

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



Findings

1. Trucks parking on residential streets in areas zoned “residential”
2. 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 on-street 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
- 6. 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

T25-South Truck Parking Facility

**Truck Parking
Area**

1.8 acres

US Census Bureau

Google

Imagery Date: Dec 2007

47°34'20.41" N 122°20'26.66" W

Eye alt 579 ft

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