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Department of Transportation
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This letter is to notify the businesses and property owners located along Fremont Ave N between N 34th Street and N 35th Street that the City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is proposing to extend the existing northbound and southbound King County Metro bus stops on Fremont Ave N, north of N 34th Street.

In the southbound direction, the bus stop is proposed to be extended north to the existing no parking zone. This will require removal of the existing off-peak 3 minute passenger loading zone and the off-peak 30 minute commercial load zone. A commercial load zone may be added on eastbound N 35th Street west of Fremont Ave N in order to compensate for the removal on Fremont Ave N if businesses express interest.

In the northbound direction, the bus stop is proposed to be extended north to N 35th Street. This will require removal of the existing off-peak 30 minute commercial loading zone and approximately 40 feet of general purpose parking. There is currently 80 feet of commercial load zone on eastbound N 35th Street just east of Fremont Ave N as well as mid-block alley access for business loading use.

The need for these revisions is driven by an increase in transit service and ridership in the area as well as interest in improving general traffic flow along the block. Since September 2012, transit service to these bus stops has increased from about 8 buses an hour to 15 buses per hour during the peak, greatly increasing the likelihood of concurrent bus arrivals at both northbound and southbound bus stops. Since two large buses can't fully pull to the curb at either the northbound or southbound bus stops, buses often have to block a general purpose travel lane until the space is cleared. This causes delays to riders and to drivers that get stuck behind the waiting buses. Similarly, restricting parking along the block will allow buses to move through intersections without having to wait for vehicle queues from the traffic signal to clear.

Over 1000 riders use these bus stops each day; we believe these revisions will provide a great benefit to them as well as general purpose traffic. A diagram of all proposed parking revisions is shown on the back of this letter for reference.

If you would like to discuss plans for this bus stop with a representative from the authorizing agency, please contact Jonathan Dong at (206) 233-8564 by May 3, 2013.

Thanks,

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