

July 13, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee  
**From:** Calvin Chow, Analyst  
**Subject:** CB 120364 – Establishment of Truck Tractor Parking Zones

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On July 19, 2022, the Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee will discuss [CB 120364](#). This legislation would authorize the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to establish dedicated parking zones for truck tractor vehicles. The legislation would set the penalty for violation of truck tractor parking zones at \$47, which is consistent with the penalty for parking in load zones and other areas designated for specific uses. With this legislation, SDOT would have administrative discretion to establish specific locations and time of use for the truck tractor parking zones.

SDOT is requesting this authority to provide a tool to address overnight drayage parking issues in residential neighborhoods. Drayage refers to local, short-haul trucking that supports the loading and unloading of cargo ships and warehouse staging for overland transport. Drayage supports freight facilities concentrated around the Port of Seattle, and there have been long-standing neighborhood concerns with drayage drivers commuting in personal vehicles and parking truck tractor vehicles overnight in nearby communities including Georgetown, South Park, and SODO.<sup>1</sup>

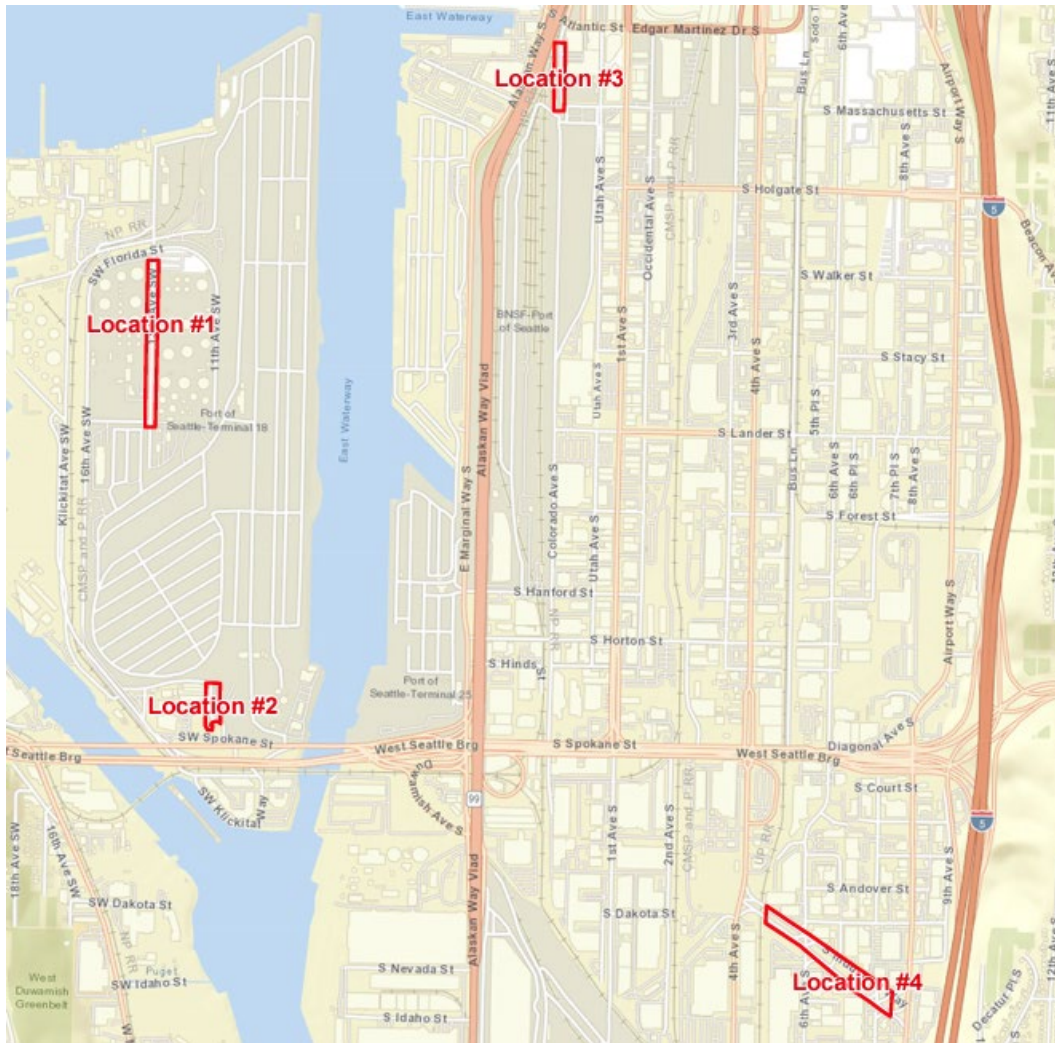
SDOT estimates that there are 600-800 truck tractors providing regular service to Port of Seattle facilities. Drayage services are typically provided by small businesses and independent drivers who may own or lease their truck tractor vehicles. SDOT and the Port of Seattle continue to work together to find locations to address overnight truck trailer parking on Port property and in the public right-of-way. This legislation would provide SDOT with the authority to designate overnight truck trailer parking in the right-of-way.

SDOT has identified four locations where they would implement overnight truck trailer parking zones to address drayage parking concerns. These include two locations on Harbor Island, a third location on Colorado Ave S., and a fourth location on S. Industrial Way (see map on page two). SDOT and the Port of Seattle intend to conduct further outreach to drayage drivers and the surrounding communities as part of implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> [SMC 11.72.070](#) prohibits truck trailers and vehicles over 80 inches wide from parking outside of industrial zones between midnight and 6:00 a.m.; however, Georgetown, South Park, and SODO are located in industrial zones.

Map of SDOT proposed overnight truck trailer parking zones.



If Council approves this legislation, SDOT would have administrative discretion to establish truck tractor parking zones; no further Council action would be necessary for implementation.

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