Committee Meeting

November 13, 2019
Albany City Hall

Downtown Parking Study

Draft Strategy Considerations
Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Brief Occupancy Recap
4. Review Draft Strategy Summary
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn
Parking Use

Findings: Recap

Study Zone
Peak Hour Heat Map: On & Off-street (Thursday)

On-street:
42% Peak

Off-street:
47% Peak
Peak Hour Heat Map: On & Off-street (Saturday)

On-street:
30% Peak

Off-street:
21% Peak
Parking is not constrained; on or off-street.

There is adequate parking on and off-street to meet the needs of all users.

New development would not constrain existing supply.

Current time limited stalls are providing enough time for on-street visitors.

Violation rates are very low, indicating that current enforcement levels are more than adequate and very efficient.
Strategy Review: 
Refer to handout

- Strategies build upon current program foundation
- Cleans up appearance of supply / information
- Continues data collection to inform future decision making
- Improves technologies to create efficiencies and anticipate growth
- Provides path to new capacity (as feasible / necessary)
7 Strategy Categories

1. Policy and Code
2. Management and Administration of the Parking System
3. Improve On-street Parking
4. Improve Off-street Parking
5. Improved Access & Integration with Other Modes
6. Residential Parking
7. New Capacity
Policy & Code

• Formalize Guiding Principles.
• Formalize 85% Rule for decision-making.
• Modify protocols for employee/residential on-street permit program in downtown.
• Clarify shared use allowance in code (housekeeping)
Management & Administration

• Role of a Downtown Parking Workgroup (PWG).
• Modify financial reporting for parking.
• Staff necessary to support parking plan.
• Publish an annual parking report – with tracked success measures.
• Routine data collection.
• Explore new technology with upgrade of meter system (e.g., handhelds, apps) to support efficiencies.
Improve On-street Parking

- Reduce No Limit Stalls as appropriate.
- New criteria for locating high turnover stalls.
- Implement new employee parking protocols on-street.
Strategy Considerations

Improve Off-street Parking

- Move to full “pay online” system for permits.
- Lot identification and integration of branding and wayfinding.
- Pricing to demand.
- Consistent presentation at public lots (signage, appearance, ADA, communication).
- Explore shared use opportunities.
- Enhance existing logo and communications system.
Integration with other modes

• Continue to expand bike parking opportunities.
• Pilot new technology (e.g., eBikeshare or eScooter).
• Partner with the business community to expand TDM incentives (transit, bike, walk)
Residential

- Conduct outreach and information efforts in neighborhoods to explain the parking management plan.
- Collect parking data in abutting neighborhoods to objectively measure potential spillover issues.
Strategy Considerations

New Capacity

• Cost new supply (parking and alternative modes)

• Explore and develop funding options for maintaining the existing parking supply and funding future capacity growth

• Initiate new capacity expansion as feasible.
Strategies

Additional Thoughts or Input?
Next Steps

• Strategy Summary put up on website
• Develop an online “public forum” for larger community review and input.
• Initiate more detailed Draft Final Report
Adjourn

Thank you!