

Judkins Park Station Area Curbspace Planning

Jackson Place Community Council

JUDKINS PARK STATION

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Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

Presentation Outline

1. Background
2. Project Goals
3. Parking Study and Recommendations
4. Curbspace Management Tools
5. Proposal
6. Planning Process and Next Steps
7. Questions and Discussion





Background:

- Judkins Park Light Rail Station opening in 2025
- East Link Record of Decision (ROD) requires Sound Transit (ST) to evaluate parking impacts within ¼ mile of the station and "implement appropriate mitigation measures, if necessary."
- Of all East Link stations, Judkins Park likely to generate most "hide and ride" impacts
- ST and SDOT working together with stakeholders to plan parking changes

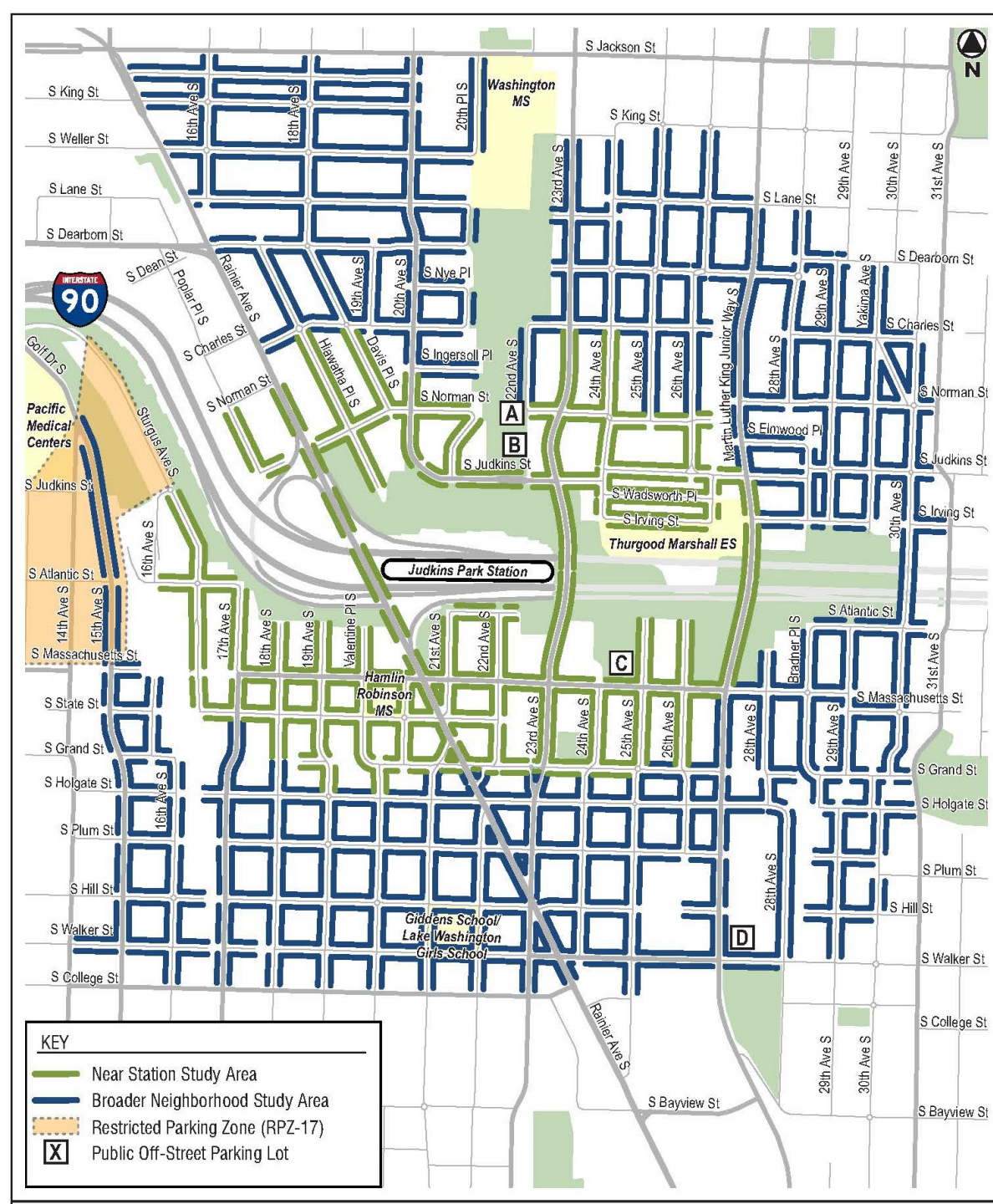
Project Goals:

- Reduce all-day light rail commuter parking on neighborhood streets around the future Judkins Park Light Rail Station
- Prioritize parking for residents and provide short-term parking options for businesses, organizations, schools, and parks
- Encourage walking, biking, and use of public transportation to get to and from the new light rail station



Parking Study

- Study captures pre-Station opening conditions in Near Station Study Area (1/4 mile) and Broader Neighborhood Area (1/2 mile)
- Occupancy counts performed in May 2022 on either Tuesday or Thursday:
 - 4 AM
 - 10 AM
 - 2 PM
 - 8 PM
- Occupancy counts also performed on Saturday:
 - 10 AM
 - 2 PM



4 AM - Weekday

- Most vehicles present at 4am belong to residents or their guests
- Orange lines = greater than 85% occupancy
- Near Station Study Area: 51% overall occupancy rate
- Broader Neighborhood Study Area: 54% overall occupancy rate



Study Recommendations:

- "Parking restrictions that have time limits...do discourage hide-and-ride parking..."
- RPZ for residential blocks within ¼ mile
- 2 or 4-hour time limits next to non-residential uses
- Engage with businesses and organizations to determine whether new load zones are needed and retain existing loading zones adjacent to schools



Curbspace Management Tools:



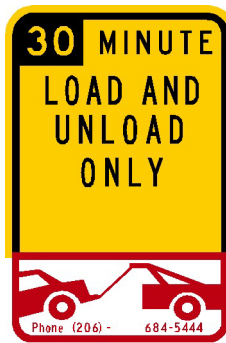
RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ)

If your vehicle has an RPZ permit, you may park along signed RPZ streets for up to 72 hours. If not, you are limited to the time posted.



TIME-LIMITED PARKING

Park up to the posted time limit. You must then move your vehicle off the block (both sides of the street): for example, to the next block or around the corner.



LOAD AND UNLOAD

All vehicles may load/unload during posted hours. (Curb color: yellow.)

How do RPZs work?

- Permits exempt residents from posted RPZ restrictions
- Most other vehicles subject to 2-hour time limit
- Up to 4 resident permits per household, vehicle must be registered to RPZ-eligible address
- 1 guest permit per household
- \$95/permit for two years
- Income eligible \$10 permit available



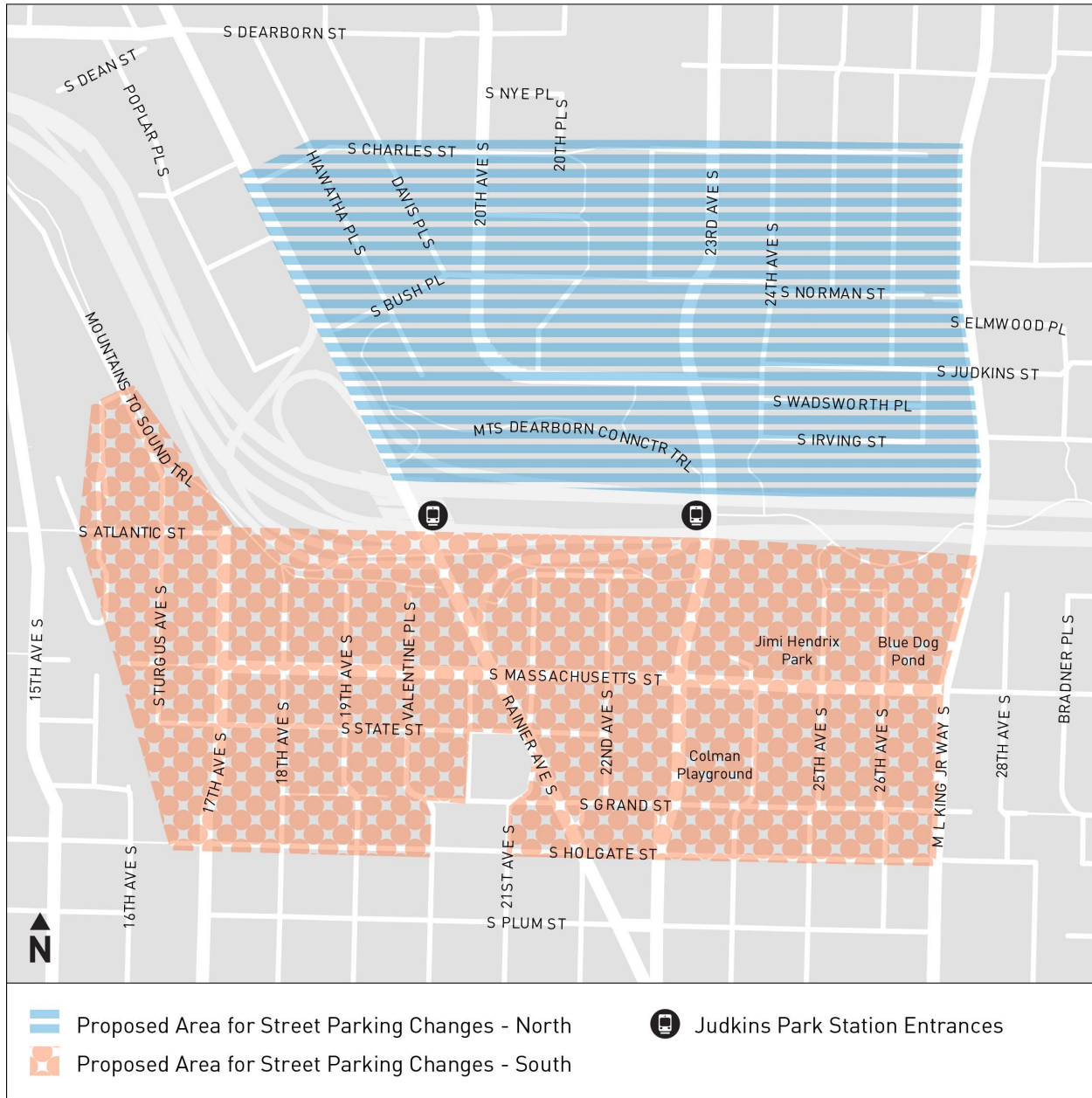
RPZs for Hide-and-Ride Mitigation

Can:

- Remove ability for vehicles without permits to park all day on weekdays on residential streets, discouraging commuters

Cannot:

- Provide guaranteed parking for residents
- Address existing / future resident parking congestion
- Manage residential parking demand



Proposal:

RPZs:

- 2 new zones
- RPZ signs next to residential addresses within proposed areas
- 2 hours from 7 AM to 6 PM, Monday-Friday, unless you have a permit

Time-Limited Parking:

- 2- or 4-hour parking limits during the daytime next to non-residential uses, such as businesses, churches, and parks

Load Zones:

- New load zones where they are needed

Survey:

Online survey described proposal and sought key information:

- Support for project goals
- Resident vehicle ownership/ parking practices
- Resident support for RPZs
- Non-resident travel frequency transportation modes
- Support for adding time-limited parking to reduce all day light rail commuter parking
- Areas where load zones are needed

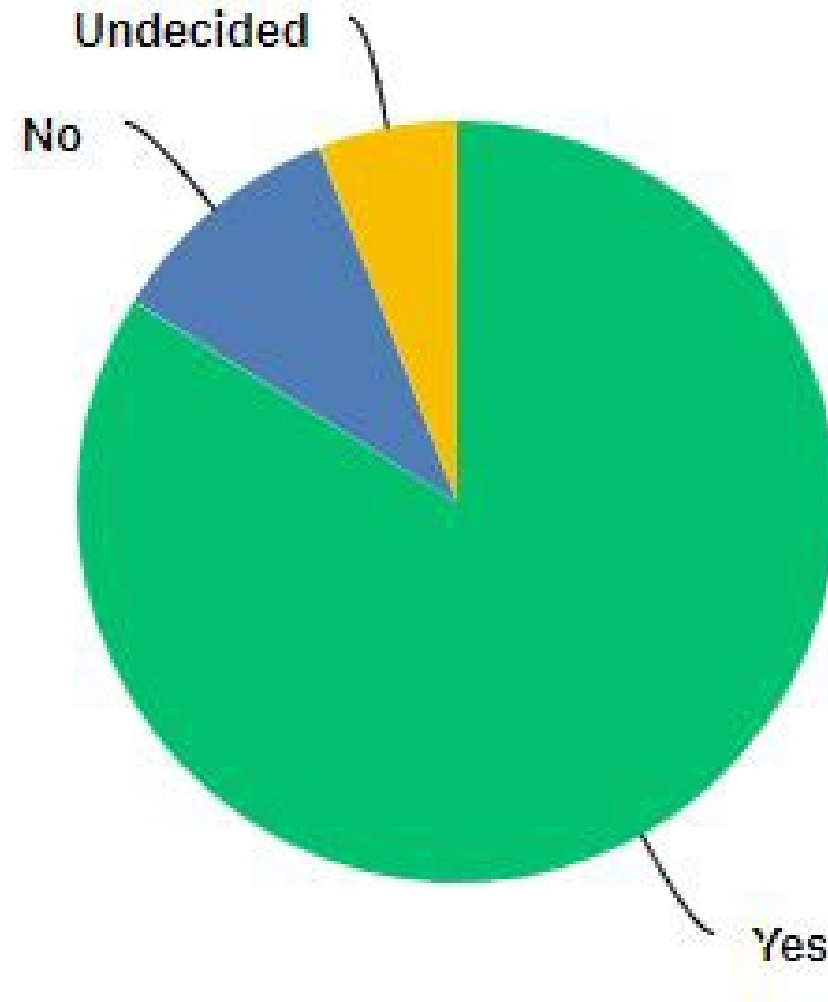
Survey also included open fields for general comments.



Survey Response:

Survey opened February 16th and closed March 25

585 responses (75% of respondents were residents)



84% of survey respondents agree with project goals

Planning Process and Next Steps:

1. Early engagement with individual organizations
2. Initial proposal mailer with survey link (mailed 2/16/2024)
- 3. Online survey and comments analysis**
4. Revise initial proposal
5. Share revised proposal
6. Public hearing (Summer-Fall 2024)
7. Finalize plan
8. Implementation (prior to station opening)



Questions?

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Thank you!