RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ)
Public Hearing Notice

WHAT: Opportunity to comment on the creation of a new Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) in northwest Capitol Hill and adjusted hours of the existing RPZ 15

WHERE: Cornish College-Kerry Hall, 710 E Roy St, Seattle, WA 98102. Please enter on Harvard Ave E

WHEN: Thursday, July 21, 2016, 6:30 – 8 PM

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.
RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SDOT and Sound Transit are working together to manage on-street parking around the new Capitol Hill light rail station. Sound Transit identified blocks with unrestricted parking northwest of the station that could be used by commuters seeking to park near light rail. Feedback from public outreach in fall 2015 included suggestions to add RPZ parking in the presently unrestricted area north of E Olive Way/E John St and west of Broadway. SDOT is now working with Sound Transit to better manage parking on these blocks with this proposal to install a new RPZ. SDOT is also proposing an expansion of Zone 15 and a change in hours to prevent commuter parking.

We are holding a public hearing July 21 to take your comments. Those interested may comment at the hearing or by mail, or by email to capitolhillparking@seattle.gov through July 31.

WHAT’S BEING PROPOSED? (SEE MAP)
• The gray area on the map highlights the area being considered for a new RPZ, using E Roy St and Belmont Ave E as the northern boundary. All residents in this area would be eligible for permits in a new RPZ.
• In the new zone, we would install RPZ signs on the color-lined blocks within the gray shaded area, limiting vehicles without zone permits to 2-hour parking Monday – Saturday, 7 AM – 8 PM.
• In Zone 15, in the blue shaded area, we would change the hours of the existing Zone 15 signs. Current hours are noon – 6 AM every day, and limit vehicles without Zone 15 permits to 4-hour parking during those hours. We would change the hours to Monday-Saturday 7 AM – 8 PM, limiting vehicles without Zone 15 permits to 2-hour parking during those hours. All residents on the blocks within the blue shaded area would be eligible for RPZ 15 permits. A few blocks (purple lines) would be added to Zone 15.
• Permits are currently $65 per vehicle for a two-year cycle.
• Signs would not be installed adjacent to commercial properties, nor would they replace existing paid or time limited parking.

WHAT IS AN RPZ? WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?
RPZs are intended to improve parking access for residents, while balancing the needs of others to use the public right of way. RPZs help neighborhoods deal with parking congestion from traffic generators through signed time limits from which vehicles displaying a valid RPZ permit are exempt. Residents in the new area have requested that an RPZ be installed in this area.

Please visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz_new.htm for an electronic copy of this proposal.

Visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm to see general RPZ program information.

Questions?
Contact capitolhillparking@seattle.gov or Ruth Harper at (206) 684-4103

Seattle Municipal Code 11.16.317 requires a public hearing for the creation of a new RPZ or when more than two contiguous blocks are being proposed to expand or reduce an RPZ.