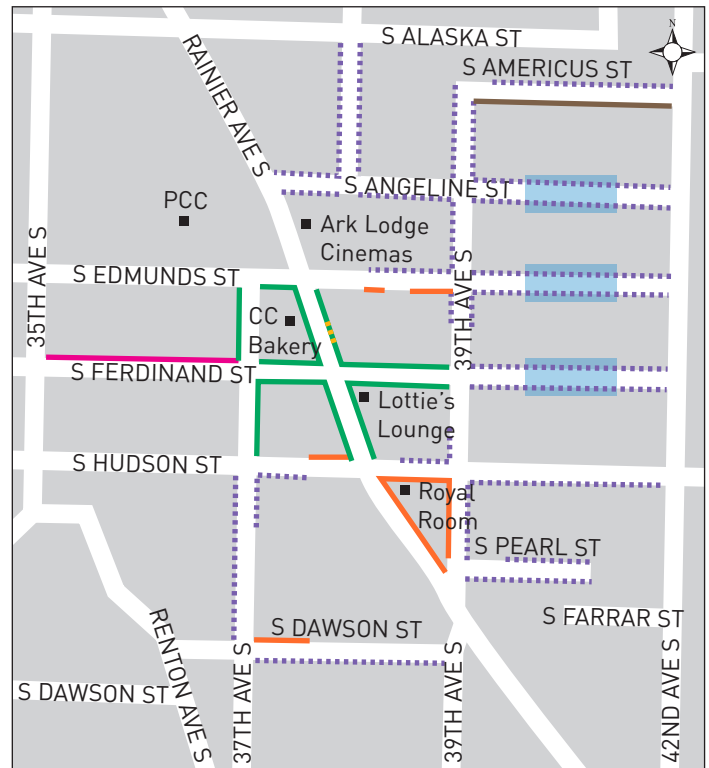


COLUMBIA CITY PARKING PROPOSAL FAQ – BUSINESSES

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) manages parking and traffic on City streets. SDOT has released a proposal for parking changes along and near Rainier Avenue in Columbia City. Proposal details by street are shown on the map.

How will employees who don't live nearby travel to work following these proposed changes?

- **Transit** may be an option for some employees. Link light rail operates from around 5 AM until 1 AM on weekdays. The area is also served by King County Metro routes 7, 9, 50, and 106. Some employees may qualify for ORCA LIFT which provides fare savings of up to 50% on King County Metro, Sound Transit Link Light Rail, and other regional transit.
- **Drive and park** in one of the following locations:
 - **Park in RPZ 29 areas.** For businesses within the proposed expansion of the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) area, employers could purchase RPZ permits for employees. The area includes Rainier Ave S and side streets between S Dawson St and S Angeline St. Permits currently cost \$65 and are valid for two years. The application form must be completed and signed by business owner or representative. Information is available at www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/lightrail_biz.htm. SDOT's RPZ Permit Counter can be reached at 206-684-5086.
 - Monthly or daily **off-street parking** in private area lots may be available
 - **Parking areas with no restrictions.** No changes to parking are proposed beyond about 2-3 blocks from the Columbia City business district. Parking on many of these streets will remain 'unrestricted' by time limits or other regulations. Current parking regulations are viewable on the Seattle Parking Map at <http://web6.seattle.gov/sdot/seattleparkingmap/>.



PROPOSED CHANGES

- Paid, \$1/hr, 8 AM-8 PM Mon-Sat, 2 hr Limit, with 3 hours after 5 PM (80 spaces)
- RPZ, 7 AM-6 PM Mon-Fri, 2 hours except by permit (390 spaces)
- Unpaid Time Limits, 7 AM-6 PM, Mon-Sat, 2 hr limit (40 spaces)
- Sign No Parking
- Establish Vehicle Turn-out Areas
- Convert One Space to Passenger Load Only 5 PM - 2 AM
- Add New RPZ 29 Parking Spaces



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How will this affect where customers/visitors park?

- Parking changes (time limits and paid parking) are being made to increase parking availability and turnover on commercial streets in the business district to improve customer and visitor access. The proposal converts about 80 time limited spaces in the heart of Columbia City to paid parking spaces. The time limit would remain 2 hours, with the ability to purchase 3 hours of time starting at 5 PM. The initial rate would be \$1 per hour, with rates in effect 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday through Saturday. Parking beyond about one block from Rainier remains free.

How can I request a load zone change or provide other specific comments and concerns?

- Respond to our online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDOTCC by February 13, 2017
- Contact us at Columbiacityparking@seattle.gov or 206-733-9026

What happens next?

- SDOT plans to issue a final plan for area parking changes around April 2017 and potentially will make changes in fall 2017.