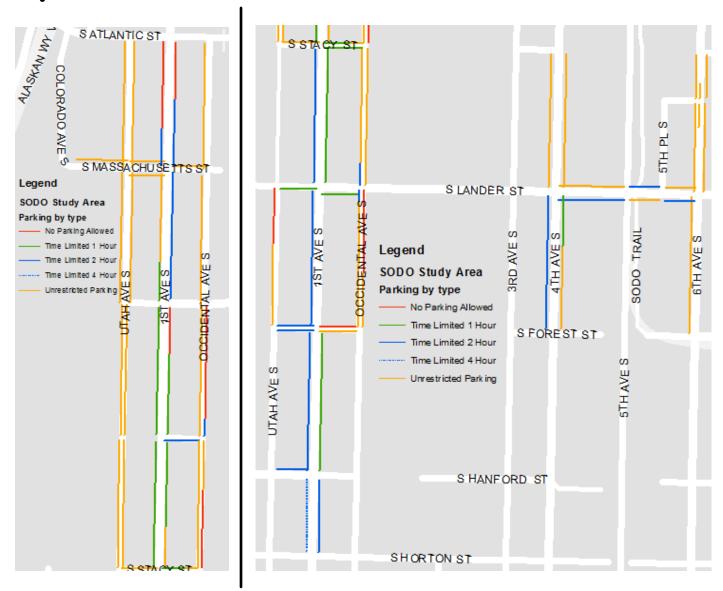
# SDOT SODO parking study

This document details a June 15, 2017 parking occupancy and duration study in areas of SODO, mostly along and adjacent to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave between S Atlantic St. and S Horton St.

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#### **Study Details:**

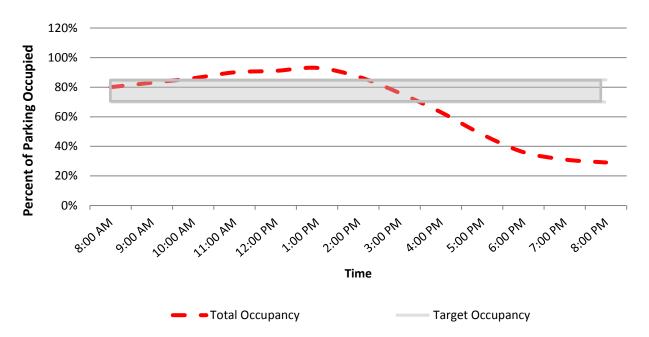
- Data were collected on Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM 8 PM (includes 8 PM hour)
- Occupancy and duration data were collected once per hour
- Occupancy study covered 1,213 parking spaces on 67 blockfaces. Duration data was collected on 368 parking spaces on 22 blockfaces.
- To understand parking types (time limits, etc.), sign records were supplemented with field review and video



SDOT Study Areas and Parking Types – DRAFT, does not denote load zones or other special parking types

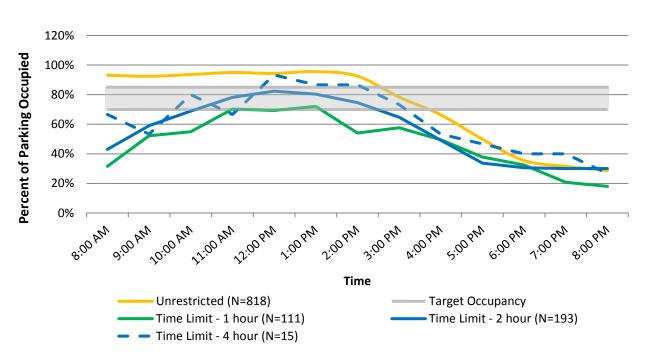
## Summary Occupancy Results:

• Across all spaces, occupancy is high and parking is likely difficult to find on weekdays before 2:30 PM:



# **On-Street Parking Occupancy - All Spaces**

 Evaluating occupancy by parking type reveals that time limits in the area provide short term parking availability, while unrestricted parking is full until 3 PM. Blockfaces with both time limits and unrestricted parking on the same blockface were not included in the below figure.

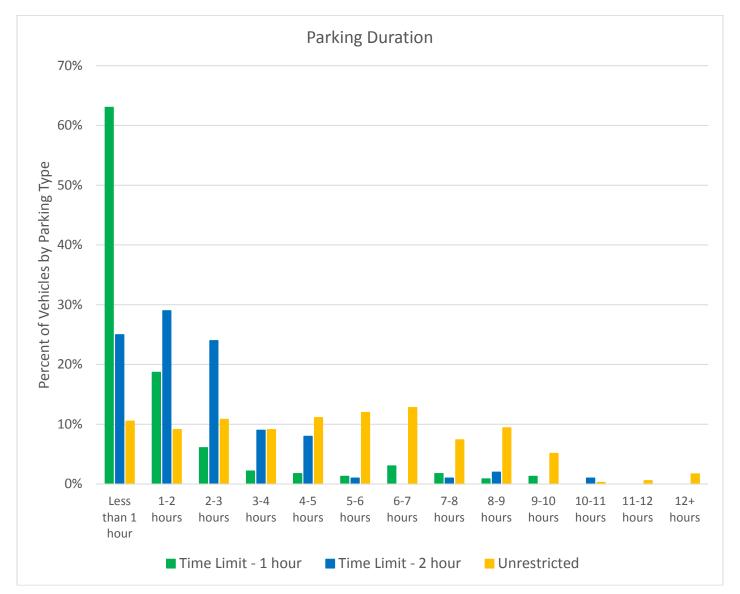


# **On-Street Parking Occupancy - By Space Type**

## **Summary Duration Results:**

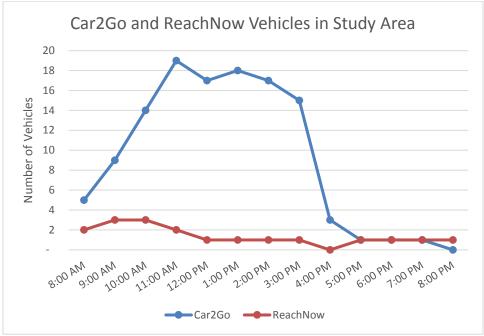
• Even with lower occupancy, time limited spaces accommodate more unique vehicles parking than unrestricted spaces. Note that study methodology based on once per hour observations undercounts short parking stays.

Parking type and spaces studied	Unrestricted, 206 spaces	Time Limit – 2 hours, 46 spaces	Time Limit – 1 hour, 80 spaces
Unique vehicles per space	1.7	4.3	2.9
per day Average duration (hours)	4.9	2.2	1.5



### Free-floating carshare (FFCS) vehicles:

• FFCS vehicles, including car2go and ReachNow, represented a very low percentage of observed vehicles. They peaked at 11 AM with 19 car2go vehicles and 2 ReachNow vehicles, out of a total 1,093 vehicles parked in the study area.



- Only one blockface had more than 1 **car2go** vehicle parked at any time. This was the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S between Walker and Stacy, which has a 1-hour time limit. Details:
  - 7 of the 25 spaces were occupied by car2go vehicles for most hours between 11AM and 3 PM.
  - o car2go vehicles parked on average for 5.5 hours
  - Three different vehicles with disabled permits also parked between 6-9 hours.
- Only one blockface had more than 1 **ReachNow** vehicle parked at any time. This was the west side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S between Stacy and Lander, which has a 2-hour time limit. Details:
  - 2 of the 25 spaces were occupied by ReachNow, with an additional 1 car2go vehicle parked between 8 AM and 10 AM.

### Parking management options and potential next steps:

- Review if additional load zones are needed, particularly on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S
- Where more short-term access is needed, add additional areas of time limited parking especially in areas with curbs and sidewalks, including portions of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Utah Ave S, S Stacy St, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S, and S Lander St. Could aim to coordinate with launch of Metro Connections in neighborhood
- Review area for private signs restricting parking in the public right-of-way

