

PROJECT: NEW SIGNS FOR PUBLIC PARKING SPACES AND NPS PERMIT PARKING SPACES

Project Background

San Francisco Maritime NHP offers free, four-hour parking spaces for visitors on Jefferson Street and Van Ness Avenue. All other visitor parking options in the neighborhood are either metered or in paid parking lots - - and parking rates for both these options can be quite high. The park also provides limited parking spaces for NPS employees, volunteers, and partners during specified hours - outside of the posted hours, all of these reserved spaces are available for free, four-hour visitor parking. Currently, the posted hours on the NPS reserved parking spaces differ from Van Ness Avenue to Jefferson Street. There is also a currently unmarked curb space on Jefferson Street which could be signed to convert three unsigned parking spaces into four-hour public parking spaces.

This project will change and standardize the hours during which parking spaces are reserved for employees, volunteers, and partners; convert three unsigned parking spaces into four-hour public parking spaces; and change the signage on three existing parking spaces on Jefferson Street from 24-hour four-hour parking to NPS reserved parking within posted times. There will be no net loss of four-hour visitor parking spaces, three additional free, four-hour parking spaces will be available to visitors outside of posted hours, and the NPS reserved hours will change to 5am to 5pm, seven days a week.

The currently unmarked curb space is now used inefficiently for unregulated parking generally by non-park users seeking to avoid City parking meters/lots, and visitors parking in that curb space sometimes receive City parking tickets because the spaces are not signed as NPS property.

During the project, the park will also install signs warning the public about the potential for auto break-ins, which is a significant problem in San Francisco in general, and the Fisherman's Wharf area in particular.

Project Description

- Attach 28 new signs with updated regulations (locations of the new signs are indicated in the file "Parking Spaces.pdf") to existing poles. The following changes will be made to the signs:
 - Jefferson Street: NPS reserved parking signage currently reads "6am-1pm, Monday-Friday." The new NPS reserved parking signage will read "5am-5pm, Monday-Sunday."
 - Van Ness Avenue: NPS reserved parking signage currently reads "6am-5pm, Monday-Friday." The new NPS reserved parking signage will read "5am-5pm, Monday-Sunday."
- Attach 28 new "Keep Your Valuables With You" signs (the file "Parking Sign.pdf" shows the text of the sign) to existing poles.
- Convert three unsigned parking spaces into four-hour public parking spaces on the north side of Jefferson Street (locations of the new spaces are indicated in the file "Parking Spaces.pdf"). Three galvanized sign poles will be installed, and the area will be marked out to standard specification with white traffic paint for parallel parking.
- Change the designation of three currently unrestricted parking spaces on the south side of Jefferson Street (locations of these spaces are indicated in the file "Parking Spaces.pdf") to NPS restricted parking during the designated hours (5am-5pm, Monday-Sunday), and free, four-hour visitor parking outside of the designated hours.
- USA North (Underground Service Alert) will be contacted to ensure clearance of any utilities.
- Traffic devices will be used as needed to divert pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles away from the work site to ensure public and staff safety.