RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ) STUDY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) recently completed parking and access studies in the West Seattle Junction and Triangle areas. We would like to share the results of the studies with you and hear your thoughts on a potential new Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) near the West Seattle Junction.

See the results of the study on our website:

WHY DID SDOT STUDY PARKING IN THE AREA?
SDOT received a request to evaluate residential streets near the West Seattle Junction for eligibility for a new Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ). An RPZ would prevent all-day parking by commuters on these streets. In addition to studying residential streets, SDOT conducted other parking and access studies that covered all publicly-available on- and off-street parking in the area. The studies showed where parking is and is not full at different times of day. This information helps inform where changes could improve access for area residents and business district customers.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL CHANGES?
Implement a new RPZ near West Seattle Junction to help area residents find on-street parking.
Install new areas of unpaid time limits next to businesses.
Extend the existing 2-hour unpaid time limits on California Ave SW from ending at 6 PM to ending at 8 PM to create more available parking for business customers.
Install designated disabled spaces, load zones, and free-floating carshare (car2go, ReachNow) spaces to improve neighborhood access.

WHAT COULD AN RPZ IN THE JUNCTION LOOK LIKE?
The orange-lined blocks shown on the map meet requirements for a new RPZ. An RPZ in the West Seattle Junction would:
• Limit vehicles without an RPZ permit to 2-hour parking, 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Saturday, on RPZ-signed blocks.
• Allow residents in the orange-shaded area to purchase RPZ permits to park longer than the posted time limit on RPZ-signed blocks. Permits are currently $65 per vehicle for a two-year cycle. One hangtag guest permit is available per household. A $10 low-income permit is available.
• Not allow employees to purchase permits. RPZ signs would not be installed adjacent to businesses, and existing time limit areas near businesses will remain.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?
We are collecting feedback on a potential RPZ through August 19, 2018 by survey, email, and phone. Depending on feedback, a formal RPZ proposal will be released to the community in fall 2018 along with a public hearing. Unpaid time limit and individual space changes will also be finalized in fall 2018.

Let us know what you think by March 15, 2019.
Comment form: www.surveymonkey.com/r/JunctionRPZProposal
Email: WestSeattleParking@seattle.gov
Phone: (206) 684-4103
RPZ public hearing: Thursday, February 28, 6:30 – 8 PM at the Senior Center of West Seattle, 4217 SW Oregon St, Seattle, WA 98116. SDOT staff will give a brief presentation at 6:30 PM. Public comment begins at 6:45 PM and is limited to 2 minutes per person.

See inside for details on a proposed Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) and new/modified time limits on commercial streets.
Why are we proposing parking changes in the West Seattle Junction?
SDOT received a request to evaluate residential streets near the West Seattle Junction for a new Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ). We’ve completed numerous parking and access studies in the West Seattle Junction and Triangle areas and sought feedback about area on-street parking. We’ve used study results and your feedback to develop the proposed changes outlined in this mailer. Visit our website for more details www.seattle.gov/transportation/WSParking.

What would an RPZ do?
An RPZ would prevent all-day parking by commuters on blocks with RPZ signs. RPZ signs would not be installed next to businesses and employees would not be eligible to purchase permits.

Proposed new RPZ
- RPZ signs would be installed on the orange-lined blocks. These signs would limit vehicles without RPZ permits to 2-hour parking, 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Saturday.
- All residents living within the orange-shaded area would be eligible to purchase RPZ permits.
  Vehicles displaying an RPZ permit would be exempt from the 2-hour time limit on RPZ-signed blocks.

Permits are currently $65 per vehicle for a two-year cycle. One hang-tag guest permit is available per household. A $10 low-income permit is available.

Other parking changes
In addition to the new potential RPZ, SDOT plans other changes on commercial streets in the neighborhood:
- New time limits fronting commercial businesses
- Extension of unpaid time limits on California Ave SW from ending at 6 PM to ending at 8 PM
- Install designated disabled spaces and a load zone to improve neighborhood access

What’s next?
We are collecting feedback on the proposed new RPZ through March 15, 2019 by online comment form, email, phone, and at the public hearing. All comment methods are treated equally. SDOT plans to send out a final decision on whether or not a new RPZ will be installed by June 2019.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSED JUNCTION RPZ?
Submit your comments online by March 15, 2019
www.surveymonkey.com/r/JunctionRPZProposal
You can also submit feedback via email, phone, or at the public hearing. All feedback methods are treated equally.