



## **Parking Technical Advisory Group**

**728 St. Helens; Room 16**

**Meeting #102 – March 3, 2016, Notes**

### **4:10 Meeting called to order by Co-Chairs**

Steph Farber, one of the co-chairs, called the meeting to order.

Eric Huseby from the City of Tacoma gave an overview of some of the things the City has been working on recently.

- Finalizing decisions around the integrated parking management RFP
  - Will be presenting to City Council's Infrastructure, Planning & Sustainability Committee on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM in Room 16; with a discussion on LPR
  - Have identified firm awarding RFP to and hope to bring them on-board over the next month or two
- Working on some code clean-up items to become more consistent with existing operations and state law

### **4:30 Occupancy Data Discussion**

**The PTAG agreed on two recommendations discussed at prior meetings:**

- **No changes should be made to the Saturday parking system due primarily to low utilization outside of a few block faces.**
- **No changes should be made to the metered start time due to the rolling impacts during peak hours of being able to park until 11 or 12 starting at 7 or 8AM.**

The PTAG revisited the data presented around the south end of the paid parking area in the buffer. Based on past discussions, the idea of an on-street permit coupled with time limits was proposed. This would be tailored to achieve the following:

- Maintain on-street vacancies for patrons of nearby businesses
- Provide a long term parking option for employees, students & others until further development happens
- Balance competing demands in an area anticipating growth between now and the next complete occupancy study
- Reduce the number of on-street permits available as development occurs and visitor demand increases without needing to revisit on-street parking regulations directly

This more nuanced approach to the south downtown area adjacent to the paid parking may be able to be expanded should a pilot prove the concept can work.

Currently, the UWT has long-term off-street permits available for sale, but these sell out within a matter of days. With additional paid long-term options clearly in-demand, this would start to meet some of this market while being able to limit the total number of people competing for these all day spaces.

With support of the concept from the PTAG, staff will draft up some options to be further evaluated by the PTAG.

### **5:30 Future Topics/Schedule**

David Schroedel, a consultant, introduced a draft schedule developed with the City of future topics. This went as follows:

- April:
  - IPM Introduction
  - Residential Permit Language going to Council
  - Zip Car Update
- May:
  - IPM & Scofflaw Discussion
  - Draft On-Street Permit Language (possibly including Residential & South Downtown plan)
- June:
  - Budget Ideas
  - Wrap-ups
- July: No Meeting

Additionally, he asked for additional topics, the PTAG saw coming down the line. These included:

- Tacoma Link Extension, including ST3
- ADA parking on-street
- Mixed Use Center Issues (incl. residential)
- Business District Parking (Dome, 6<sup>th</sup>, Stadium, Proctor, Lincoln)
- Impacts of New Technology (Apps, etc)
- Branding & Marketing
- On-Street Valet Options
- New Development (Napoleon, Yareton, etc)
- Bike Share Program On-Street
- Citation Amnesty Program
- Ruston Way/Schuster Trail
- Fee on the Link &/or at Tacoma Dome Station
- Mall Redevelopment/Master Plan
- Parking around McMen & Old City Hall
- Parking on Schuster as it becomes Pacific Avenue

**The meeting was adjourned at 6PM with the next meeting on 4/7.**