

Seattle Central College

Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) Preliminary Draft EIS

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EIS Process

Three Major Steps in the EIS Process:

- EIS Scoping
 - Draft EIS
 - Final EIS
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- SCC has already conducted Scoping and has prepared the Preliminary Draft EIS (pDEIS) for initial review by the City and the public
 - The Draft EIS is the College's initial comprehensive analysis of probable significant environmental impacts of the alternatives
 - The Draft EIS will be distributed to agencies (federal, state, regional, City), organizations, and the public for a review and comment period.
 - A public meeting will be held following issuance of the Draft EIS to gather comments regarding the Draft EIS
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EIS Alternatives

- **Proposed MIMP** – Boundary Expansion and Increased Height Limits
 - **Alternative 1** -- No Boundary Expansion
 - **Alternative 2** – No Action
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Elements of the Environment

- Earth
 - Air Quality/GHG emissions
 - Plants and Animals
 - Environmental Health
 - Land Use
 - Housing
 - Historic Resources
 - Aesthetics – Views
 - Aesthetics – Height, Bulk, & Scale
 - Shadows on Open Spaces
 - Transportation/Traffic/Parking
 - Construction Impacts
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Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- **Plants** – removal of trees, some of which would be classified as ‘exceptional’, located within a steep slope ECA/steep slope buffer area. No significant unavoidable adverse impacts anticipated.
 - **Land Use** – The guidelines and development standards contained in the Draft MIMP would preclude potential significant land use impacts
 - **Housing** – No direct housing impacts (demolition). SCC would comply with the City of Seattle’s Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance in the event that any rental housing was proposed for demolition.
 - **Historic** – could result in a direct significant impact to a potential historic resource – the Westminister Presbyterian Church, which meets the criteria to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP). Could require mitigation.
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- **Aesthetics** – Changes to the visual character of the campus, including increased building height, bulk, and scale. The guidelines and development standards contained in the Draft MIMP would preclude potential significant impacts.
 - **Shadows** – No new significant shading of on- or off-campus open space areas; No mitigation is required.
 - **Construction Impacts** – Potential impacts are temporary in nature and not considered a significant impact.
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Transportation Impacts – Key Findings

- Increase in **walking/biking** with the Proposed Action and No Boundary Expansion due to on-campus housing
 - Existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities accommodate increase in walking and biking
 - Existing and planned bus/light rail services and stop waiting areas can accommodate increases in **transit** use
 - **Vehicle** trip generation similar for alternatives
 - Boylston Ave/Pine St impacted by alternatives and has LOS F operations due to high pedestrian volume
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- Parking demand exceeds supply, so management needed

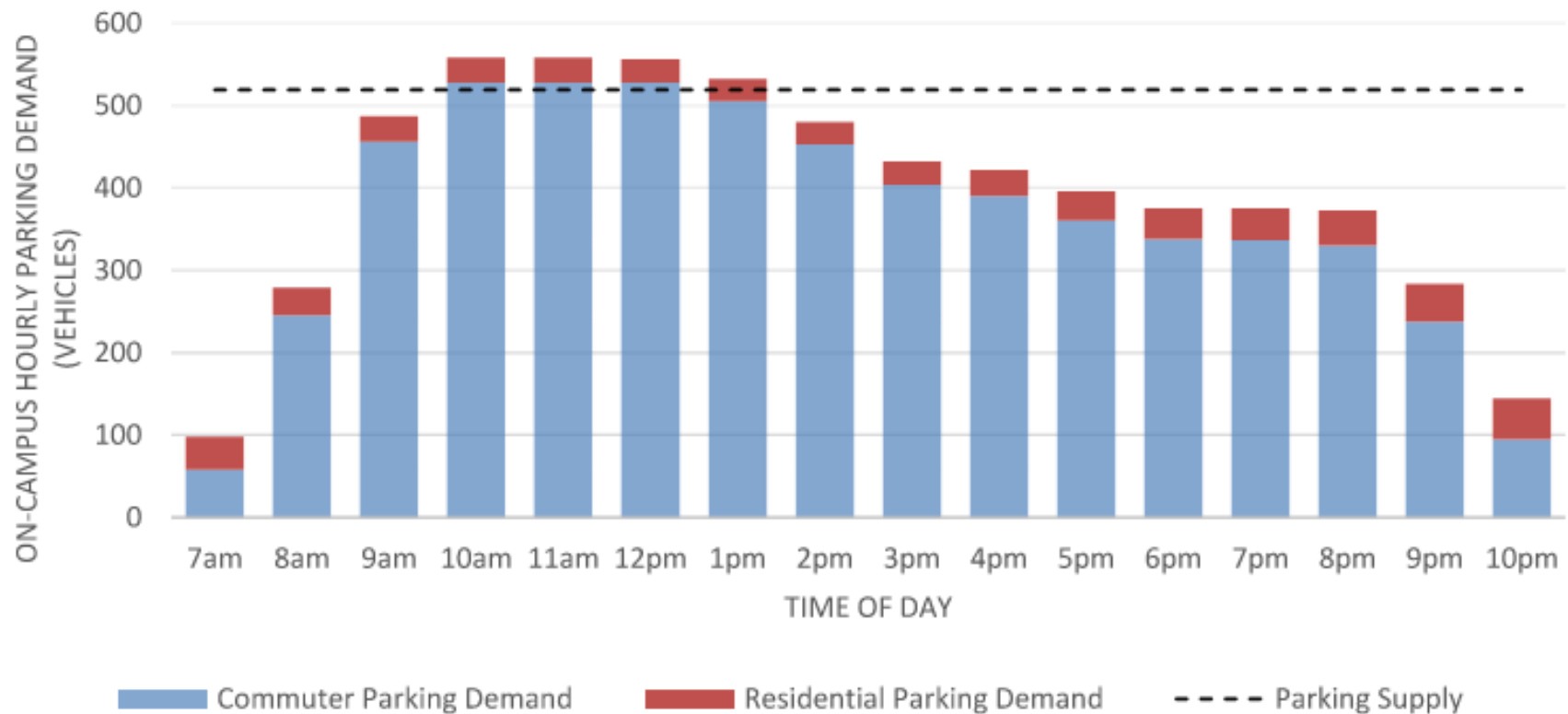


Figure 22. Action Alternatives Hourly Parking Demand



Transportation Mitigation Measures

- Boylston Avenue/E Pine Street potential improvements
 - Curb bulbs on the west corners of the intersection to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance
 - Restrict southbound left and through movements during the peak periods
 - Removing parking west side of Boylston and provide separate southbound right and left/through lane
 - Enhanced Transportation Management Plan
 - 15% Drive Alone Rate (DAR) Campus Goal (Higher than area CTR goal)
 - Unlimited transit passes resident students, additional benefits for walking/biking
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Questions or Comments?
