

Seattle, WA

South Lake Union On-Street Parking Management Plan

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) hired Nelson\Nygaard to develop an On-Street Parking Management Plan for the South Lake Union neighborhood. This dynamic downtown neighborhood is expected to grow tremendously in the next 20 years with 40,000 more jobs and 20,000 new residents expected in that period.

Key project goals were to:

- Gain a better understanding of existing on-street parking characteristics through detailed data collection and analysis
- Develop on-street parking management and pricing strategies that give SDOT tools to respond effectively to dynamic and evolving development patterns, and integrate on- and off-street parking programs to achieve neighborhood traffic and transportation benefits

Nelson\Nygaard recommendations included the adoption of a market-rate pricing scenario to ensure that on-street parking would be available for business customers, residents and employees at all times. Modern pay-station meters are being used to collect real-time parking data, allowing city parking managers to employ more accurate and flexible parking strategies.

The core recommendation of the plan was to manage short- and long-term on-street parking demand in South Lake Union through innovative pricing strategies for on-street parking. Rates would be set and adjusted periodically to maintain an 85% occupancy standard (so that at least one space on every block is available). Additionally, a residential parking zone would be established to provide a minimum amount of exclusive parking for existing residents.



Project Duration:

2005-2006

Total Budget:

\$60,000

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