

West Seattle Junction Draft Curbspace Management Recommendations



Presentation for West Seattle Junction Association Board & Members
September 30, 2026

Project Purpose and Goals

Through our work in the West Seattle Junction, SDOT is:



Analyzing how parking
and other curbside spaces
are used today



Gathering input from the
community



Evaluating changes to
better support the
neighborhood's needs

Project Timeline

Our work in the West Seattle Junction began in 2026 and will end in 2027.



There's Strong Need for Better Parking Management



On-street parking is very full, limiting customer access.

- Long stays limit turnover; 22% of people stay parked longer than 2 hours.
- Parking demand has increased over time, especially in morning and midday.



Finding parking near destinations is important for customers and residents.

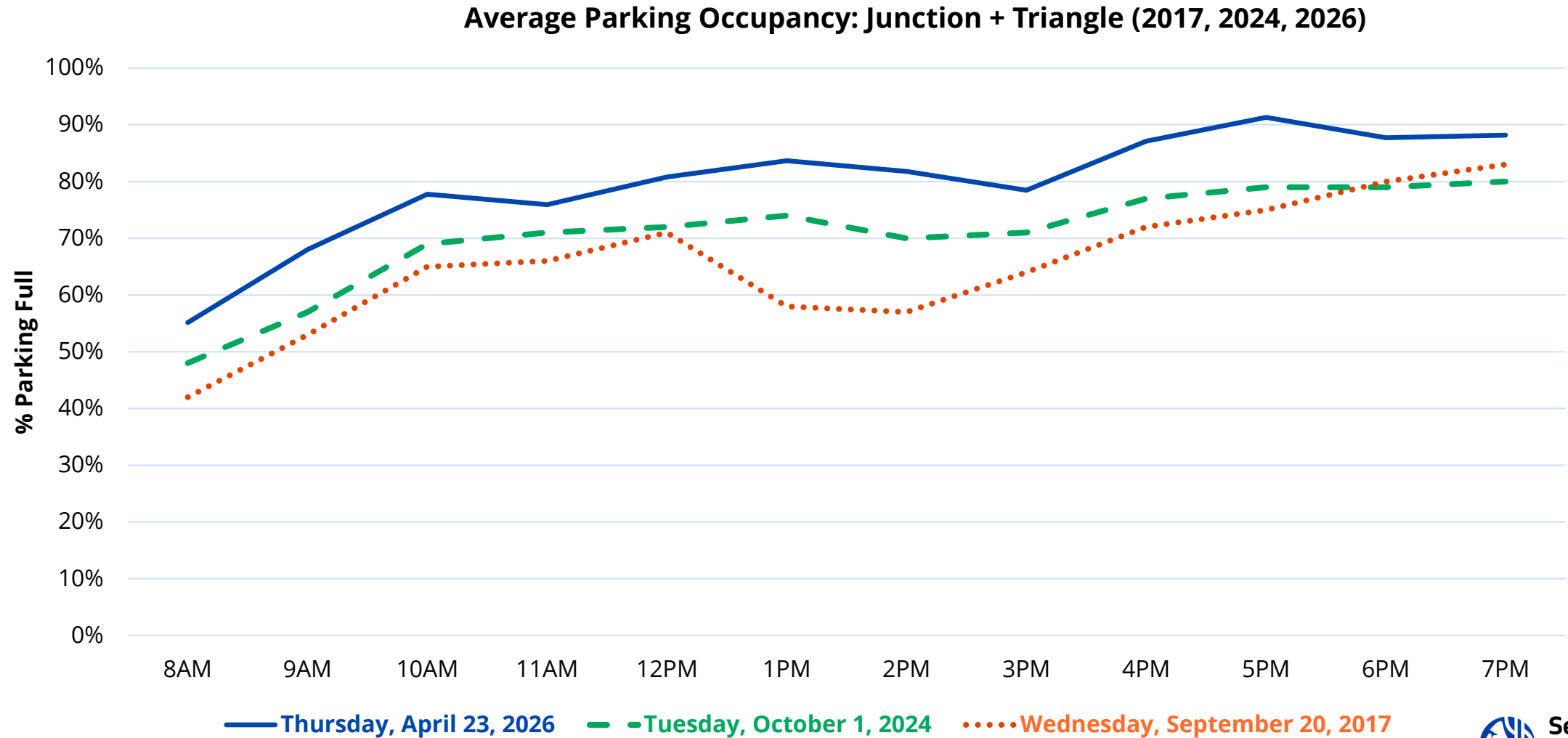
- 62% of residents and visitors say convenient parking is difficult to find or are neutral.
- 61% of visitors note that parking availability is a key factor when deciding to visit.



Customer parking is a key concern for businesses.

- 75% of businesses say it is difficult for customers to find parking, 82% often hear complaints about parking.
- Most businesses (57%) say loading is difficult.

Parking Demand in the Junction is Growing

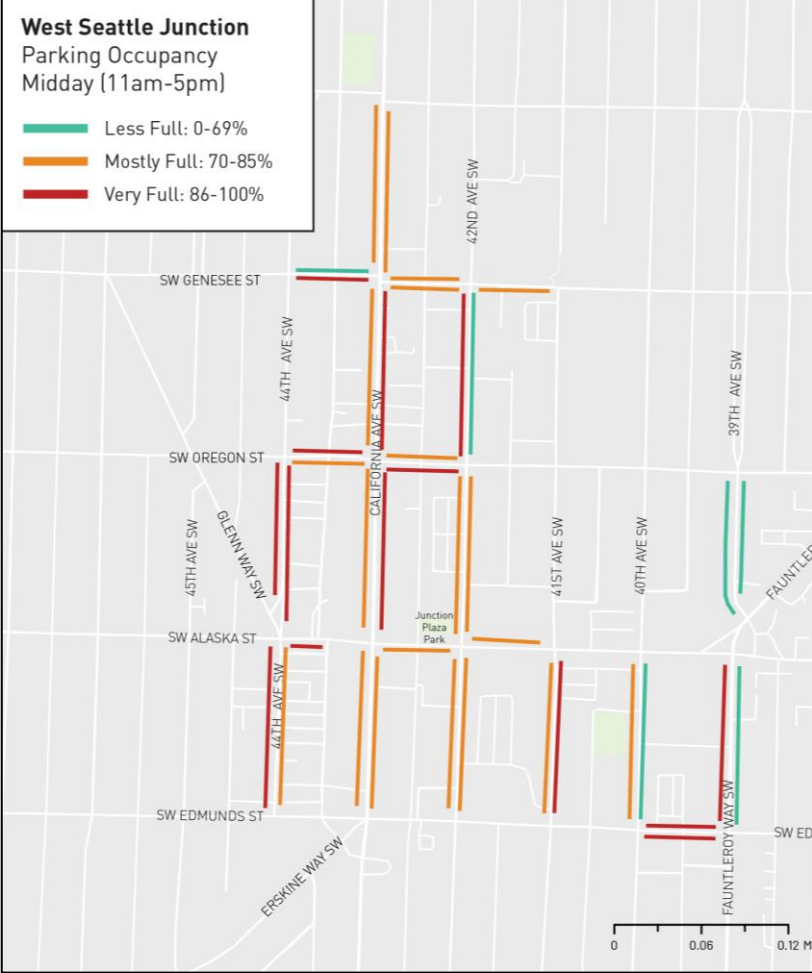


Parking in the Junction is very full nearly all day

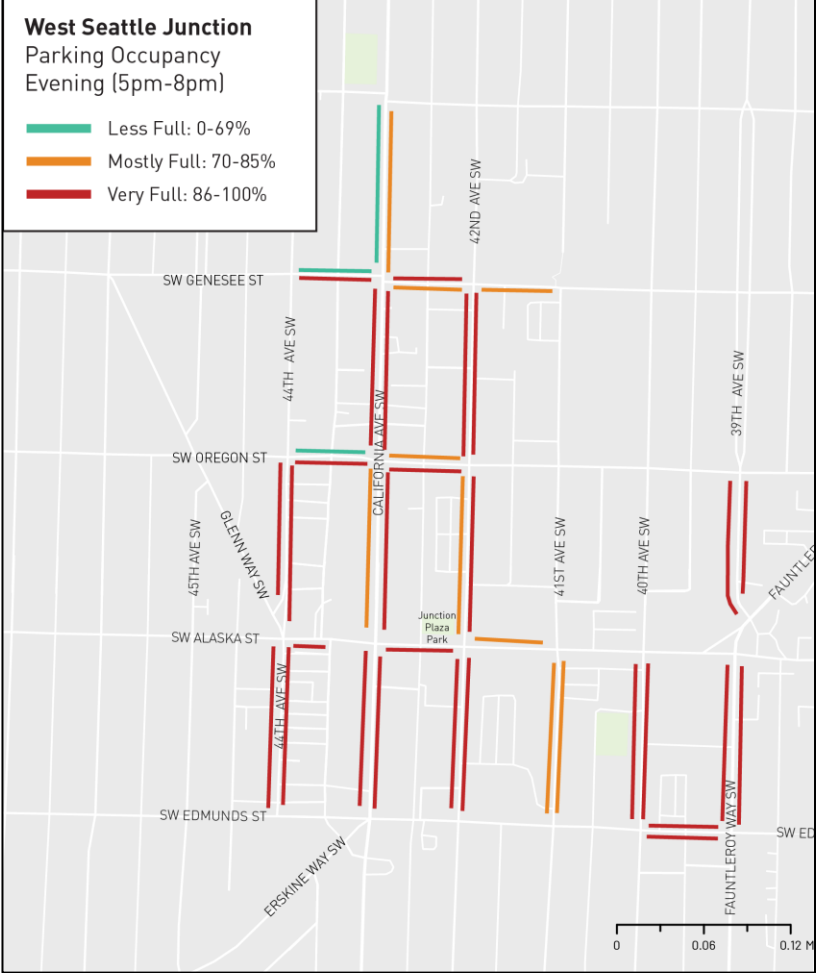
Morning (8am-11am)



Midday (11am-5pm)

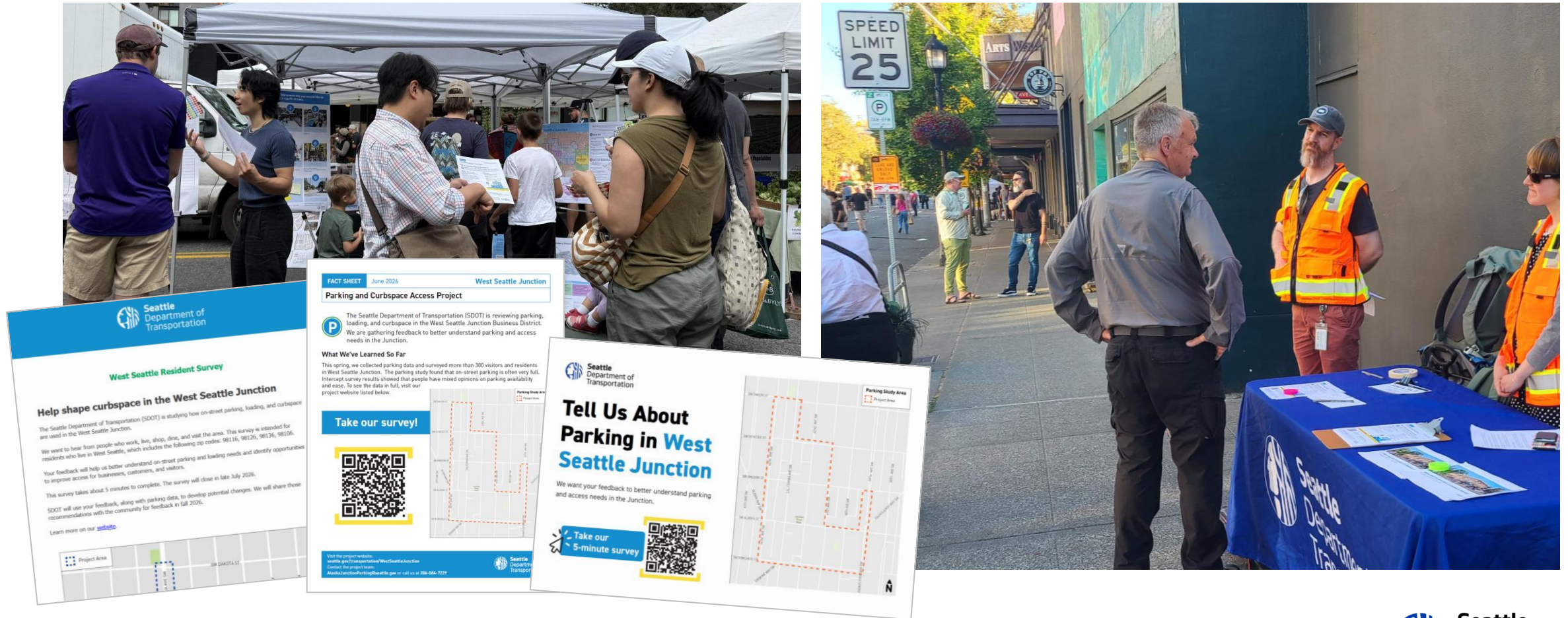


Evening (5pm-8pm)



Outreach Activities

This summer, we gathered input from over 3,700 people and businesses in the Junction:



Outreach Activities

Outreach Activity in West Seattle	Number of People Engaged
Online Survey	3,180 Responses
Resident Survey	2,605 Responses
Visitor Survey	507 Responses
Business Survey	68 Responses
Tabling Events	571 People
West Seattle Art Walk (July 9)	61 People
Summerfest (July 11)	152 People
Delridge Farmers Market (July 16)	25 People
Tabling outside QFC (July 21)	63 People
West Seattle Farmers Market (July 26)	250 People
Postcard Mailers	3,977 Postcards Mailed
Phone and Email Outreach to Business and Property Owners	158 People Contacted
Neighborhood Flyers	25 Flyers Hung
Social Media Advertisement Reach	10,000 Views

Online surveys were open from July 2 – July 27.

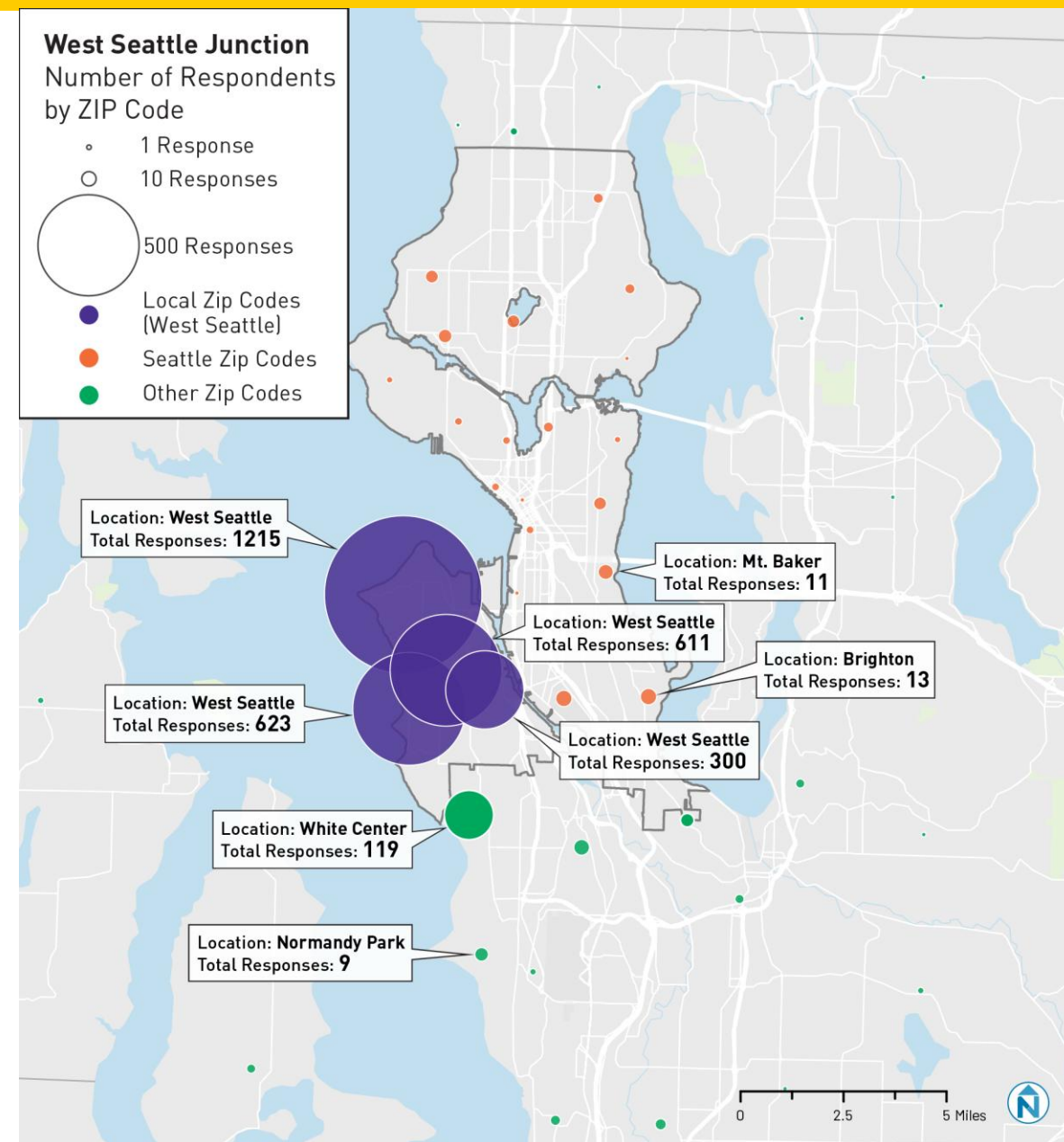
Survey Responses

Through our online survey, we heard from **3,180** residents, visitors, and businesses.

89% of survey respondents live or work in local West Seattle zip codes (98116, 98126, 98136, and 98106).

Other responses came from people who live in other Seattle zip codes (8%) or other Washington zip codes (3%).

68 businesses located in the West Seattle Junction took our online survey.



Businesses Outreach

Survey respondents

1. Ace Hardware
2. Arthur Murray
3. ArtsWest
4. Balayage with Brooke
5. CAPERS
6. Carmilias
7. The Center for Active Living
8. Chipotle
9. Darby Winery
10. Defensive Driving School
11. De Vrieze Carney PLLC
12. Dough Joy
13. Easy Street
14. Elliot Bay Brewery
15. Fauntleroy Chiropractic
16. Feiji Consulting
17. Green Tree Animal Hospital
18. Hope Lutheran Church
19. Hotwire Coffee
20. Husky Deli
21. The Hydrant
22. InVision Healing Arts
23. Joy Development
24. Junction 47 Apts
25. Junction Naturopathic Medicine
26. Kae Dental
27. Kendall Dental
28. Kejsti T Stroup Attorney
29. Kinetic Physical Therapy
30. Law Office of Jerome O Cohen
31. Margaret Nordahl Real Estate
32. Matador
33. McNelis Architects
34. Molly Moon's
35. Next to Nature
36. Nurturing Expressions
37. Paper Boat Booksellers
38. Quail Park
39. Reimagine Mental Health
40. Rhodes Architecture
41. Safeway
42. Salon 08
43. Seattle Therapy
44. Shadowland
45. Simpson & Simpson
46. Sleepers in Seattle
47. Spa Phoebe
48. Spectrum Psychological
49. Talaricos
- 50 The Missing Piece
51. The Salon @ the Junction
52. Top Pot
53. Trivas Family Medicine
54. VAIN Salon
55. Verity Credit Union
56. West Seattle Bowl
57. West Seattle Chiropractic
58. West Seattle Foot & Ankle
59. West Seattle Junction Association
60. West Seattle Professional Building
61. West Seattle Animal Hospital
62. Westside Children's Dentistry
63. Wells Fargo Bank
64. Windermere

One-on-one Meetings

1. Menashe Jewelers
2. Easy Street
3. Husky Deli
4. Capers
5. Elliott Bay Brewing
6. The Works
7. West Seattle Bowl
8. Lula Coffee
9. Hotwire Coffee
10. Center for Active Living
11. West Seattle Fish Company
12. Kendall Dental
13. Junction 47 Apts
14. Jet City Labs/Revelry Room
15. Shadowland

Summary: What We Learned

Themes about parking in West Seattle Junction included:

Deliveries and takeout cars **block traffic or double park.**

More **loading areas** and **short-term parking spaces** are needed.

More consistent **parking enforcement** would help.

Calmer traffic, wider sidewalks for outdoor dining and vending would be great for the business district.

More dedicated **disabled parking spaces** are needed.

Better **visibility at intersections** would make the neighborhood safer.

What We Heard

Online survey responses to "Is there anything else you want SDOT to know about parking, loading, or curbspace access in the Junction?"

"**Parking has gotten a lot worse** in the Junction, so much so that I often avoid visiting the area by car because I know I cannot find a spot easily. I often walk or take transit, or if I park, I park several blocks away in the residential area where I know parking is more available. **I've been late to appointments, skipped trips, and/or avoided trips because of parking issues.**"

Visitor survey

"Street parking is limited enough that drivers often **block access to driveways or park in front of fire hydrants.**"

Business survey

"**For drivers with mobility issues, it is nearly impossible to find on street** California Avenue curbside parking that allows access to street front merchants."

Resident survey

"Drivers regularly park in travel lanes, **creating dangerous situations for pedestrians** and cyclists due to reducing visibility and drivers swerving around them."

Resident survey

"When **delivery trucks park in the lanes to deliver (...)** it blocks up traffic in the center lanes then there's people running back-and-forth across the street to deliver things to stores."

Business survey

"The one thing **I worry about is people stopping coming because they can't find parking.** I've heard people say they were on their way but left without finding a spot. **This is not good news for the future of [my business].**"

Business survey

Recommended Changes

- Introduce paid parking on highest-demand blocks
- Keeps some free parking nearby
- Improve loading for deliveries, short stops, takeout
- Intersection daylighting & crossing improvements
- New bicycle & scooter parking

Proposed Initial Rates

Morning (8am-11am): \$1/hour

Afternoon (11am-4pm): \$4/hour

Evening (4pm-8pm): \$4/hour

Same as the parking rates proposed in Upper Queen Anne and consistent existing parking rates in Columbia City, Ballard, 15th Avenue E

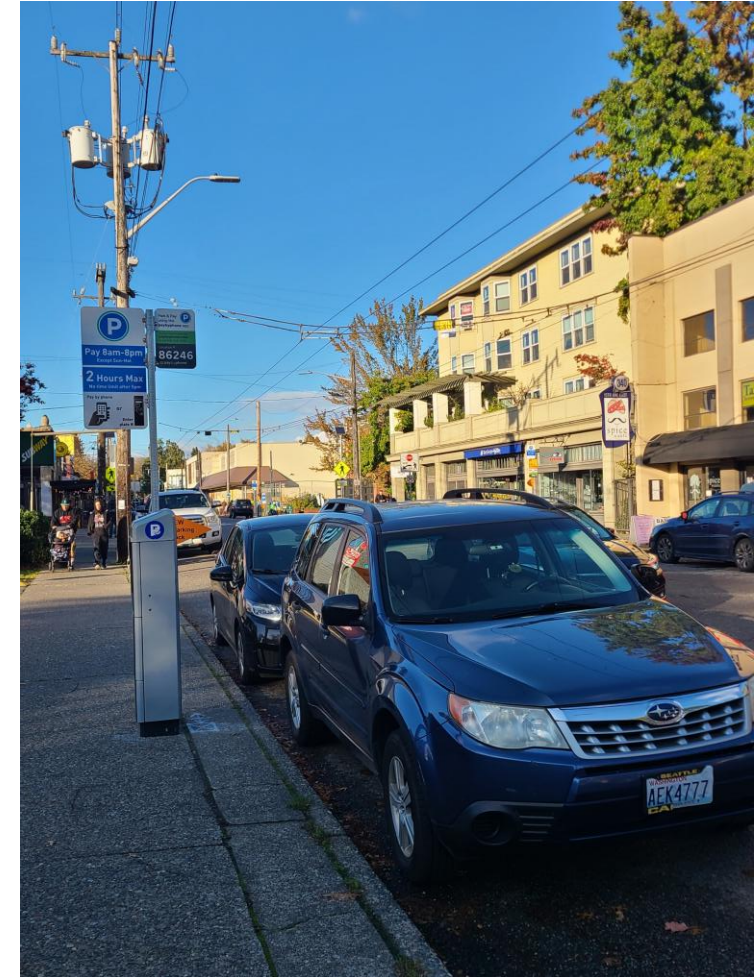


Paid Parking Rates

Existing Paid Area	Rate (as of 9/30/2026)		
	Morning (8am-11am)	Afternoon (11am-5pm)	Evening (5pm-8pm)
Ballard (core)	\$1.00	\$6.50	\$7.00
12th Ave E	\$1.00	\$4.50	\$7.00
Fremont	\$1.00	\$5.50	\$6.50
15th Ave E	\$2.50	\$5.50	\$5.50
Chinatown International District	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$5.50
Columbia City	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Proposed New Area	Proposed Starting Rates		
	Morning (8am-11am)	Afternoon (11am-5pm)	Evening (5pm-8pm)
West Seattle Junction	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$4.00

How Paid Parking Works

- Monday-Saturday, 8am-8pm. Free Sundays + holidays
- Pay stations take coin, credit cards, pay by phone.
- Pay in 15-minute increments based on what you need
- Rates reviewed 2-3 times per year
 - Collect data to understand how full parking is
 - 50¢ increases based on parking demand
 - Above 85% full: increase rate by 50¢
 - Between 70-85% full: no changes
 - Less than 70% full: reduce rates by 50¢



How Paid Parking Helps Keep Spaces Available

Pricing manages demand, makes enforcement more efficient, and helps ensure there are always spaces for customers, visitors, and neighbors.

1 More Parking Turnover



Pricing encourages people to move their cars when they're done, so each space can serve more customers and visitors.

2 Easier, More Consistent Enforcement



Paid parking is simpler to enforce than time limits, allowing violation checks on every trip and helping reduce overstays.

3 More Spaces Available



Better turnover and consistent enforcement help ensure there are 1-2 parking spaces available on each block.



A well-managed curb works better for everyone.

More available parking supports local businesses, makes it easier to get to neighborhood destinations, and creates a more vibrant, accessible community.



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Benefits of Paid Parking

Paid parking reduces increases turnover and reduces overstay, which means each parking space meets the needs of more people. This means more customers and visitors.



Time limits: Longer stays, less parking turnover, less customers.



1 hr

2 hr

3 hr

4 hr

1 Customer



Paid parking: Shorter stays, more turnover, more customers.



1 hr



1 hr



1 hr



1 hr

4 Customers



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How Rates Help Improve Customer Access

SDOT uses pricing to manage parking demand so parking is more reliably available. This improves customer access by making it easier to find on-street parking in busy areas.

Less than 70% full

More spaces are open than needed.



Lower the rate
by \$0.50

70 – 85% full

This is our target.
It keeps 1–2 open spaces per block.



No rate change

More than 85% full

Too few spaces are open.



Increase the rate
by \$0.50



Goal: Keep 1–2 parking spaces open per block.



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Paid Parking Is Easier to Enforce

Paid parking lets officers check and address violations on every trip, while time limits require multiple visits to verify overstay.

2-HOUR PARKING

Requires multiple visits.



1

First visit
Record vehicle.

2

Return later
Check if still there.

3

Issue citation
(if still there)

Result

- Less consistent enforcement
- More staff time
- Fewer vehicles checked in the same time frame

PAID PARKING

Can be enforced on every visit.



1

Check vehicle A
Verify payment status.

2

Check vehicle B
Verify payment status.

Result

- Can check more vehicles in the same time frame
- More consistent enforcement
- Better compliance
- Lower enforcement costs



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Improving Safety & Calming Traffic

- **Less circling for parking and less distracted driving means calmer, more welcoming streets**
- **New marked crosswalks and bulbs**
 - SW Alaska St & Glenn Way/44th Ave SW
- **New stop signs on SW Oregon St at 39th Ave SW**
- **Improvements to SW Oregon St at California**
 - Adding hardened center line on SW Oregon and longer walk time for people crossing the street
- **Exploring adding marked crosswalks at:**
 - Oregon St & 40th Ave
 - Oregon St & 41st Ave
 - Oregon St & 44th Ave
- **Transit education programming for the Center for Active Living members**
- Connecting businesses & organizations with **Orca Business Passport options** for employees

44th Ave SW/SW Alaska St/Glenn Way SW - planned summer 2027



- 1 New marked crosswalk
- 2 New painted curb bulb
- 3 Existing marked crosswalk

Next Steps

- One-on-one meetings with businesses to discuss loading needs
- Collecting feedback from community via online comment form
 - Mailer, social media, flyers in the Junction
- Tabling in front of Junction QFC on Tuesday, October 6th from 10am-2pm.

SDOT will install changes in early 2027.

Share Your Thoughts

SDOT is collecting community feedback until October 31, 2026.

- **Online Comment Form** on project webpage:

seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleJunction

- Can also email or call

AlaskaJunctionParking@seattle.gov

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