

# Truck Tractor Parking

Presentation to Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee  
July 19, 2022

# Agenda



- Background on truck tractor parking
  - Drayage truck operations today
  - Parking impacts on neighborhoods
  - Port of Seattle and City West Seattle Bridge Agreement
- Introduce proposed legislation amendments
- Discussion

# Truck Tractor Parking Legislation Purpose

- The proposed legislation would allow SDOT to designate and enforce truck tractor parking in industrial areas.
- Creating signed spaces in the right-of-way is intended to provide overnight parking opportunities for drivers closer to Port terminals – and away from neighborhoods.
- Approval of the legislation would allow us to make progress on our commitments as outlined in 2007 with community and in the West Seattle Bridge Agreement between the Port of Seattle and the City.



# Truck Tractor Parking - Background

Matt Beaulieu, SDOT

# Truck Tractor Parking - Operations

- Drayage trucks perform short-distance deliveries between the Port of Seattle terminals and nearby facilities
- Drayage truck drivers typically park their truck tractors overnight near industrial areas, including Georgetown and South Park neighborhoods, sometimes adjacent to properties with residential and commercial uses
- After parking their trucks, drivers typically make the remainder of their commute trips home in smaller vehicles
- Driving to and from distant parking spots to the Port of Seattle terminals each day increases the carbon footprint of these trucks



# Truck Tractor Parking

- Overnight truck tractor parking is already limited to industrial-zoned areas per the SMC
- Drayage truck drivers have a hard time finding reliable overnight parking near Port of Seattle terminals
- Truck tractor parking in residential neighborhoods creates challenges for residents and visitors
- Truck tractor parking can create noise, access, and maintenance challenges associated with large vehicles on non-arterial streets



# Port/City Agreement

- The West Seattle Bridge Agreement between the Port of Seattle and City of Seattle was executed in September 2021
- It includes \$9M of funding toward the repair of the West Seattle Bridge
- Section 2.10a highlights the commitment for up to 95 spaces of dedicated parking for drayage trucks in the right-of-way, by end of 2022, subject to City Council action

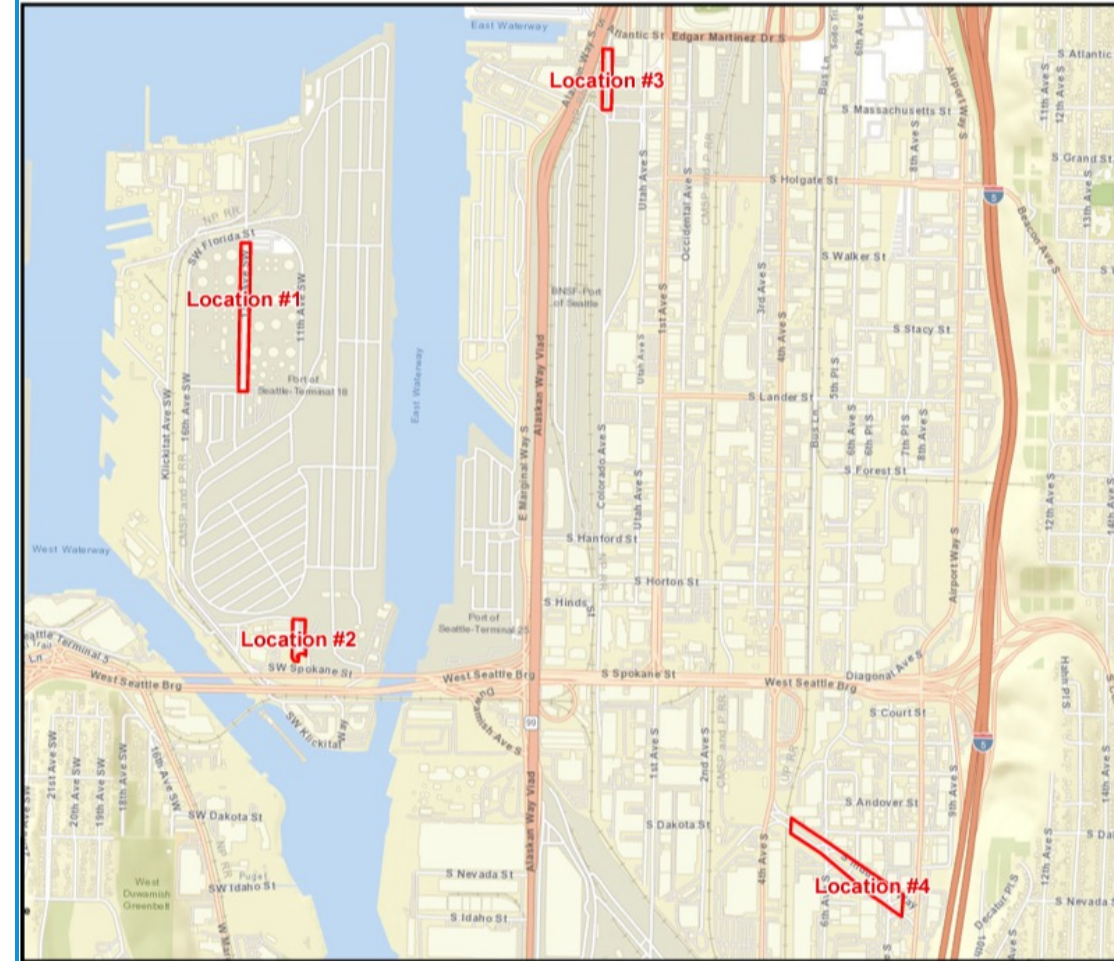
## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PORT OF SEATTLE AND CITY OF SEATTLE

**2.10. Drayage Truck Parking:** The Port and the City will work collaboratively, along with the NWSA, to establish multiple drayage truck parking areas in the Duwamish MIC for the benefit of both Duwamish Valley residents and truck drivers serving the marine cargo terminals.

a. The City will provide parking available to drayage truck drivers at a new lot to be established at 11th Ave SW to include approximately 25 truck parking spots as depicted on Exhibit E. The City of Seattle will explore other opportunities near East Marginal Way, under the Spokane St viaduct and nearby areas as depicted in Exhibit E with the intention to develop up to 70 additional parking spots. **These parking spots will be developed and available to truckers by the end of Q4 2022 contingent on City Council action supporting truck permit parking.** This work will be supported by a plan for development, operations, and implementation completed by the City and provided to the Port by the end of 2021.

# SEPA Environmental Review

- A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist was completed for Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 11 amendments to designate and enforce truck tractor parking areas in four proposed locations
- The proposal received a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) on May 26, 2022. No comments were received during the SEPA DNS comment period which ended June 9, 2022





# Community engagement

- Three community meetings to discuss truck tractor parking
  - Georgetown in-person meeting - July 11
  - Virtual meeting - July 14
  - South Park in-person meeting - July 18
- One SEPA comment received after comment period closed



# Truck Tractor Parking - Legislation

Mike Estey, SDOT

# Existing Truck Tractor Definition

## SMC 11.14.685 Truck Tractor

- "Truck Tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn. (RCW 46.04.650)



# Proposed Legislation

Allows SDOT to designate new parking just for truck tractors

- This legislation adds a new Section 11.72.445 to the SMC to establish the authority to designate exclusive parking for truck tractors in the public right-of-way

Allows for enforcement

- Amends Section 11.31.121 and adds a new penalty for vehicles other than truck tractors parking in such designated spaces



# *Discussion*



# Questions?



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**Thank you!**