

South Harbor Truck Parking Work Group Recommendations

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Background

- Work Group established in response to South Harbor community concerns about heavy-duty trucks parking in the neighborhoods.
 - Initiated by Commissioner Tarleton and co-led by City of Seattle Councilmember Sally Clark
 - Goal: To better understand truck issues in Georgetown and South Park, and to create a collaborative process to develop recommendations to address the issues.





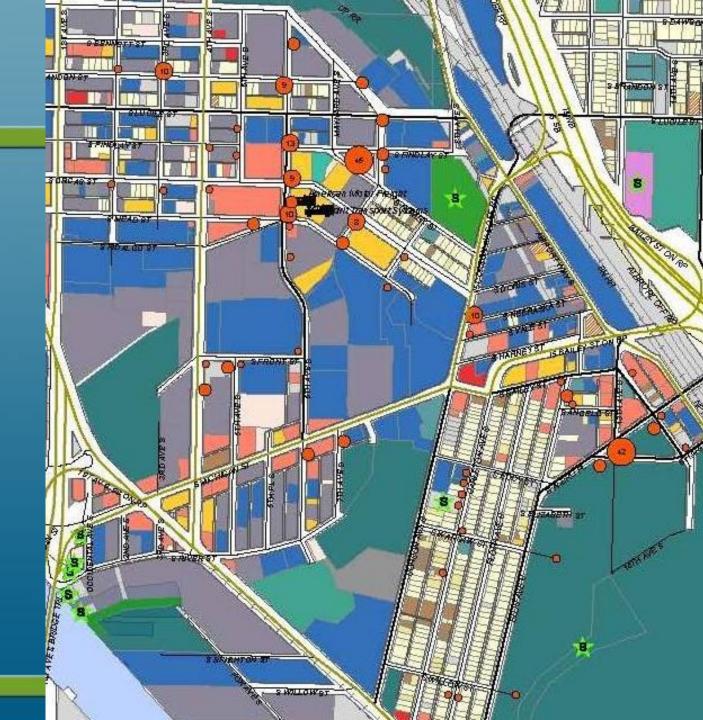




Work Group Process

- Representation from environmental, community, regulatory, City of Seattle, and industry
- 5 meetings to date
- Key focus areas
 - Identification of truck parking issues
 - Actual land use vs. zoning, freight routes
 - Cargo operations and Clean Air Strategy
 - Development of recommendations

Night Truck
Parking in
Georgetown



Night Truck
Parking in
South Park



Findings

- 1. Trucks parking on residential streets in areas zoned "residential"
- Trucks parking in areas zoned "industrial", but where there are pockets of residential populations
- 3. Off-street overnight truck parking would help alleviate the pressure and demand for onstreet overnight truck parking



Findings

- 4. Observation of trucks using non-arterial streets inappropriate for large trucks
- 5. Voluntary compliance alone may not sufficiently address these issues
- Additional outreach, education, and awareness of the benefits of anti-idling is needed



Recommendations: Truck Parking

- Communicate streets zoned for residential
- Patrol and enforce
- Communicate where overnight truck parking is available and preferred
- Post signage in problematic locations
- Work with community and industry
- Monitor for effectiveness



Recommendations: Truck Parking

- Endorse Port efforts to designate off-street truck parking
- City should explore off-street truck parking at City-owned sites
- Explore potential changes to Seattle Municipal Code if necessary





Recommendations: Truck Routing

- Re-examine existing truck routes
- Verify and communicate those designated for regular truck use and routing
- Enforce use on streets not designated for regular truck use
- Review truck route signage and supplement if needed



Recommendations: Anti-Idling

- Post advisory "No Idling" signs at movable bridges
- Identify other locations for advisory signage
- Support City efforts to adopt a "No Idling" ordinance
- PSCAA should continue to work with all parties on education and outreach



Next Steps

- Briefing to City Council, April/May 2009
- Work plans and timelines being developed
- T25-South parking facility available, July 2009
- Partners working together on communications and outreach

