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: www.seattle.gov/transportation/WSParking

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.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A POTENTIAL WEST SEATTLE JUNCTION RPZ?

Take this survey by August 19, 2018 www.surveymonkey.com/r/JunctionRPZ.

Visit SDOT staff at the West Seattle Farmers Market on July 29, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Or, at Cupcake Royale at 4556 California Ave SW on August 10, 2018 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM.

Email us at WestSeattleParking@seattle.gov.

Questions?
Find more information on the changes on our website www.seattle.gov/transportation/WSParking or contact SDOT’s Ruth Harper at WestSeattleParking@seattle.gov or by phone at (206) 684-4103.
Why are we making 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 changes outlined in this mailer. Visit our website for more details: www.seattle.gov/transportation/WSParking. There are many other ways to access the Junction, including RapidRide transit. The Junction also has designated carshare spaces and off-street parking lots. Thank you to all who participated in this process.

What we are planning
New Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) 35
- RPZ 35 signs will be installed on the orange-lined blocks in fall 2019. These signs will limit vehicles without RPZ 35 permits to 2-hour parking, 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Saturday.
- All residents living within the orange-shaded area will be eligible to purchase RPZ 35 permits. Vehicles displaying an RPZ 35 permit will be exempt from the 2-hour time limit on RPZ-signed blocks.

We will send residents in the orange-shaded area information on purchasing permits prior to RPZ sign installation.

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.

New Unpaid Time Limits
In addition to the new RPZ, SDOT will make other changes on a few commercial streets in the neighborhood:
- New 2- and 4-hour time limits fronting commercial businesses
- Extension of unpaid time limits on California Ave SW from ending at 6 PM to ending at 8 PM
- Designated disabled spaces and a load zone to improve neighborhood access

These changes will be made in fall 2019.

Questions?
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