

Overview:

This was the first meeting of a parking advisory group, made up of local residents and business owners. Following a brief overview of parking and related studies completed to date, attendees shared their own experiences or ideas on access and parking in the neighborhood. A presentation covering online survey results was planned, but was not presented. It is available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/docs/cp/ccsurveyresults20160427.pdf> and highlights will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Summary of meeting comments:

Feedback from attendees included:

- Hide and ride (non-residents parking in unrestricted areas and walking to light rail) occurs on unrestricted streets proximate to the light rail station, including those east of Rainier Avenue S. At times these vehicles may remain parked for days, potentially due to parkers using light rail to travel to the airport.
- Difficulty navigating neighborhood streets where parking is allowed on both sides. Related, there is interest in options to improve circulation that could include one-way streets, parking removal, better No Park signage near corners, or related.
- Interest in ways to better connect the Rainier Avenue S business district to the light rail station. These could include improved pedestrian conditions, a neighborhood circulator, Uber hop/lyft, or car2go solution.
- Mixed opinions on effects of the Rainier Avenue S Safety Project. Comments that it led to vehicle diversion onto adjacent streets, but also positive comments.
- Local residents and employees with visitors worry about being able to accommodate visitors due to lack of parking availability.
- There may be opportunities to share/utilize some of the existing area off-street lots for public or employee parking, but lots would need improvements to security and management.
- Mixed opinions on adding angle parking to additional streets
- Need for employee transportation options – transit doesn't work for all area employees
- One business noted that customers have stated they don't visit as much because of a lack of available parking.
- Local parking conditions have greatly changed in the last couple of years.
- Issues of vehicle safety and circulation challenges in the public off-street parking lot on Ferdinand.
- Changes should include reviewing need for designated disabled spaces for visitor access
- Areas with time limits are inconsistent – for one side of Edmunds has two areas of time limits and two areas of unrestricted parking
- Parking enforcement is not consistent in the neighborhood
- Neighborhood needs improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

Next Steps:

Schedule June meeting, planned for late June which will include a review of neighborhood survey and parking data

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