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The SR 99 Tunnel Project brought the world's largest tunneling machine to downtown Seattle, but it also brought local neighborhoods a challenge: How do we maintain the vitality of the area during major construction, particularly when that construction removed the on-street parking visitors relied on?

In August 2011, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) committed up to \$30 million to mitigate for the loss of short-term parking during SR 99 tunnel construction. WSDOT and partners and stakeholders created a program that identifies specific uses for those funds (through 2018).

The program is designed to achieve the following goals in the Pioneer Square and waterfront neighborhoods:

- **Minimize SR 99 Tunnel Project construction impacts to parking**, and help maintain the vitality of the neighborhoods as major commerce hubs and tourist destinations.
- **Provide available, convenient, safe and affordable short-term parking.**
- **Share information and build program awareness by directing drivers to DowntownSeattleParking.com** for information about plentiful low-rate parking in nearby garages and lots.



Strategies

These goals are being accomplished by implementing 10 strategies:

- Build or acquire existing parking garages.
- Partner with private garages to provide short-term parking spaces at the same rate or less than street parking.
- Market parking availability.
- Make physical improvements to facilities and key walking routes.
- Temporarily increase on-street parking.
- Improve signage directing drivers to destinations and parking.
- Expand e-Park program to Pioneer Square and waterfront.
- Develop a parking application for smart phones.
- Change on-street parking policies and practices to increase parking turnover.
- Host special event parking promotions to encourage customers to visit affected neighborhoods.



SPOTLIGHT ON STRATEGIES

Private Garage Partnerships

As of summer 2013, seven Pioneer Square and waterfront garages have joined the partnership program, offering parking for less than or the same price as on-street parking. This means over 2,000 short-term parking spots are available in these neighborhoods at a great price.



Mobile Parking Application

DowntownSeattleParking.com is an interactive, map-based website designed to help people find off-street parking in Pioneer Square and the waterfront. Recently, the website was made mobile-friendly with the launch of the mobile app. Now visitors can use their smart phones to “drop a pin” to find parking near their location. Garages are also searchable by hours, price and nearby destinations. Some garages even show up-to-the-moment parking space availability.



Want to learn more?

There are several ways to learn more about the parking program:

- Visit **DowntownSeattleParking.com**, our interactive, map-based website designed to help people find off-street parking in Pioneer Square and the waterfront.
- Create a bookmark: pin **DowntownSeattleParking.com** to your phone’s home screen. Search for garages by hours, price and nearby destinations.
- Find SR 99 Tunnel Project and construction information, photos and much more at **www.alaskanwayviaduct.org**.
- Call the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program’s hotline: **1-888-AWV-LINE (298-5463)**.