

Disabled Parking in Seattle



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Parking management

Curbspace priorities

1. Transit
2. Passenger and commercial loading
3. Short-term customer parking
4. Parking for shared vehicles
5. Vehicular capacity

Parking with a placard or plate in Seattle

Allowed

- Valid out of state disabled parking plates and permits
- Free parking at on-street paid parking meters and pay stations (State law)
- Can park at paid and time-limited street parking for longer than posted time
- Can park in Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) without an RPZ permit, for longer than posted time

Not Allowed

- Use of loading zones (load/unload and passenger load zones) past time allowed
 - Parking in No Parking or No Stopping areas
 - Parking in peak period restricted areas (e.g., No Stopping 3 pm – 6 pm)
 - Parking in car-sharing and carpool parking zones
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State role

- Department of Licensing manages permits
- State law dictates free parking
- Enables 4-hour time limit



The problem – extensive permit use



6th Ave between Columbia & Marion

Parking enforcement tools

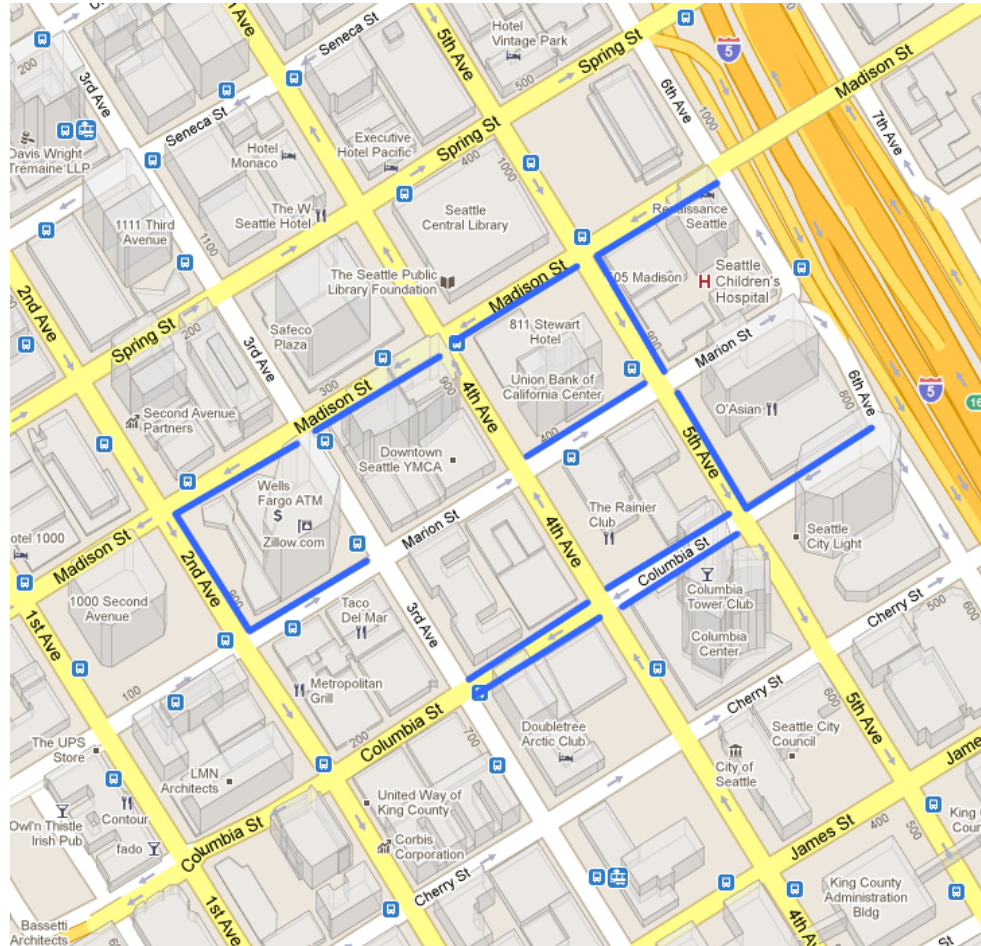
- \$250 ticket for using invalid placard
- Disabled parking taskforce



Proposed changes to state law

- Increase fines
- Create progressive fines for repeat offenders
- Strengthen placard replacement standards
- Reinforce physician requirements

4-hour time limit pilot proposal



Next steps

- Code corrections
- 4-hour time limit proposal refinement
- Public education opportunities