



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
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# **Automated Camera Enforcement and Restricted Racing Zones – CB 120600**

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## In brief...

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- Washington State expanded authority for using automated traffic cameras to enforce maximum speed limits, including areas impacted by street racing.
- This proposed legislation would:
  - Incorporate the new State provisions into Seattle Municipal Code.
  - Designate the restricted racing zones where camera enforcement could be applied.
- This proposed legislation does **not**:
  - Provide for implementation of the new authority (budget, installations).

# Automated Camera Enforcement in Seattle

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- Seattle has used automated traffic safety cameras for:
  - Red Light enforcement (since 2006).
  - School Zone enforcement (since 2012).
  - West Seattle Bridge closure restrictions (2020, since removed).
  - Block-the-Box and Transit-Only Lane enforcement (since 2022).
- In the 2023 Adopted Budget, Council provided funding for SPD and SDOT to develop a plan to double the number of School Zone cameras.
- In an accompanying SLI (SDOT-304-A-001, due August 1, 2023), Council requested:
  - An implementation plan for School Zone cameras.
  - An evaluation of expanding other camera enforcement programs.

# New State Authority

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In 2022, Washington State expanded use of automated cameras to cover speed limit violations in:

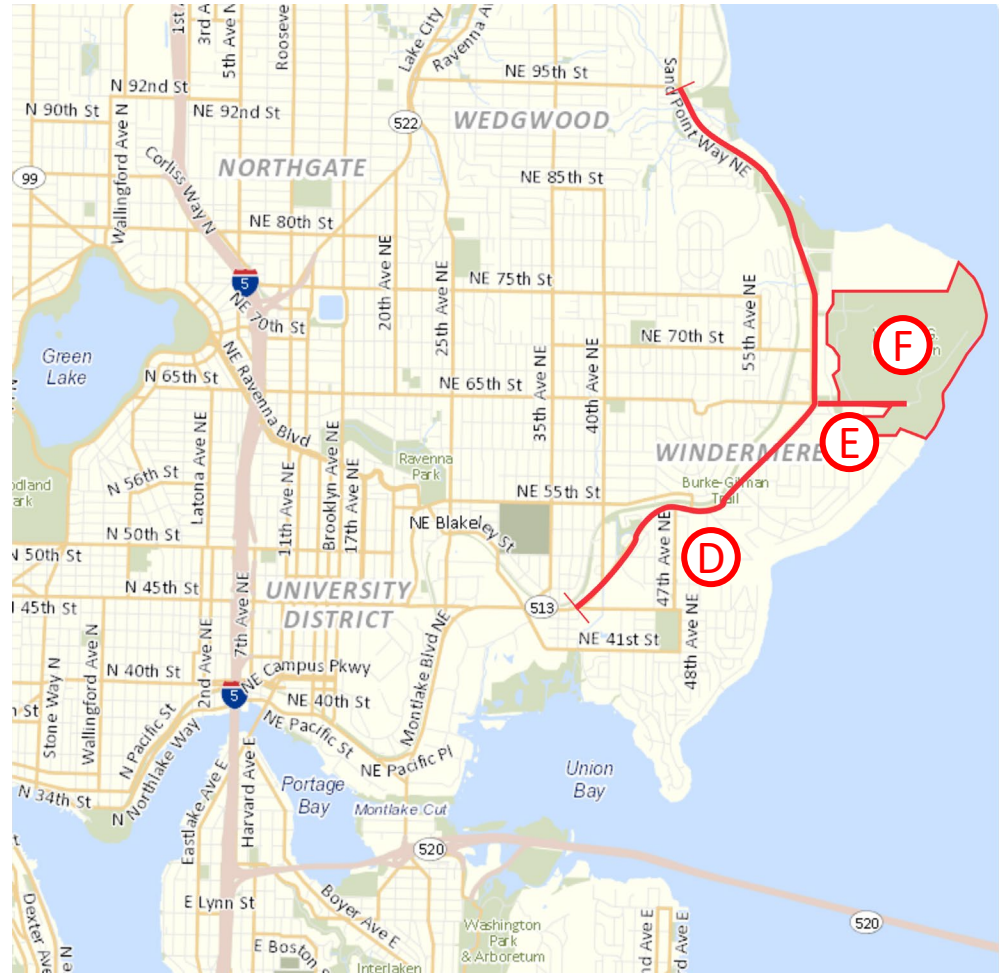
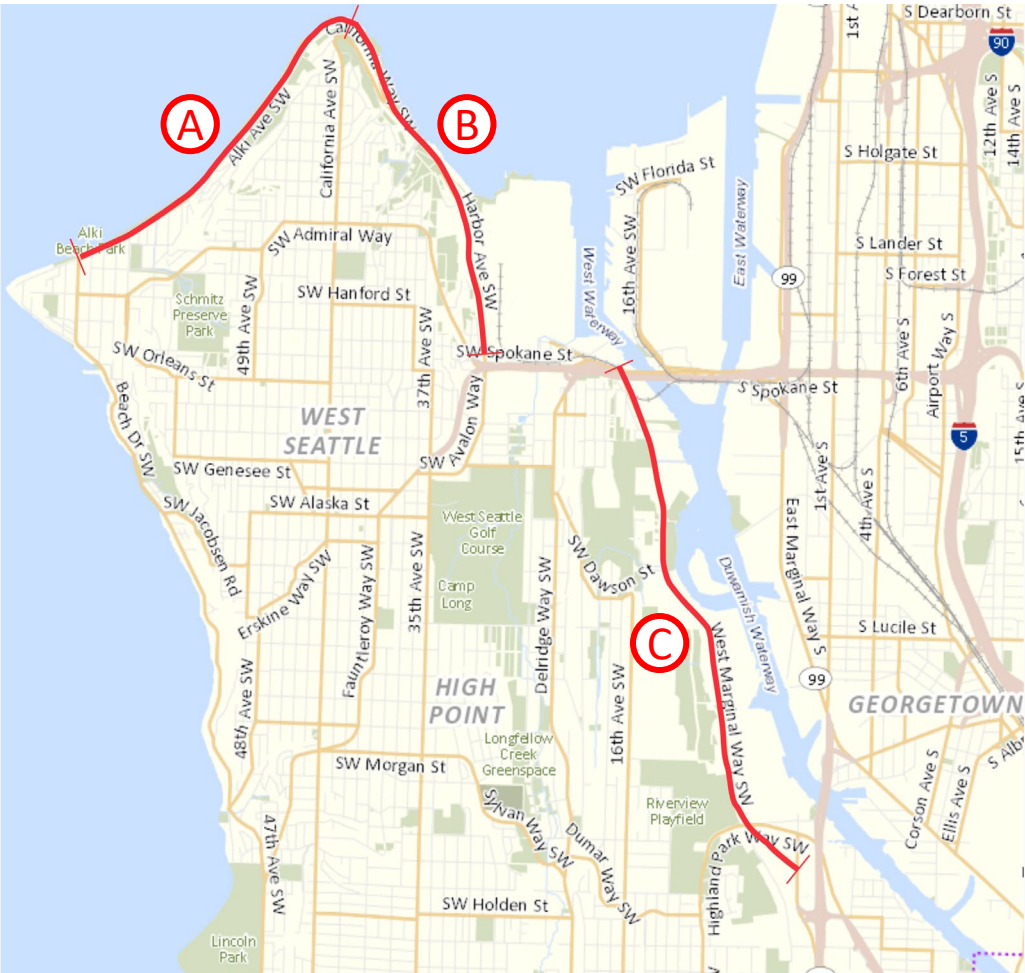
- Walk areas (defined in RCW 28A.160.160).
- Public park speed zones.
- Hospital speed zones.
- Other priority road safety locations, ***including restricted racing zones designated by local ordinance.***
  - State law requires an equity analysis that evaluates livability, accessibility, economics, education, and environmental health in determining specific camera locations.

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- Amends SMC 11.50.570 to include the new State camera authority.
- Adds a new SMC 11.50.580, designating restricted racing zones:
  - A. Alki Avenue SW between 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW and Harbor Avenue SW.
  - B. Harbor Avenue SW between Alki Avenue SW and SW Spokane St.
  - C. West Marginal Way SW between SW Spokane St and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW.
  - D. Sand Point Way NE between 38<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 95<sup>th</sup> St.
  - E. NE 65<sup>th</sup> St between Sand Point Way NE and Magnuson Park.
  - F. Roadways inside Magnuson Park including, but not limited to, NE 65<sup>th</sup> St and Lake Shore Dr NE.
- Prohibits the installation of new cameras under this authority until the Executive has responded to Council's 2023 SLI (SDOT-304-A-001).
- Implementation will be dependent on future budget authorization and the State-required equity analysis.

# Proposed Restricted Racing Zones



# Questions?