Residential Parking Program (RPP)

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Existing RPP Overview and Issues
- Community Input Process for the Proposed Solution
- New RPP Criteria
- Transition Plan
- Next Steps
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EXISTING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- City started program in 2001
- Administered by the Public Works Department
- Enforcement provided by Tacoma Police Department
- 65 zones ranging from 2-28 spaces in size
- New RPZ’s suspended in 2012
- PTAG takes on challenge
The objective of the new program is to create a sustainable process to establish residential parking controls that:

- give on-street parking **priority to residents** and their guests
- during periods of **high occupancy**, and
- while **maximizing the utilization** of parking in the ROW for all users.
RPP—BASE CRITERIA FOR ZONING

New RPP location must be in Residential LU Zone

Over 75% of Tacoma Land is Zoned Residential

RPZ zoning classifications (current):
- Residential: 50%
- Mixed Use: 33%
- Commercial: 6%
- Downtown residential: 11%
RPP—BASE CRITERIA FOR SIZE
NEW ZONES MUST BE AT LEAST 4 CONTIGUOUS BLOCKS FACES (1100 FEET)
RPP—CITIZEN OUTREACH/INPUT

Each existing permit holder notified and invited to workshops

Invited areas surrounding all current RPZ’s

60+ email exchanges

50+ web survey responses

Two Workshops:
  • September 2014 (TV coverage)
  • January 2015

Eight PTAG meetings
RPP—NEW PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Zoned Residential Areas Only
- Minimum Zone Size is 4 blocks (1100 linear feet)
- Requires parking demand study
- $60 annual permit fee
- Guest pass permits
- Improved signage and maintenance
- Enhanced parking enforcement via License Plate Recognition
- Maximize parking in the right-of-way
RPP—PROPOSED TRANSITION PLAN

- Keep all existing zones for a period of up to 2 years before sun setting nonqualified permit areas
- Work with each existing RPZ to determine their compatibility with the new criteria
- Prepare a citizen Petition Packet to help facilitate future RPZ requests
RPP—NEXT STEPS

- Draft Ordinance for consideration by City Council
- Begin implementation plans for the proposed Residential Parking Program
- New RPP concurrent implementation with the proposed License Plate Recognition system
- Begin a parking plan for Mixed Use Zoning areas