



Parking Technical Advisory Group

What We Heard on May 2nd:

The City of Tacoma has supported the Parking Technical Advisory Group (PTAG) in gathering feedback on the management of the on-street system in the vicinity of the County-City Building. After distributing nearly 1,000 flyers and mailers to stakeholders in the area, the group held a public meeting at the Bates Technical College Auditorium from 4-6PM.

During the public meeting, the PTAG heard from roughly 20 people interested in sharing their thoughts on the parking system. While the comments and conversation ranged widely over the two hours some key highlights that advisory group heard repeatedly are summarized below.

We encourage you to provide your feedback on the parking system including any thoughts on comments received to date.

Public Comment

- Short time limits aren't enough for Bates' schedule.
- Consider looking at loading and ADA zones as well as time stays to better accommodate student needs. Tacoma Avenue isn't feasible because it is too short of a stay. Yakima has lots of ADA stalls. Althemier needs a loading zone by the shop. Review/Rationalize on-street regulations.
- Bates students wanted to park less than a block away.
- There was little willingness to pay, though few convenient pay options were available.
- Regular parkers will adapt to whatever the status quo. This means today's system gets figured out by students after the first term. Just don't make the system worse.
- Bates College is not familiar with all the non-driving options and/or is not educating students on their options.