Seattle

Safe Parking Pilot Project

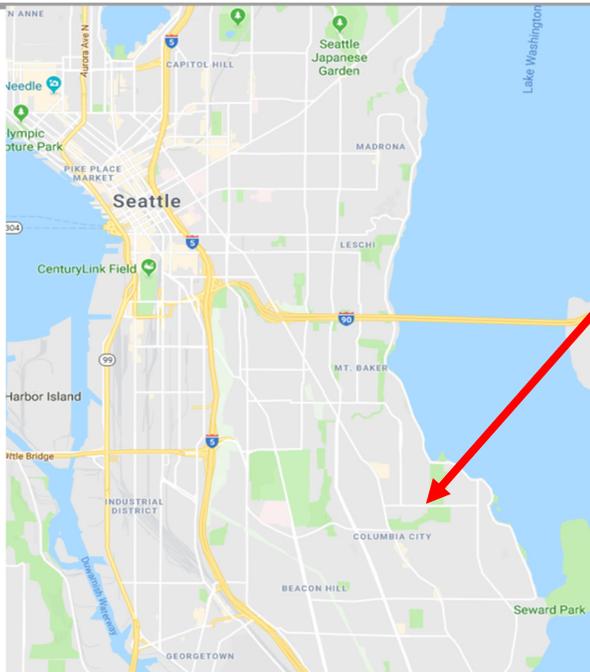**Community Meeting**

March TBD (18 –22), 2019

6:30 PM

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As part of the City of Seattle's response to people living in cars, a new safe parking pilot project will open in Seattle in March 2019 and is expected to operate through December 31, 2019. The leading recommendation for the location of the pilot project is the city-owned property at 4316 S Genesee St. Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) will operate and manage this Safe Parking Pilot project, which will serve people who are currently living in their cars and need a safe space to sleep at night while they look for housing.

About the Pilot

- **Up to 30 cars can be accommodated**
- **Access Hours: Overnight only, Service hours expected to begin 1 hour before dusk - 7 am**
- **Working and operating cars only**
- **Serving people living in cars only, not RVs**
- **Security and case management onsite**
- **A check-in and assessment will be required to enter the lot during programming hours**
- **Minimal short-term infrastructure only (security fencing and small structure for services)**

Safe Parking Pilot Site
4316 S Genesee St.

Frequently Asked Questions

How was this property selected? The City completed an assessment of available properties to identify those that were suitable. The site identification focused on areas of the city where gentrification and housing displacement has been an issue. Several sites were assessed and Genesee Park was considered the best site at this time.

How long is this pilot project? This pilot project will run 7 days a week until December 31 , 2019.

Who will be the participants of this pilot project? This space is for individuals who are currently using their car as their primary residence and need a safe space to sleep at night. Residents will be expected to engage in case management services focused on helping them transition from their cars to permanent housing.

Why is it only during the evening ? This program is designed for adults and students that drive to work or go to school during the day but need a safe parking space to sleep while trying to find permanent housing. Furthermore, the parking lot will generally be occupied by park patrons during the daytime hours.

Can I still have access to Genesee Park? Yes. This program is only during the evening and specifically located in the gravel parking lot north of Genesee street. The park and all Parks programming will be open and available as regularly scheduled.

Who do I call if I have a question or concern? While this space is being prepared, please contact Jackie St. Louis (Jackie.StLouis@seattle.gov). Once the safe parking space is open, the community should contact the operator directly. The contact information will be shared at community meetings and via email.

Who makes up the rules for this Safe Parking lot? The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) is contracted to operate and oversee the day-to-day management of the site.

What oversight will be provided at the pilot site? LIHI is responsible for safety and security within the pilot site. Residents are screened for entry and must follow program rules to stay. Residents who are deemed ineligible for continued participation will not be allowed to return to pilot site.

What happens if there is a problem at the camp? The pilot project and all its participants are committed to being good neighbors. A security worker will be onsite to provide client check-in, monitor activities around the lot, and respond to inquiries from both residents and interested community members.

How can I help? Neighbors and businesses have generously supported other homelessness focused projects in the City through donations of hot meals and clothing. The parking pilot operator will share information at community meetings and via email about how best to get involved.