

Need a late-night pick-me-up? New ride-hail pickup zone pilot program coming to Capitol Hill for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights - Midnight to 3 AM.



Capitol Hill between Pike and Pine Streets is one of the city's busiest night life areas. Thousands of people visit the area on weekend nights.

The Seattle Department of Transportation is working with our city partners and Uber and Lyft to add designated passenger loading zones for late-night pick-ups.

As last call approaches and the bars, clubs, restaurants and theaters begin closing, large numbers of patrons start to head home. Many request ridehail services, such as Uber & Lyft.

While ridehail services provide a safe option home for many, this late-night demand for high numbers of rides can contribute to area congestion, particularly along E Pike St. This can impact the ability of police patrol and emergency response vehicles to enter or access the area.

Working with the Seattle Police Department, the Office of Film + Music, Uber, and Lyft, we have developed a new pilot program to help distribute the high demand for rides from Midnight to 3 am

to help keep people and drivers moving safely home.

Who does this affect?

Anyone requesting a ridehail service within the geo-fence (see blue area in map) will be directed to the load zone closest to them, with the option of choosing another if it suits their needs better.

How does this work?

Simple. You request your ride and input your destination as normal. An in-app process will then display a map notifying you of the closest pickup point. You may choose that zone or another zone or leave the geo-fence area for a ride.

Once you arrive at the designated zone you will see a new orange sign below the regular passenger loading signs to make it clear that you are in the right place to **Catch Your Ride**. As always, double-check the license plate, car make & model, and driver photo to make sure you are entering the right car.

How long will this pilot last?

During the first 30 days, the City with Uber and Lyft will monitor the program closely. We will then review how this pilot is working and make adjustments accordingly.

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