

PRINCETON PARKING STUDY

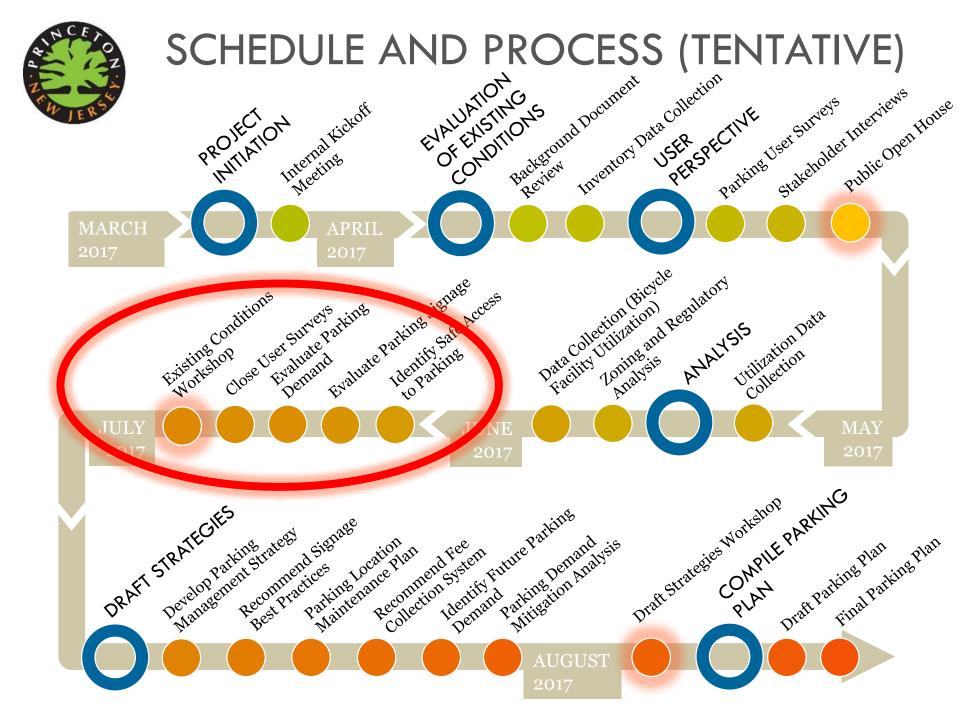


DRAFT Key Findings and Issues

Wednesday June 14, 2017



- Study Overview
- Parking Inventory & Utilization
- Survey & Stakeholder Results
- Key Findings and Issues
- Draft Approaches

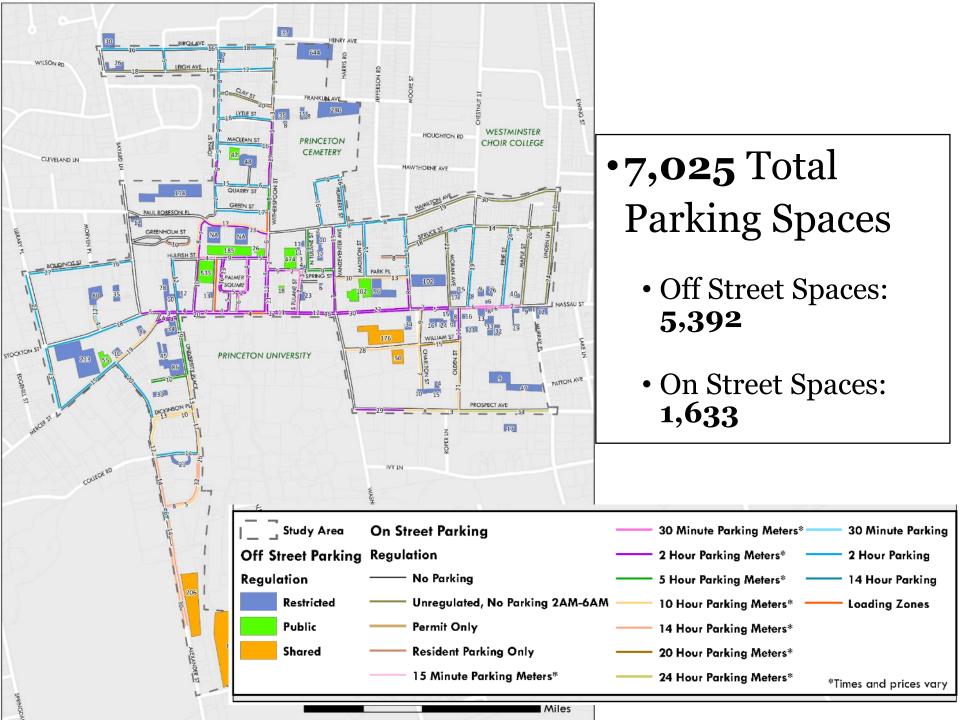


PROJECT GOALS

- Evaluate parking to enhance the accessibility and vibrancy of Princeton's downtown
- Protect residential neighborhoods near downtown from detrimental parking effects
- Provide valid accommodations for cycling and walking
- Address the high cost of parking for downtown employees
- Understand parking supply and demand and identify key solutions to address imbalances
- Support economic development, and a vibrant business and downtown environment

EXISTING PARKING INVENTORY







ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

Primary Regulation	Sum of Inventory	Percentage
2 Hour Parking	463	28.4%
2 Hour Parking Meters	397	24.3%
Unregulated, No Parking 2AM-6AM	243	14.9%
10 Hour Parking Meters	216	13.2%
14 Hour Parking Meters	72	4.4%
Meter Parking, Unlimited	59	3.6%
5 Hour Parking Meters	55	3.4%
30 Minute Parking Meters	46	2.8%
24 Hour Parking Meters	34	2.1%
Permit or Resident Parking Only	30	1.8%
15 Minute Parking Meters	8	0.5%
14 Hour Parking	6	0.4%
30 Minute Parking	4	0.2%
Grand Total	1633	100.0%

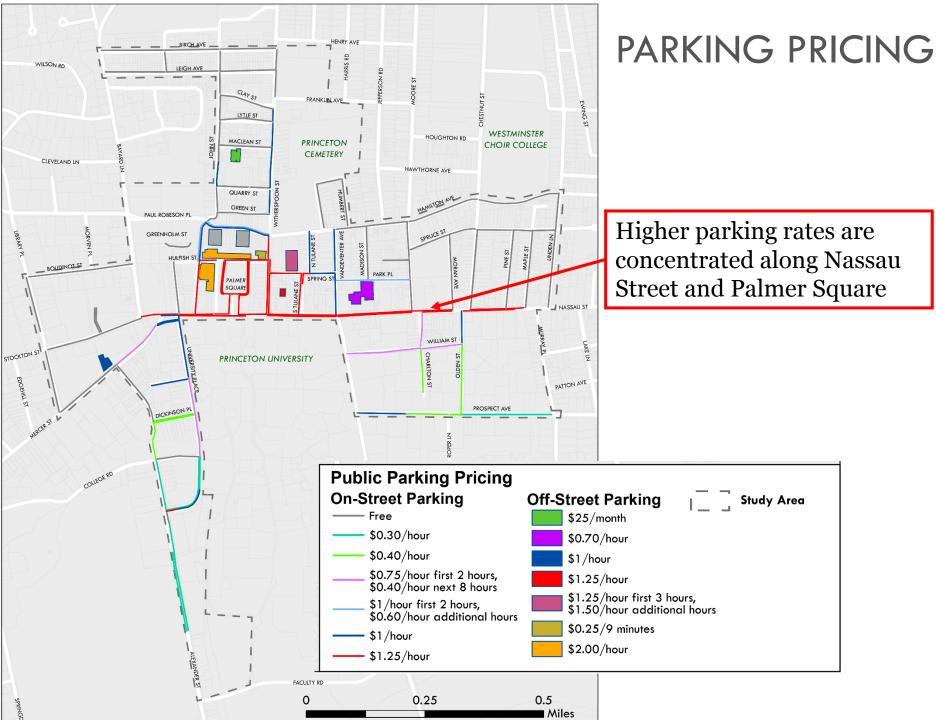
- 44% of off-street spaces are free, publicly available parking
- 54% of on-street spaces are metered public parking
- Only 15% of spaces are "unregulated," and these are still covered by the overnight parking ban
- Majority of on-street parking is short term:
 - 56% of spaces are limited to 2 hours or less

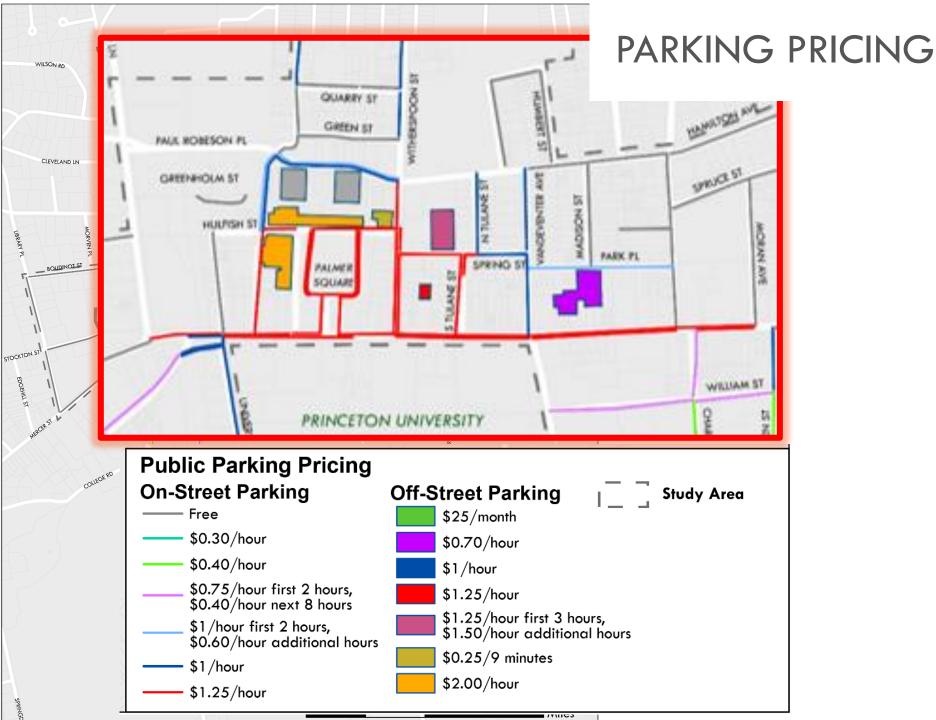


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- Huge variety of sub-regulations!
 - The <u>28</u> sub-regulations make parking more confusing for visitors
- Wider variety of meter prices
 - Prices range from \$0.30/hr to \$1.25/hr
 - Some meters charge \$1.00/hr for the first two hours, and then decrease to \$0.60/hr







PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PARKING V. PRIVATELY AVAILABLE PARKING

- Publicly Available Parking (Public Parking):
 - Available, paid or unpaid, for open use by the public without limitations beyond pricing and time limits
- Restricted Parking (Private Parking):
 - Available only to specific users such as employees, permit holders, residents of the building, customers of a specific business, etc.
- Shared Parking:
 - Parking with a combination of public and private regulations, such as Princeton University lots which require permits, but open to the public after 5 PM and on weekends



OFF-STREET PARKING

Parking Type	Sum of Inventory	Percentage
Restricted	2694	50%
Public	1437	26%
Shared	1261	24%
Grand Total	5392	100%

- Most off-street spaces are restricted parking for Princeton University, other businesses and institutions, and private residences
- Shared spaces are either lots with both private and public regulations or Princeton University lots which open to the public after 5 PM and on weekends
- Only 26% of off-street spaces are always publicly available
- All off-street public parking is paid parking
 - Spring Street garage pricing is lower than Chambers Street and Hulfish Street garage pricing



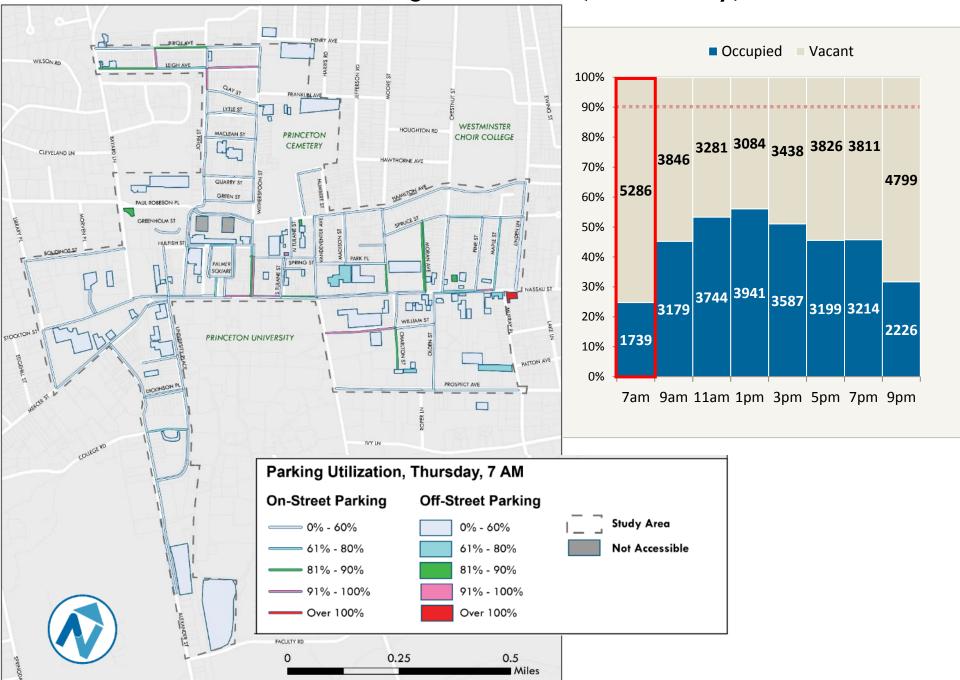
KEY FINDINGS - INVENTORY

- There are **7,025 spaces** within the Downtown Princeton study area
- All streets have some form of regulation, with <u>28 sub-regulations</u>
- **54% of on-street parking is priced**, with prices ranging from \$0.30/hour to \$1.25/hour
- 26% percent of off-street parking is publicly available
- Over 1,000 publicly accessible spaces are added by Princeton University lots after 5 PM and on weekends
- Off-street parking is more expensive, on average, than onstreet parking
 - Spring Street garage is priced lower than Chambers Street and Hulfish Street garages
- 2-hour time limits limit customers ability to stay downtown

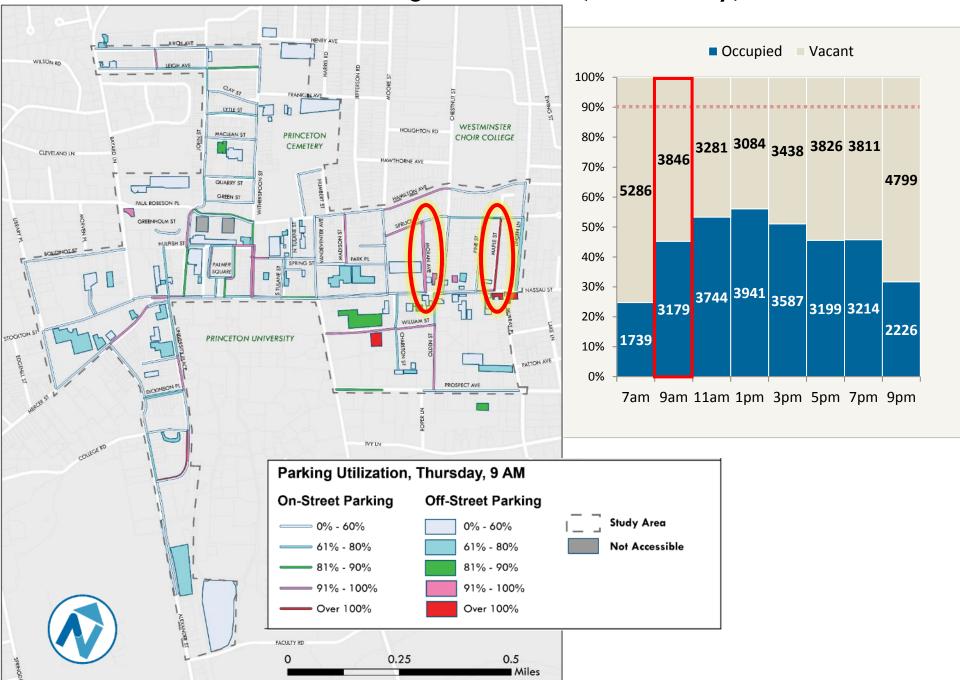
WEEKDAY PARKING UTILIZATION



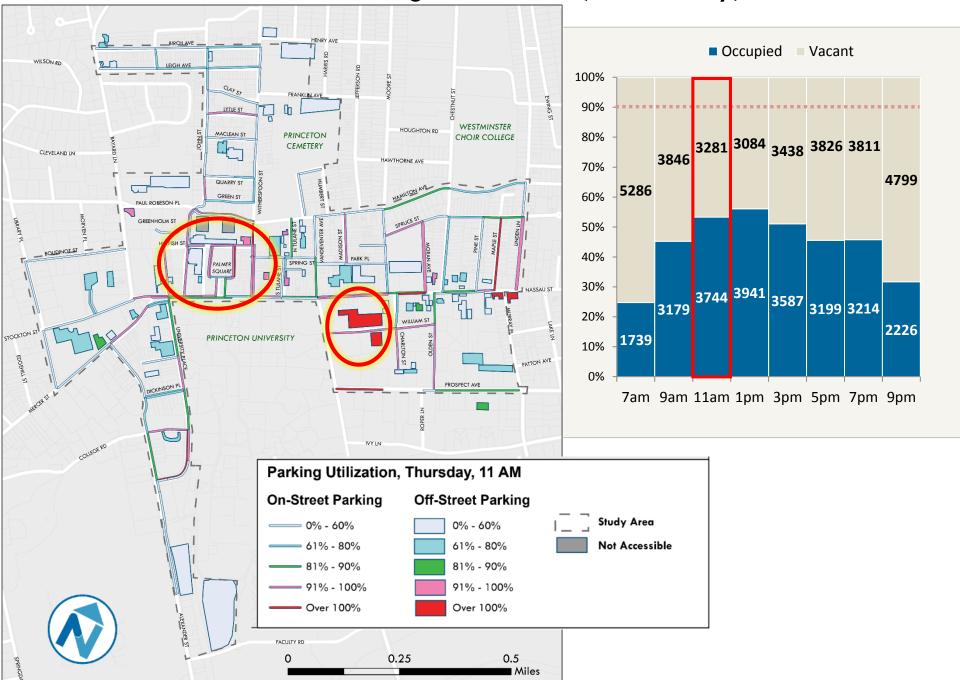
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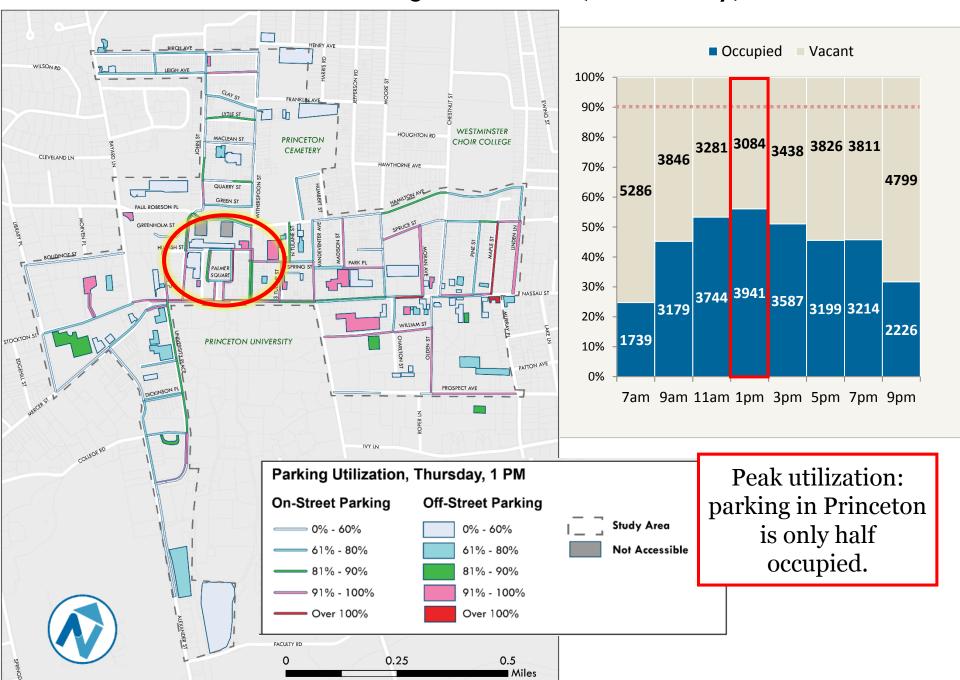
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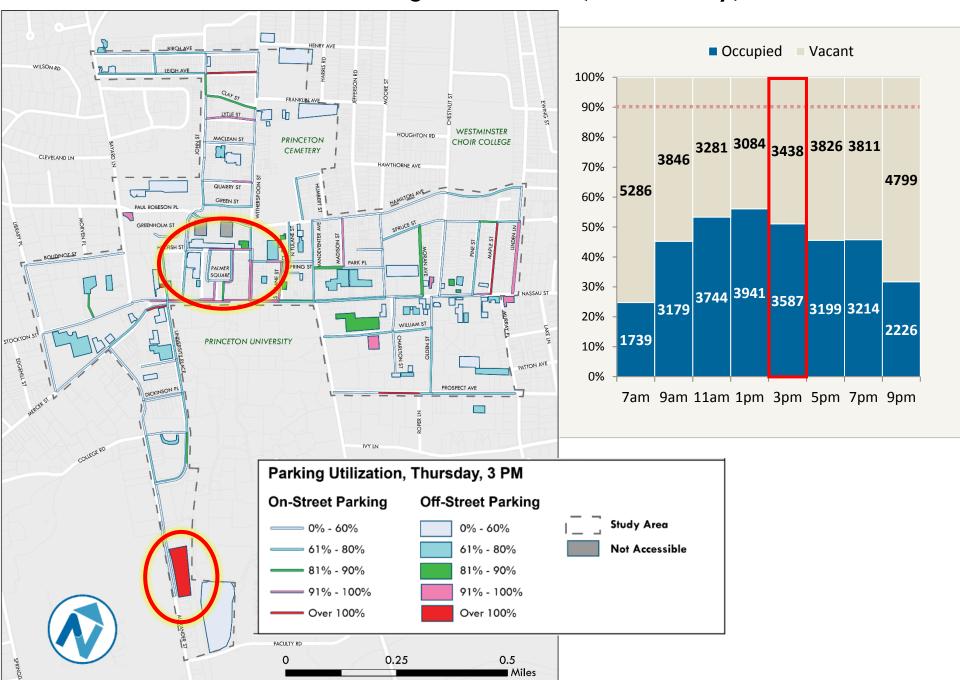
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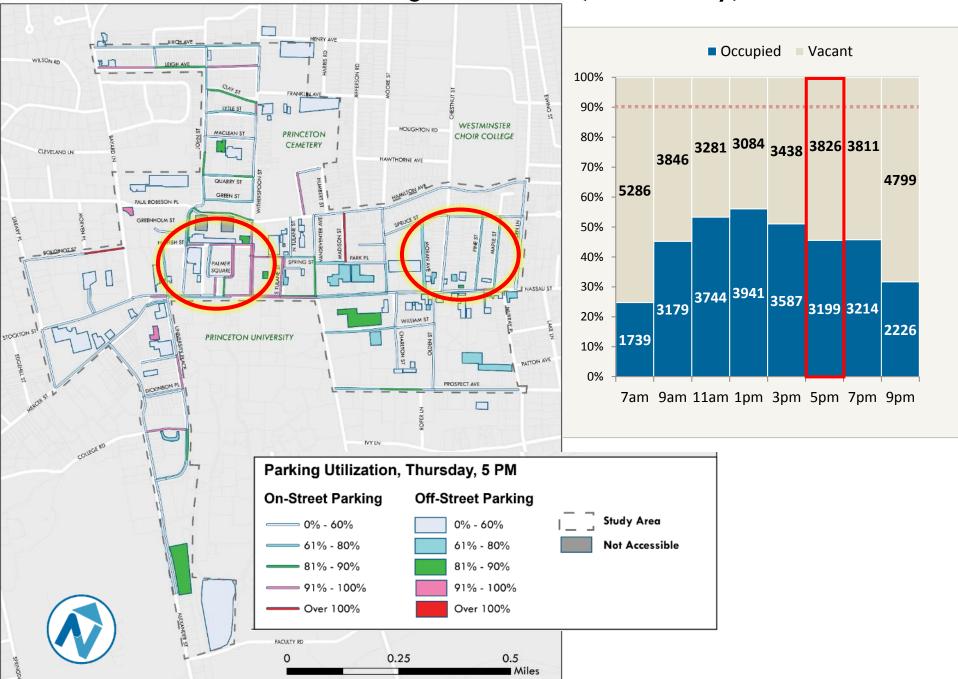
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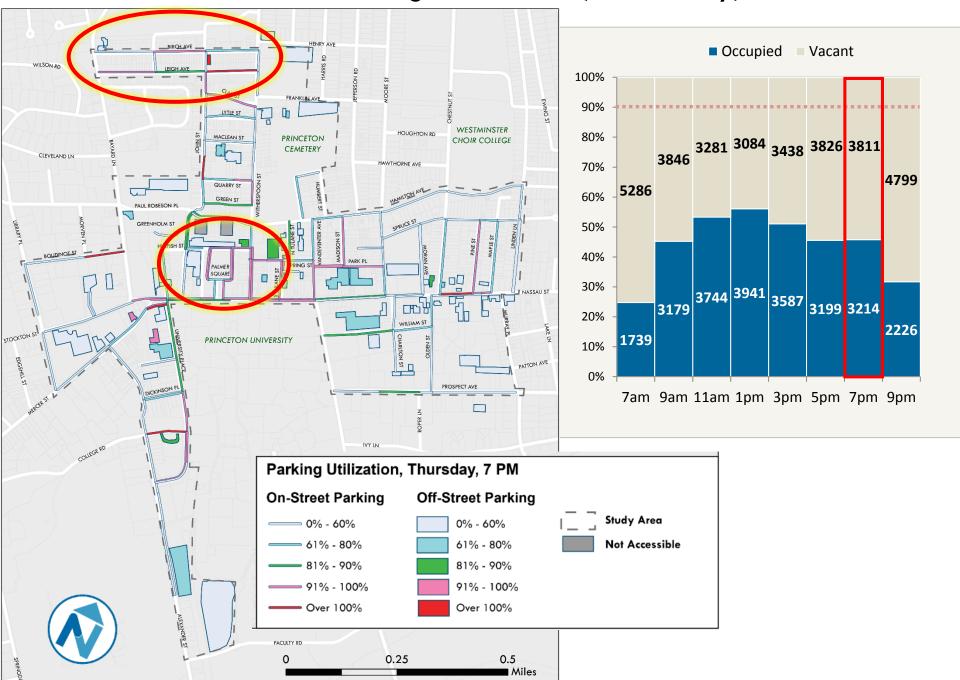
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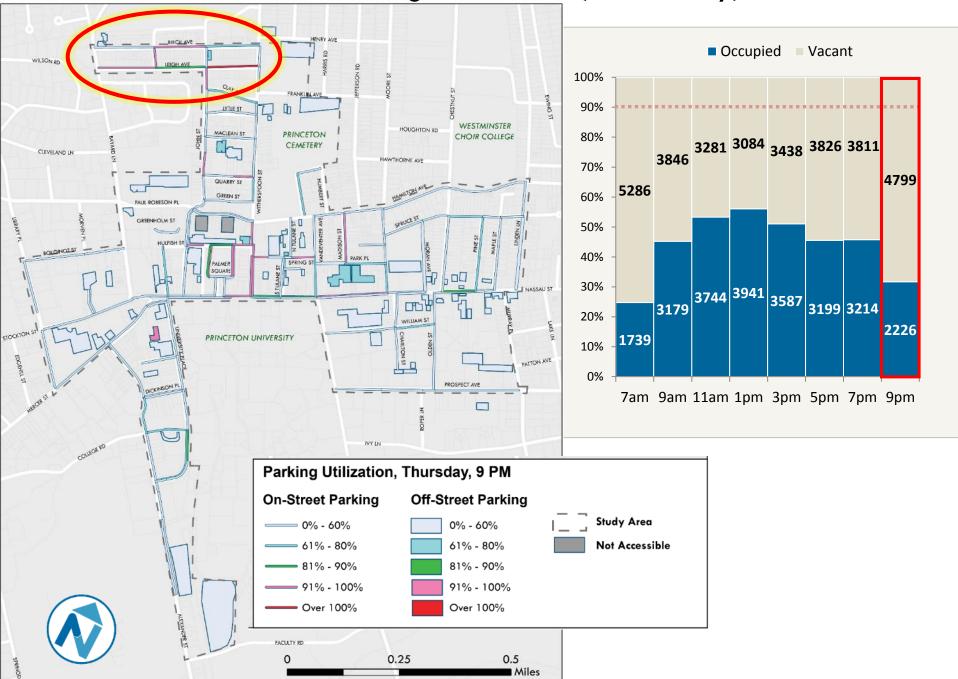
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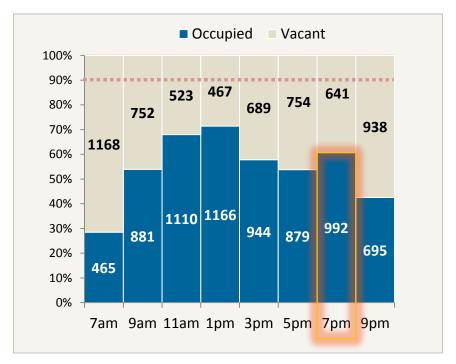




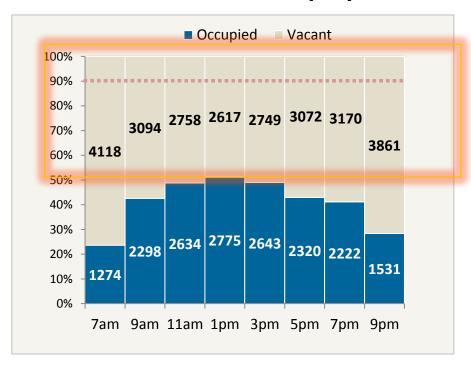
ON V. OFF STREET UTILIZATION

- On street parking approaches 75% utilization at peak
- Off street parking does not surpass 50% utilization
- On-street parking spikes **again** at 7 PM when meter regulations end

ON STREET (all)



OFF STREET (all)

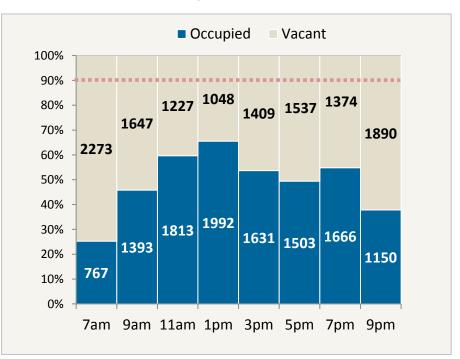




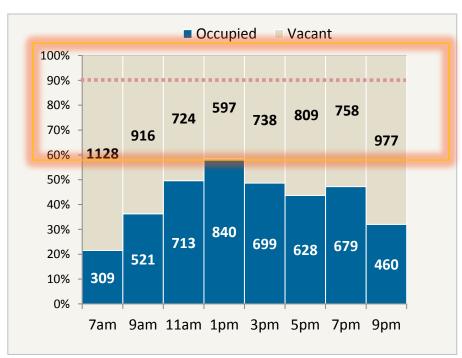
PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PARKING UTILIZATION

- Total public parking utilization nears 65%
- Off street public parking utilization does not pass 60%
- A large number of off-street public spaces are unutilized during the week

ALL PUBLIC PARKING (3,040 spaces)



OFF STREET PUBLIC PARKING (1,437 spaces)





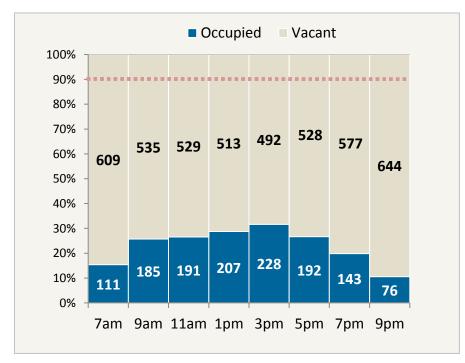
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE GARAGE UTILIZATION

- Spring Street experiences greater utilization due to lower pricing
- Chambers and Hulfish garages (privately owned) do not surpass 35% utilization
- At peak, Spring Street garage is over 90% full

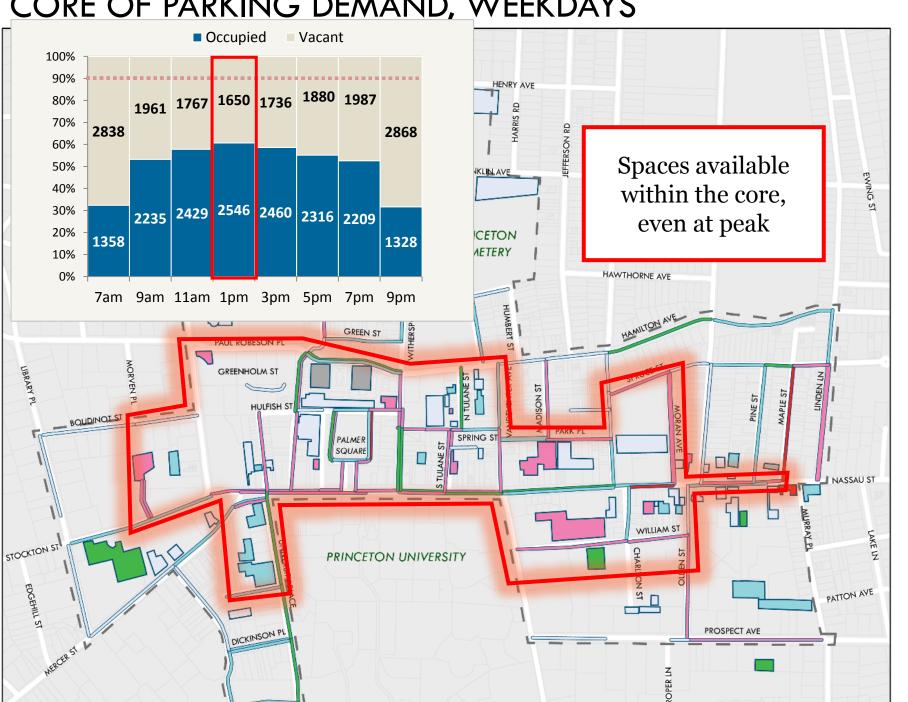
SPRING STREET (less expensive)

Occupied Vacant 100% 38 87 90% 145 157 203 80% 226 70% 304 60% 379 50% 436 387 40% 329 317 30% 271 248 20% 170 95 10% 0% 7am 9am 11am 1pm 3pm 5pm 7pm 9pm

CHAMBERS AND HULFISH ST (more expensive)



CORE OF PARKING DEMAND, WEEKDAYS





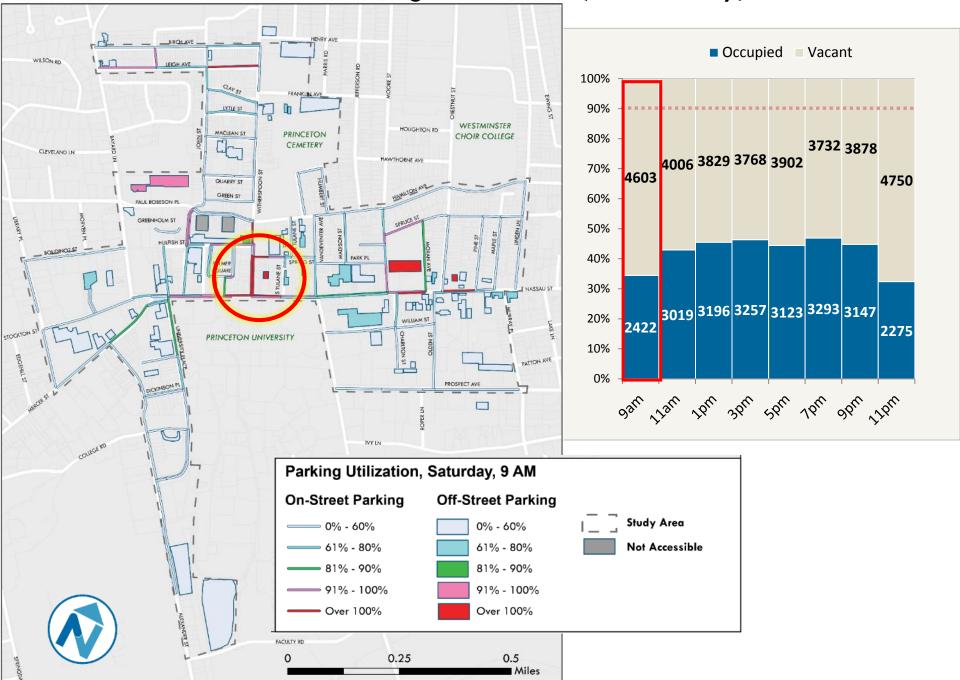
KEY FINDINGS - WEEKDAY DEMAND

- Peak demand occurs at 1 pm with 53% total utilization
- Parkers do not appear to be aware that Princeton University lots become available to the public after 5 PM
- Spring Street garage is used at a higher rate than the Palmer Square garages due to lower pricing and validation options
- Parking in in street metered spaces spikes at 7 PM when meter enforcement ends
- There is capacity in the core at peak times in off-street facilities like the Chambers Street and Hulfish Street garages as well as restricted lots

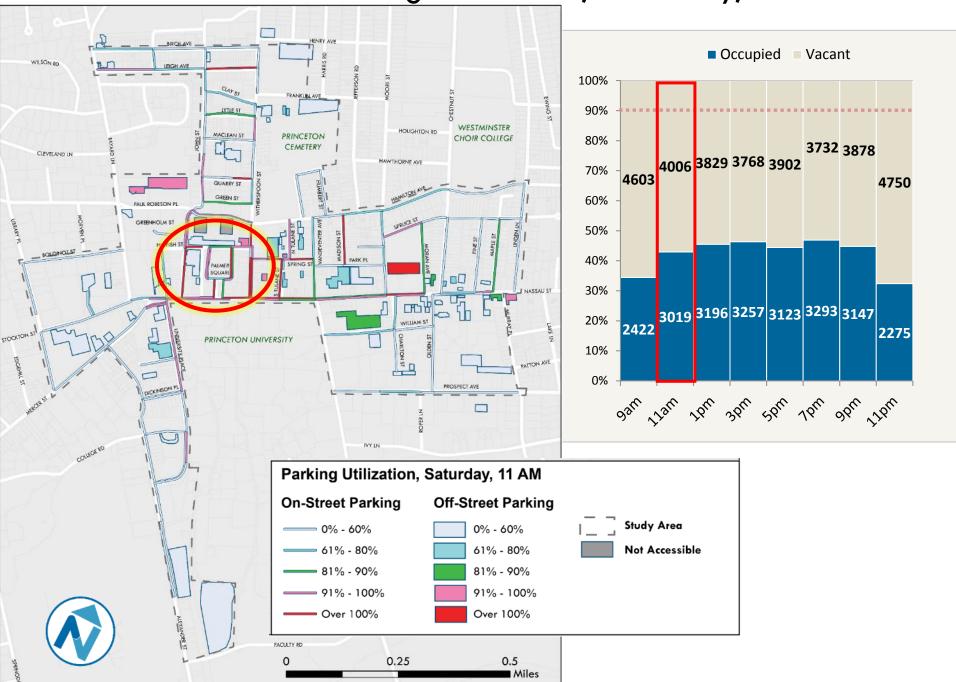
WEEKEND PARKING UTILIZATION



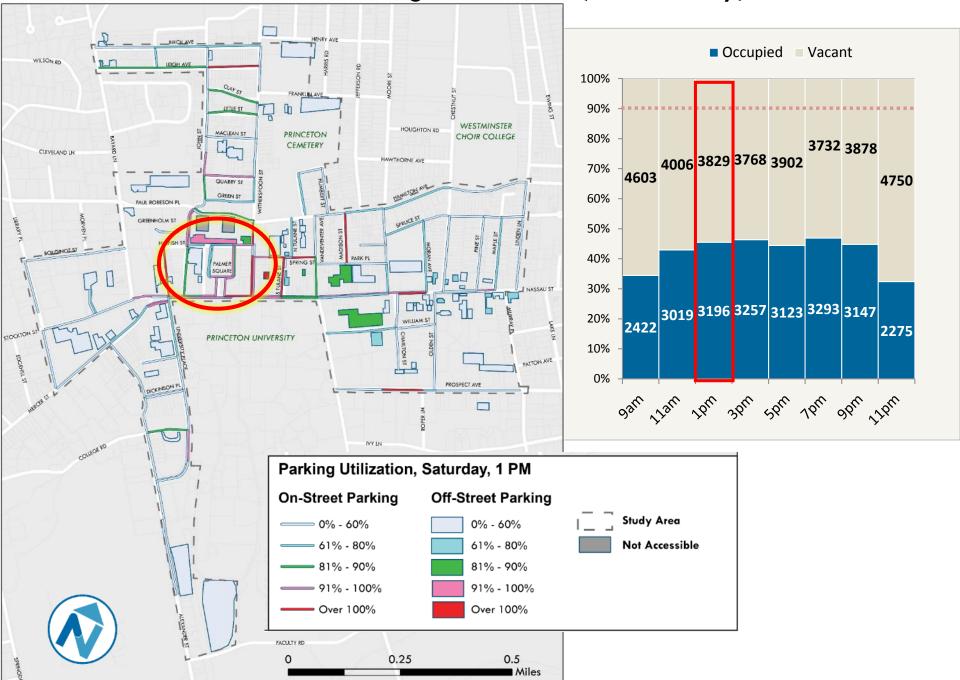
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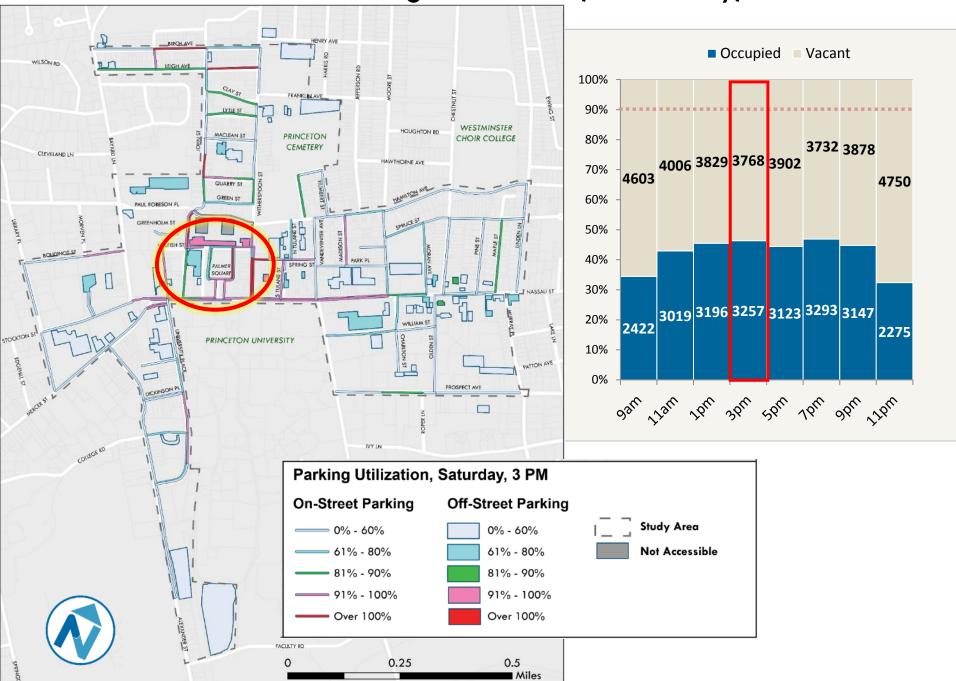
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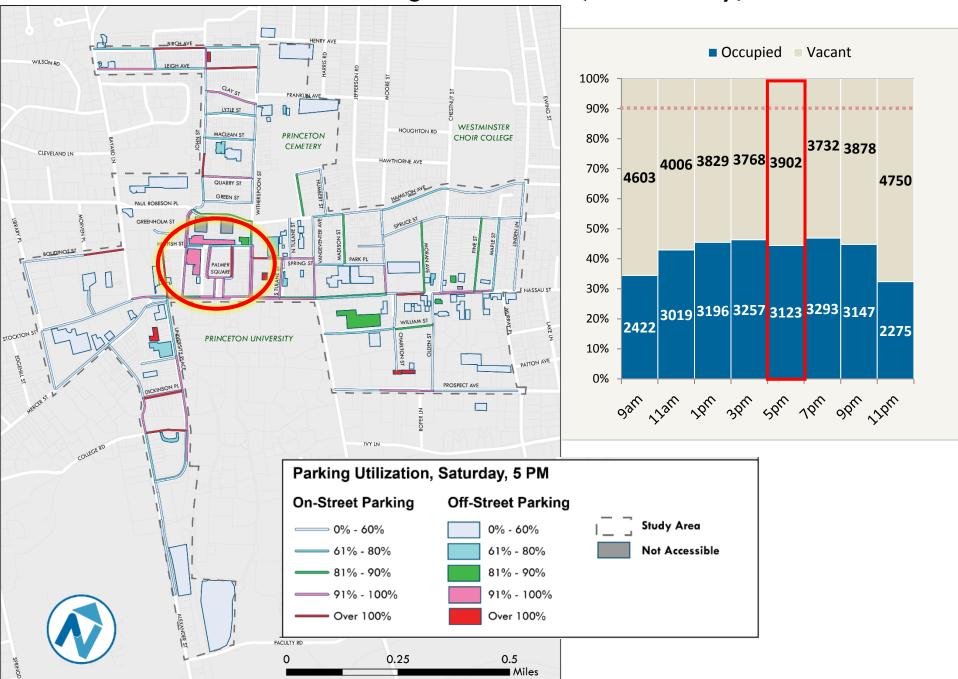
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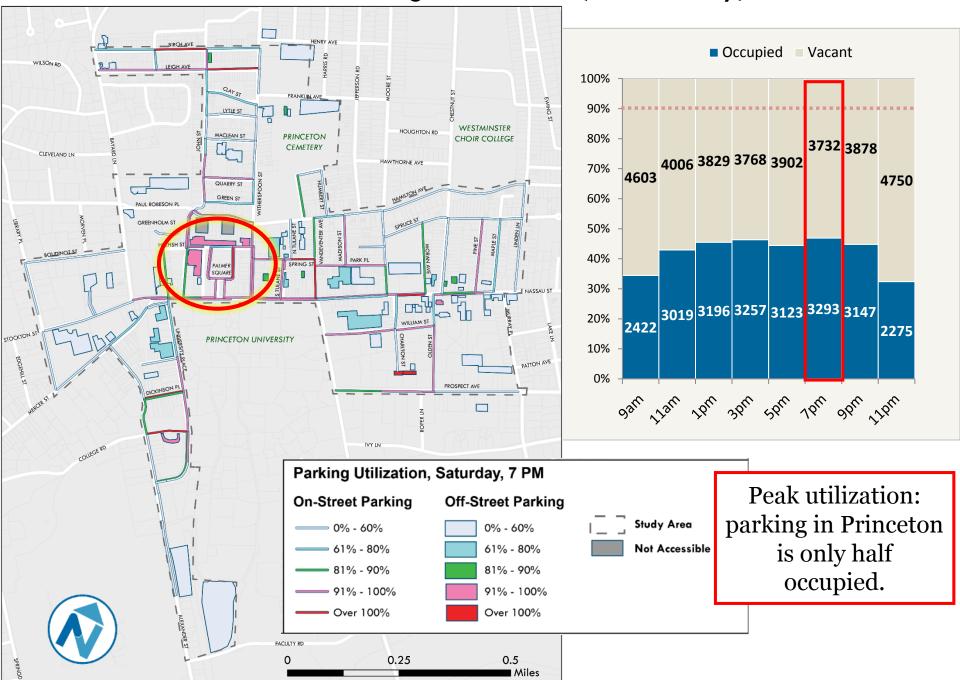
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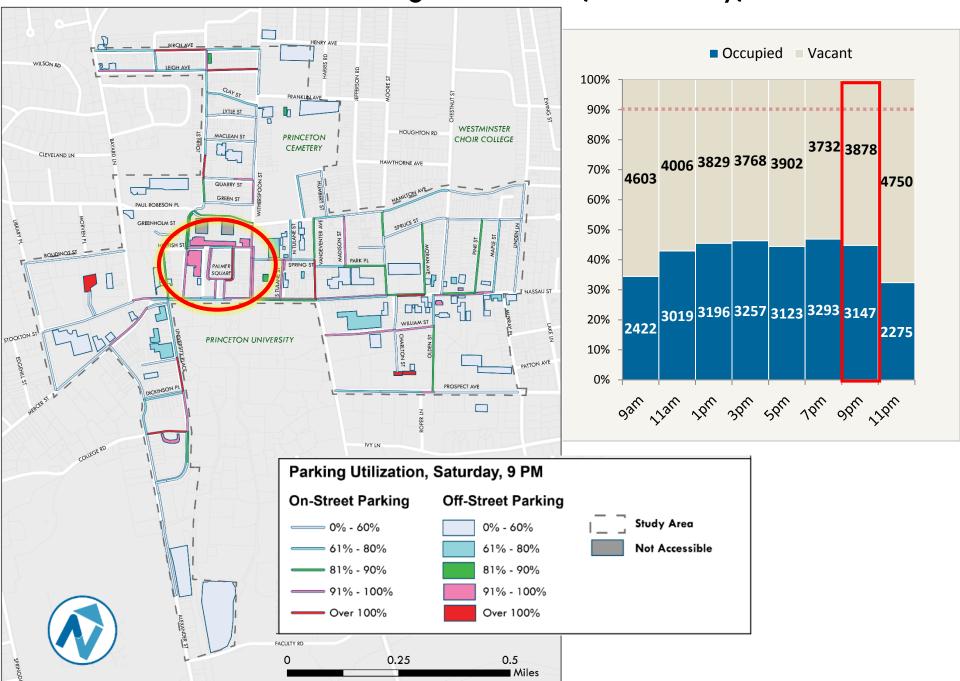
Downtown Princeton Parking Utilization, Saturday, 5 PM



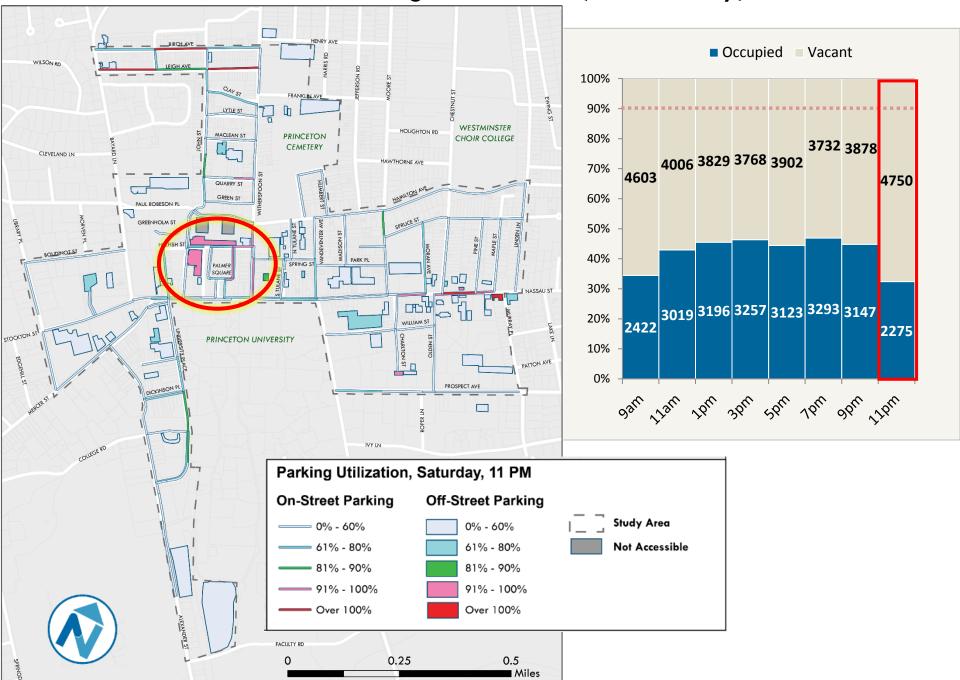
Downtown Princeton Parking Utilization, Saturday, 7 PM



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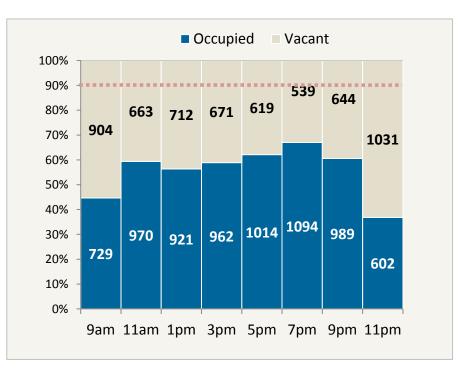




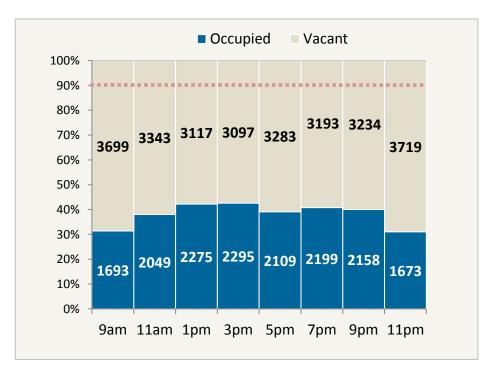
ON V. OFF STREET UTILIZATION (Saturday)

- On street parking approaches 70% utilization at 7 PM peak
- Off street parking does not surpass 45% utilization
- There are over 500 on-street spaces remaining open at 7 PM peak
- Many off-street spaces that remain open during the peak are restricted

ON STREET



OFF STREET

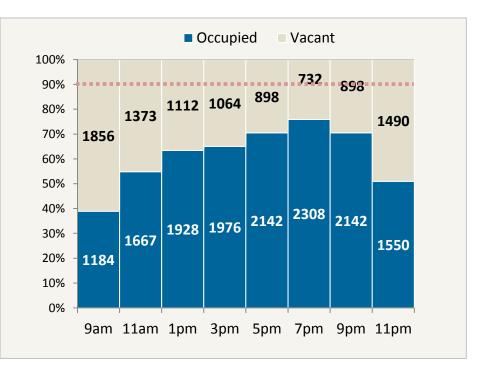




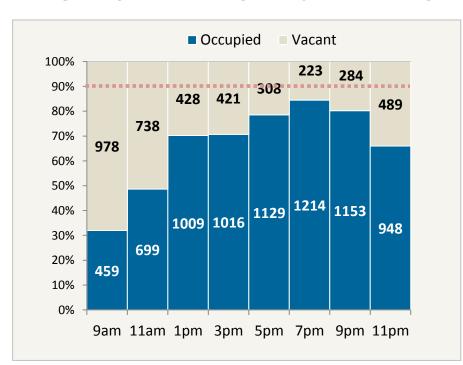
PUBLIC PARKING UTILIZATION

- Public parking inventory is split between on-street and off-street spaces
- Total public parking utilization nears 80% at peak
- Off street public parking utilization surpasses 90% at peak

ALL PUBLIC PARKING



OFF STREET PUBLIC PARKING

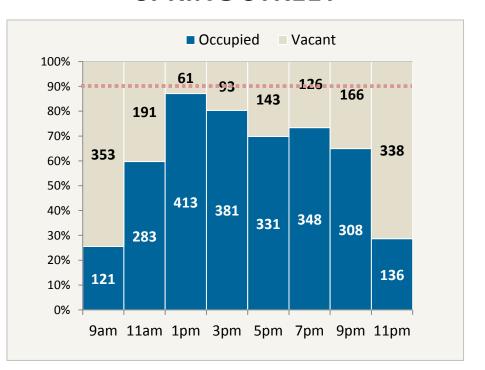




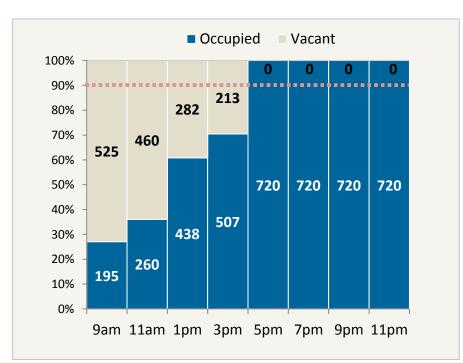
PUBLIC GARAGE UTILIZATION

- Public garages are highly utilized during Saturday peak between 5 PM and 11 PM
- Spring Street garage fills more quickly than Chambers and Hulfish
- Saturday garage use is much higher than weekday use

SPRING STREET



CHAMBERS AND HULFISH ST

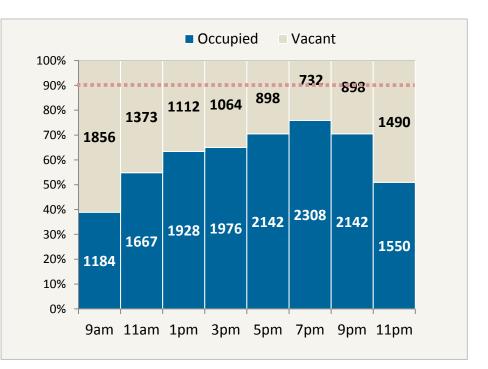




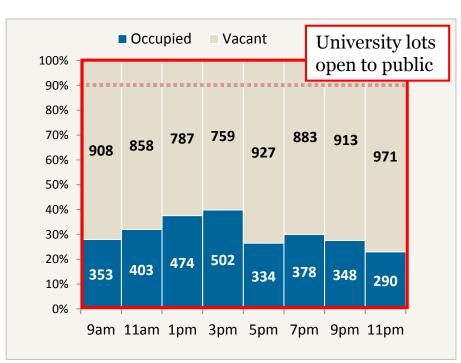
SHARED PARKING UTILIZATION

- Most shared parking is in Princeton University lots and garages, open to the public after 5 PM and all day on Saturdays
- Shared parking is underutilized on Saturdays given high public parking demand **1,000 spaces are available at 5:00 pm**
 - Utilization does not surpass 40% and is only 30% at peak time

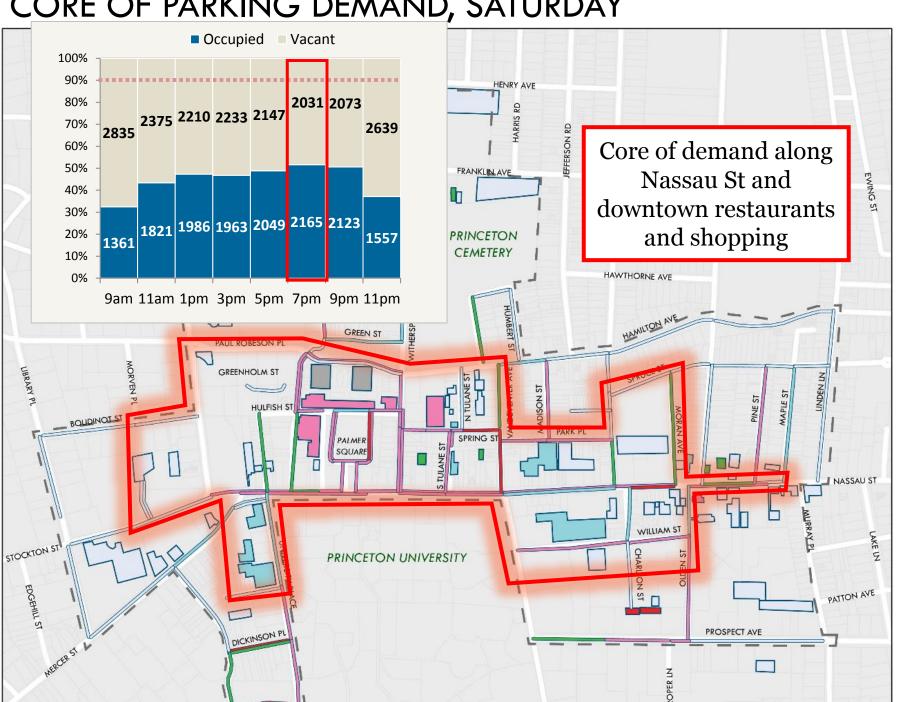
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SHARED PARKING



CORE OF PARKING DEMAND, SATURDAY



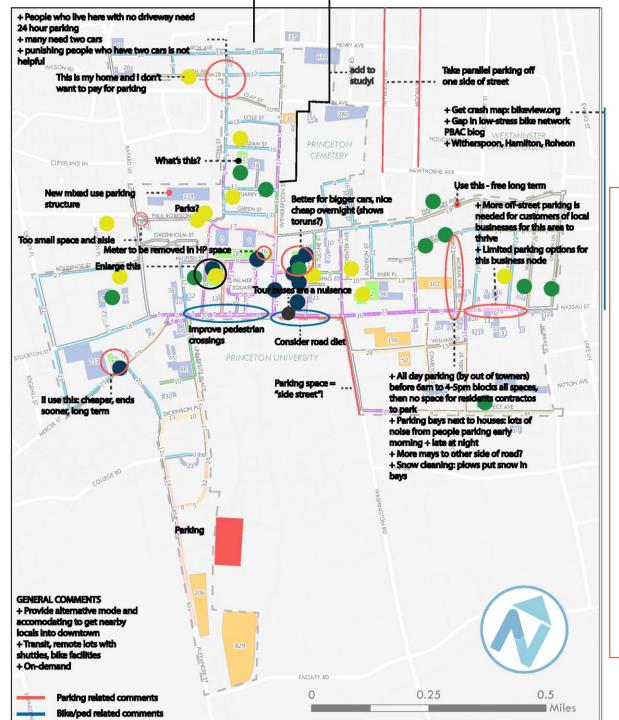


KEY FINDINGS - SATURDAY DEMAND

- In general, parking demand is more concentrated in the core area at Palmer Square than during a weekday
- Off-street parking is used at a much higher rate on Saturday
- Publicly available garages are full during peak times
- 80% of all publicly available parking is full at the 7 PM peak, while shared Princeton University lots are only 30% full
- Nassau Street and Palmer Square parking is full throughout the day
- 2,000 restricted off-street spaces are not in use at 7 PM peak
- Birch Avenue and Leigh Avenue are highly utilized

PARKING PERCEPTIONS





WHAT WE HEARD AT THE OPEN HOUSE

- Insider knowledge of key parking locations and issues:
 - Spring Street garage is a popular parking location
 - Moran Avenue and Maple Street are known as unregulated parking hotspots
 - Witherspoon-Jackson and Tree Streets neighborhoods experience resident parking difficulties

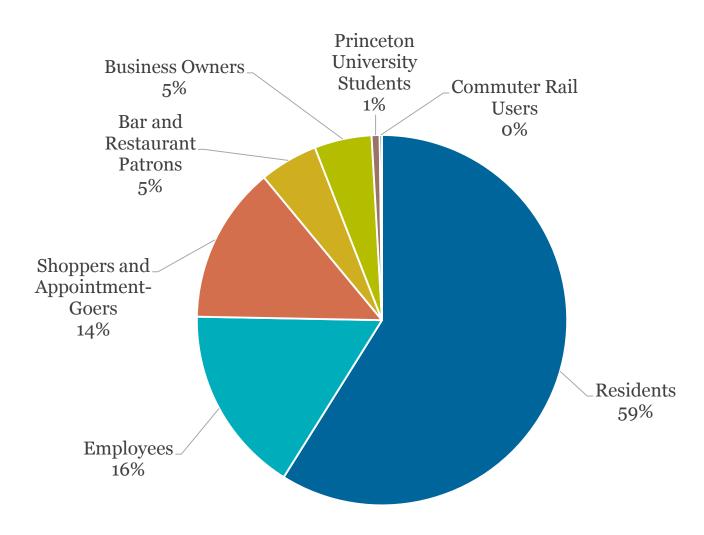


STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW INSIGHTS

- Enforcement and confusing regulations can be intimidating for customers and visitors
- Small business **employee parking is difficult** to find or expensive
- **Time limits create a barrier** to visitors enjoying multiple establishments
- Parking apps which allow on the fly time additions (like **ParkMobile**) could improve visitor experience
- Loading zones are difficult to enforce, especially with tour buses
- Perception of spillover parking from Princeton University staff and students creates frustration
- Tree Streets and Witherspoon-Jackson residents experience difficulty parking due to other users parking on their streets
- Difficulty of parking and **harsh enforcement** discourages visitors
- Many wonder why there is an overnight parking ban



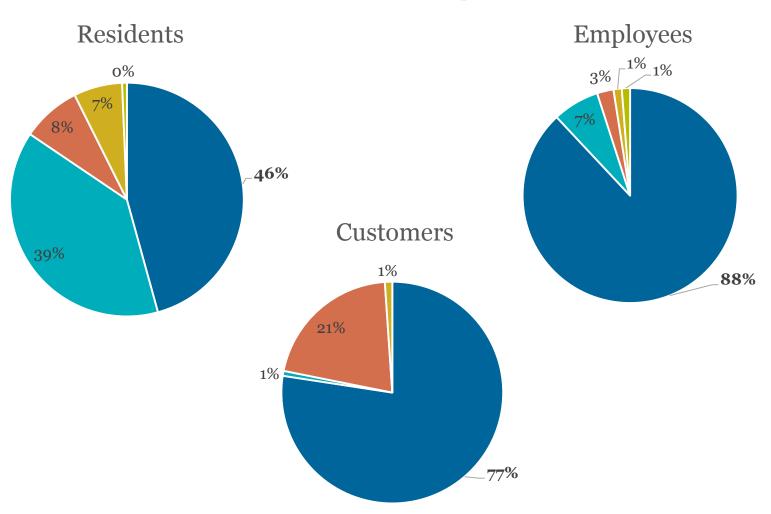
SURVEY COMPLETED BY 1,552 RESPONDENTS





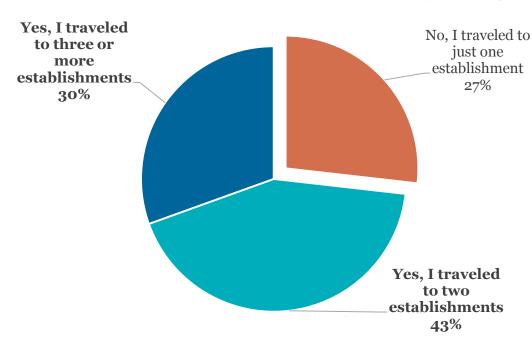
MANY RESIDENTS WALK OTHERS DRIVE

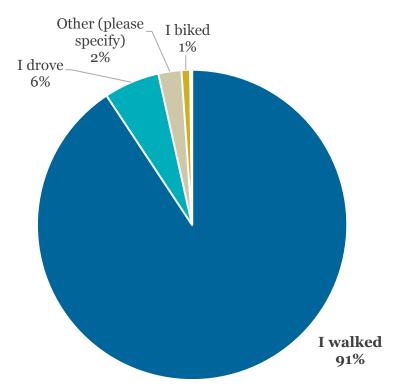






MOST RESPONDENTS VISITED MULTIPLE ESTABLISHMENTS DOWNTOWN & THEY WALK BETWEEN DESTINATIONS

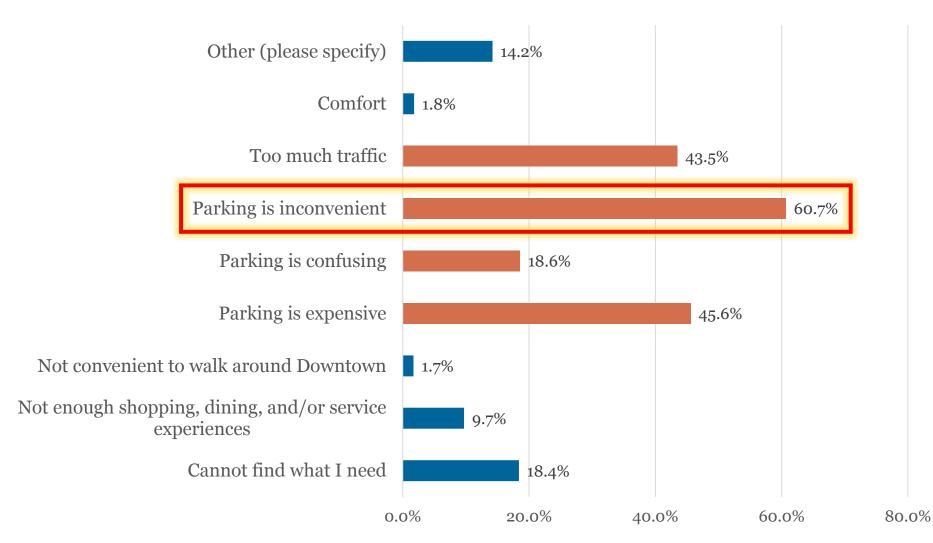






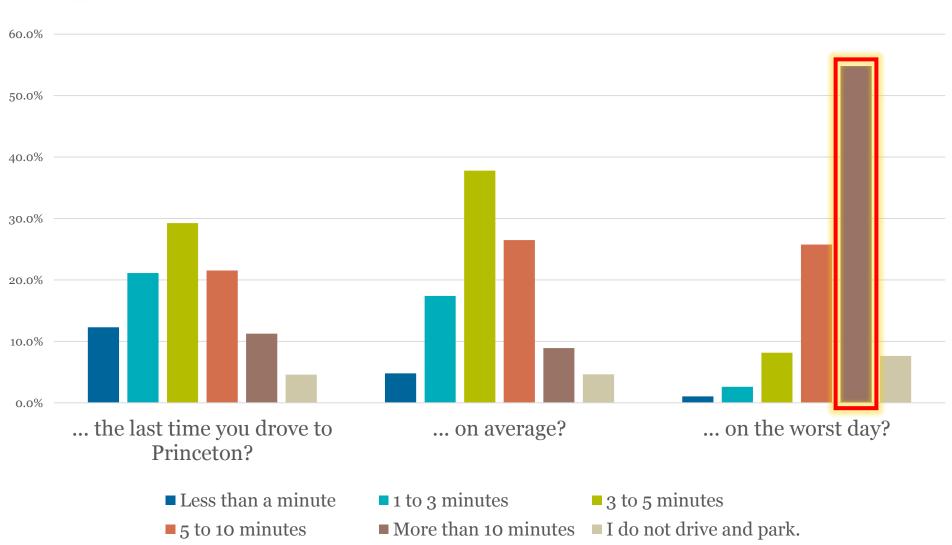
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO DOWNTOWN

PRINCETON? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)



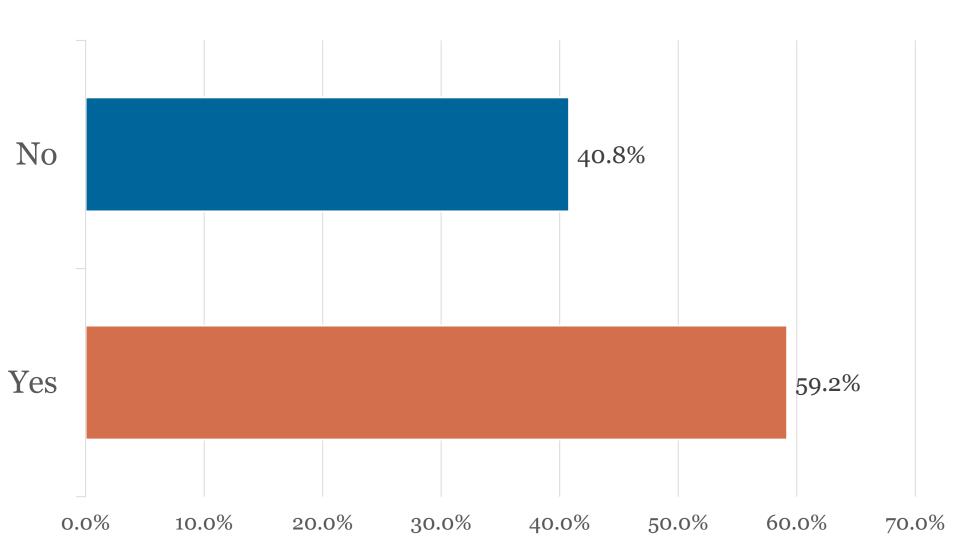


HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO FIND A PARKING SPOT DOWNTOWN?



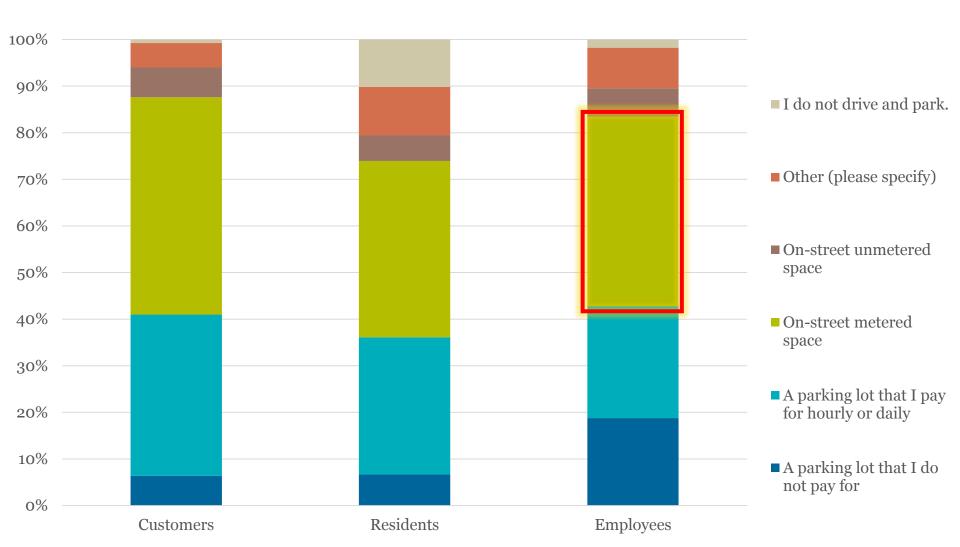


HAVE YOU EVER NOT FOUND PARKING AND LEFT DOWNTOWN PRINCETON?



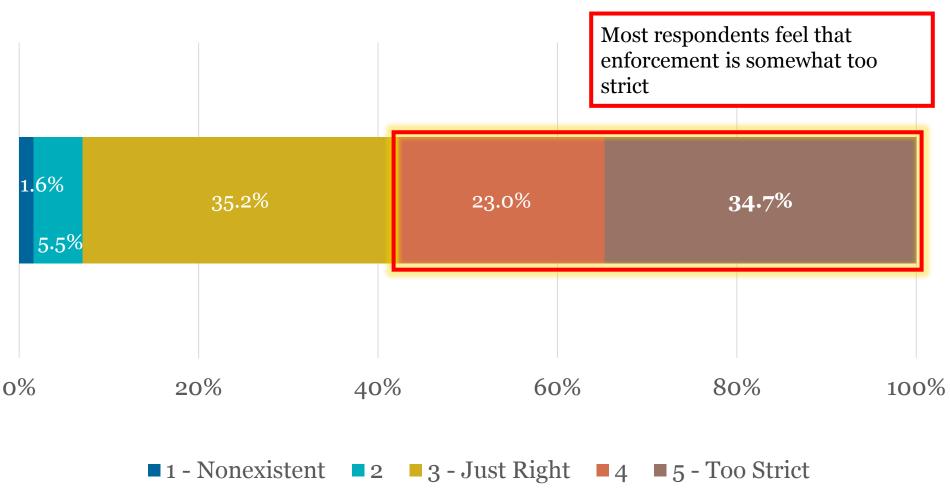


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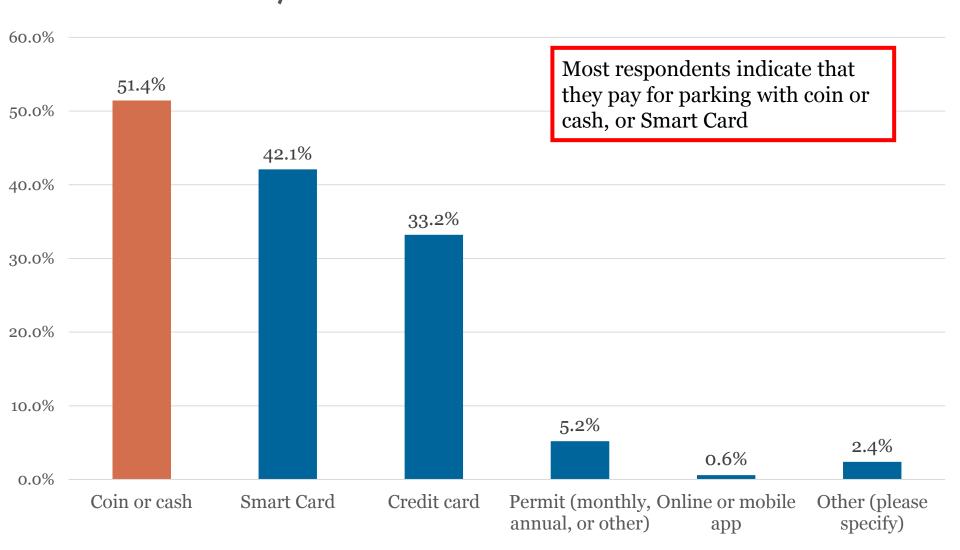


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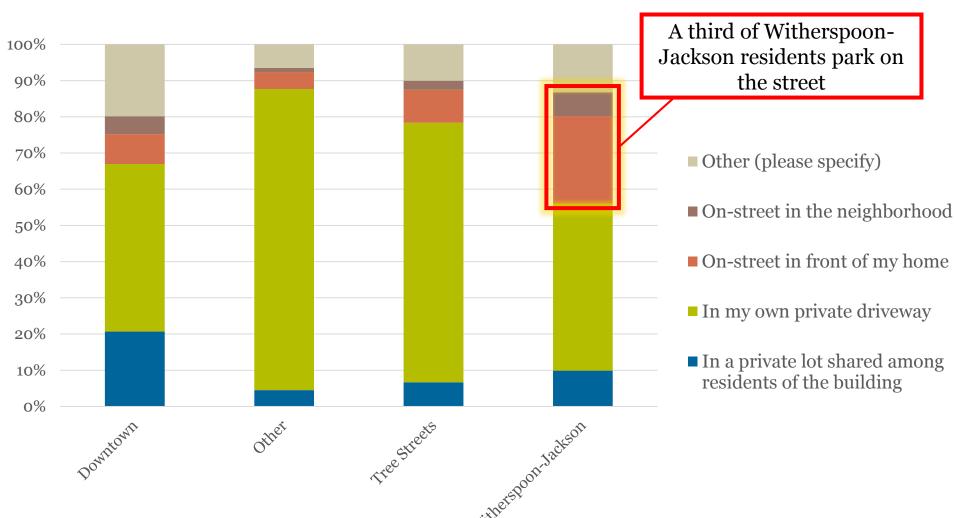


IF YOU PAY FOR PARKING, HOW DO YOU USUALLY PAY? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)





RESIDENTIAL PARKING DIFFERS BY NEIGHBORHOOD



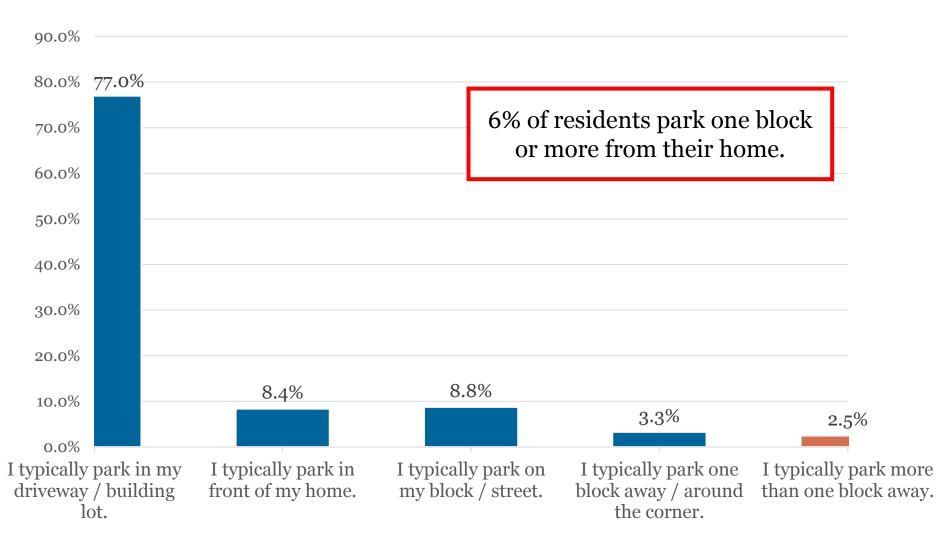


RESIDENTS — PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ON-STREET PARKING CONDITIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD





RESIDENTS – HOW FAR DO YOU TYPICALLY PARK FROM YOUR RESIDENCE?



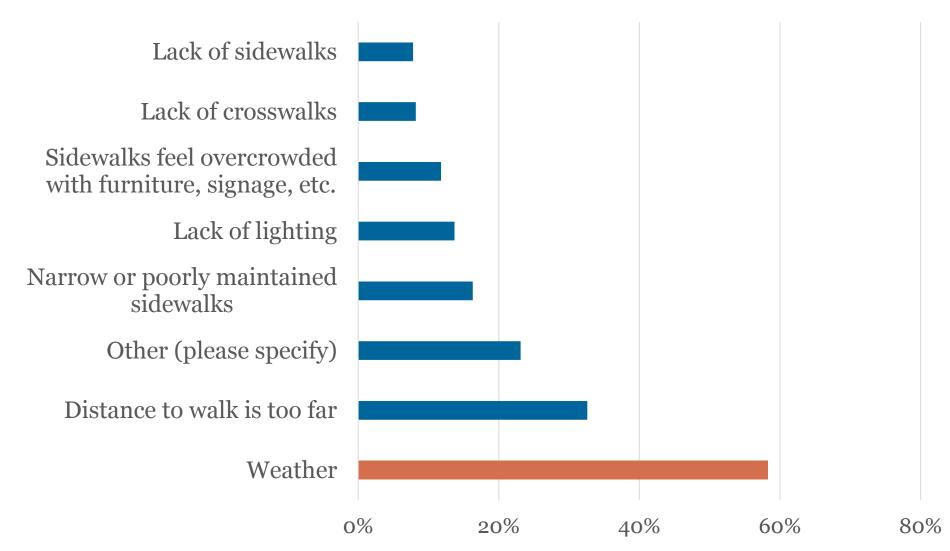


PLEASE RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN DETERMINING WHERE YOU CHOOSE TO PARK (1 – NOT IMPORTANT, 5 – MOST IMPORTANT)



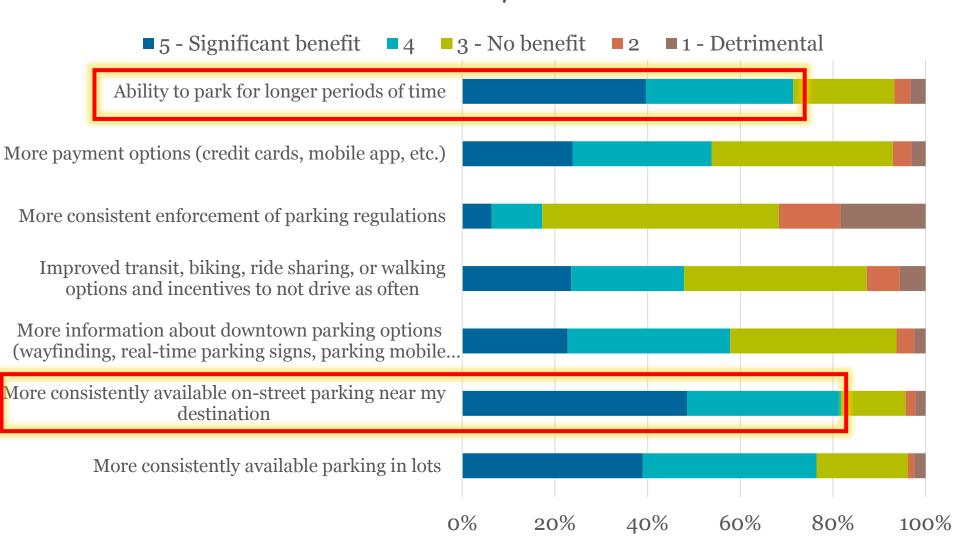


WHAT FACTORS LIMIT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WALK TO AND WITHIN DOWNTOWN PRINCETON? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)





HOW WOULD THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS IMPACT YOUR PARKING EXPERIENCE AND THE OVERALL QUALITY OF PRINCETON? (1 – DETRIMENTAL, 5 – SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT)





KEY FINDINGS - PARKING PERCEPTIONS

- Employees are using metered spaces downtown
- 45% of customers and 40% of employees say it takes them 5-10 minutes or more to find parking
- Nearly 90% of customers and employees drive alone to Downtown
- Over half of users still pay for parking with coins or cash (less convenient than other options)
- Residents from the Tree Streets, Downtown, and Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhoods face more parking difficulties
- Most residents park in their driveways, but 33% of Witherspoon-Jackson residents park on the street
- Most residents who park on street do so because they cannot fit all of their vehicles in their driveway
 - One third of resident respondents do not have a driveway
- Respondents indicated that "Ability to park for longer periods of time" would provide a significant benefit to parking
- Respondents did not indicate significant issues with Princeton's walking environment

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Pricing

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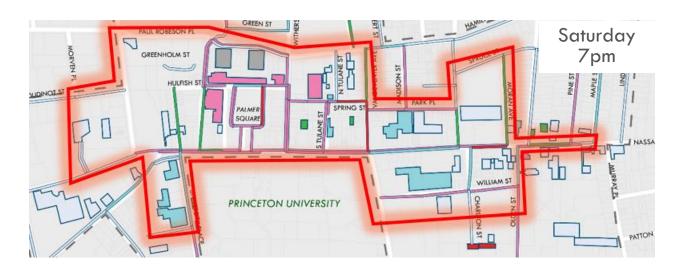






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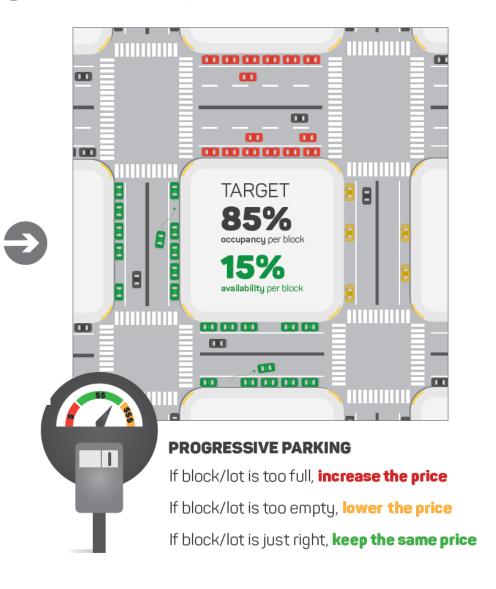
- Manage parking demand to meet goal
- On-going, dynamic (and market-based) strategy
- Use a data-backed policy to set rates and regulations





USE PRICE TO CREATE AVAILABILITY







MATCH PRICE TO DEMAND

- Specified target occupancy rate of eighty-five percent (85%) in Downtown Meter Zones
- Biennial occupancy survey to evaluate rates

PARKING DOWNTOWN REDWOOD CITY

Street parking free Mon - Sat before 10am and after 6pm; free all day Sunday.

Commuter

Street parking 25¢ per hour Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; First 11/2 hours free in garages at all times

GARAGES

- 1. MARSHALL 387 spaces (\$1 per hour before 6pm)
- 2. JEFFERSON 585 spaces (25¢ per hour before 6pm)

Downtown Event & Dinner Visitor (FREE with validation)

\$2.50 per hour after 6pm (First 11/2 hours free at all times/first 4 hours free with validation from Century Theater)

GARAGES

- 1. MARSHALL 387 spaces
- 2. JEFFERSON 585 spaces
- 3. CROSSING 900 900 spaces (Open to the public

Downtown **Event & Dinner** Visitor (FREE)

Free Mon - Fri after 6pm, all day on weekends

- 4. COUNTY GARAGE 797 spaces
- 5. CALTRAIN LOT 160 spaces

Lunchtime/ Daytime Visitor

\$1 per hour Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; lots free Mon-Sat after 6pm and all day Sunday

- 6. MAIN STREET LOT
- 150 spaces 7. CITY HALL LOT
- 15 spaces 8. LIBRARY LOT A 88 spaces
- 9. LIBRARY LOT B 98 spaces
- 10. PERRY STREET LOT 52 spaces



LANDMARKS & DESTINATIONS

- C. Century Theatre
- E. Dragon Theatre F. Caltrain Station
- G. San Mateo County History Museum
- H. City Hall



COMPREHENSIVE SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

CONFLICTING SIGNAGE AT VANDEVENTER AVE AND NASSAU STREET







COMPREHENSIVE SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING













USE CONVENIENT PARKING TECHNOLOGY

- Make it easy and convenient
- Use technology to pay by coin, debit/ credit, and cell
- Can combine meters & kiosks
- Enhance "first 8 minutes free" option
- Integrate with enforcement equipment













CUSTOMER-ORIENTED ENFORCEMENT

- Align Enforcement mission with City goals
- Consider first ticket free (per calendar year) with parking information
- Consider progressive fines
- Use new technology







INCREASE PARKING SUPPLY



Surface Parking: \$5,000 per space



Above Ground Structure: \$20,000 - \$25,000 per space

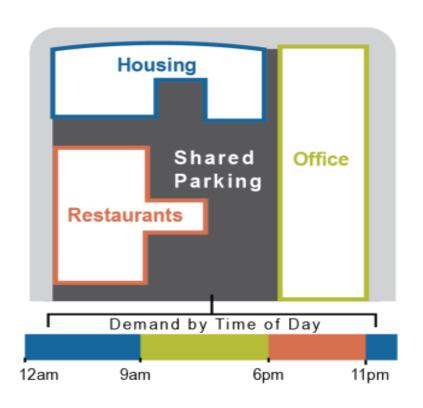
Underground Structure: \$35,000 per space Average costs vary by location

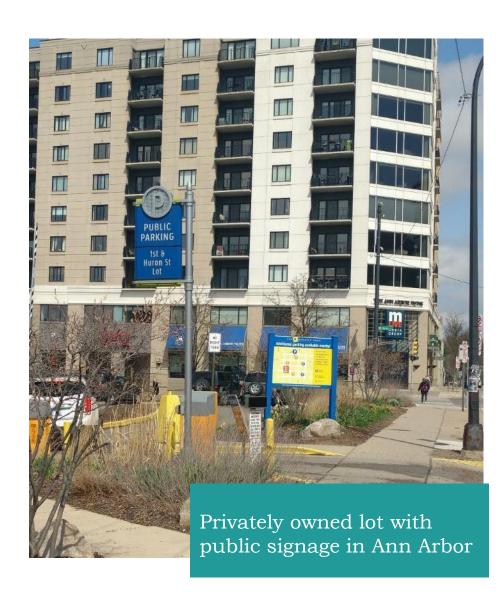
Parking is expensive, and space is at a premium



INCREASE PARKING SUPPLY

• Shared parking between uses



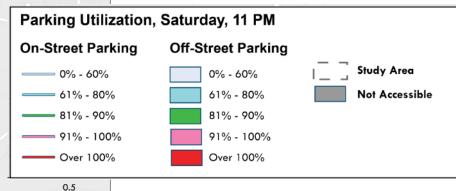




CREATE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE PARKING



- Work with owners of underutilized lots at peak hours
- Help broker agreements between private lot owners and businesses with parking needs
- Expand on business permit agreements such as Peacock Inn valet parking in Trinity lot

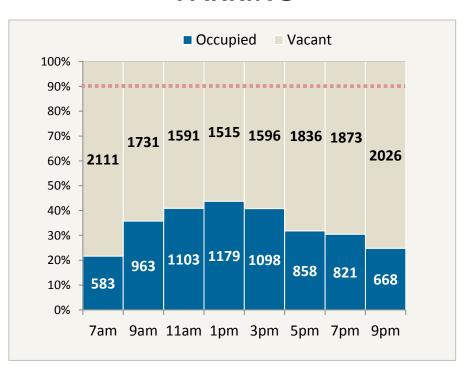




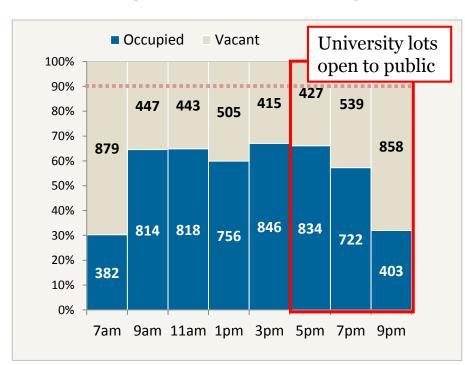
RESTRICTED ACCESS V. SHARED PARKING

- Restricted access parking does not surpass 45% utilization
- Shared parking is used more extensively than restricted access parking at all times of day (Princeton University affiliates)

ALL RESTRICTED OFF STREET PARKING



SHARED PARKING





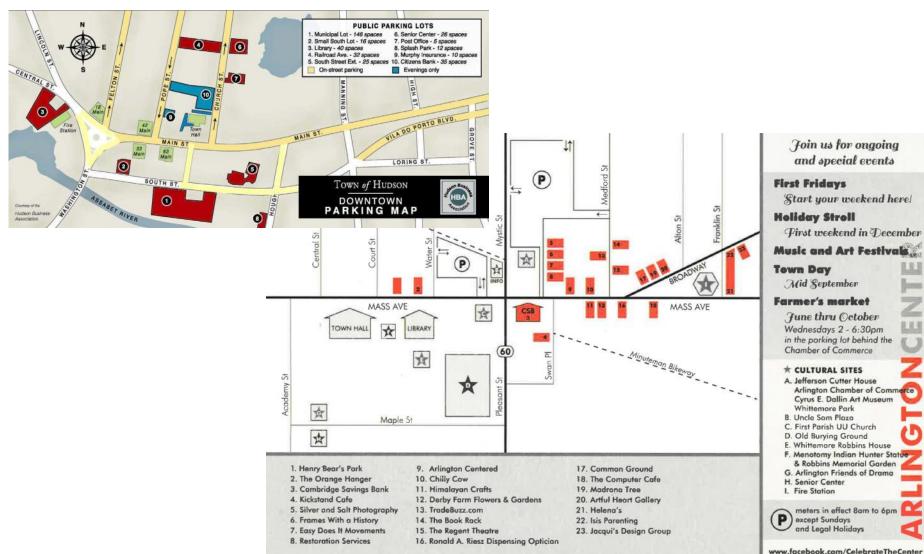
PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT

- Parking revenue used to finance neighborhood improvements
- Enables long-term investment in structured parking or other mobility improvements when necessary





CREATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONNECTION WITH PARKING





COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

Transportation

The Ann Arbor DDA works to promote downtown vitality. An important strategy is the encouragement of a **menu of transportation choices** for downtown visitors, residents, customers, employees, and others, who can select their preferred means to come downtown based on factors such as cost, convenience, and environmental interests. Use the interactive map to find locations and information about downtown parking and transportation options.

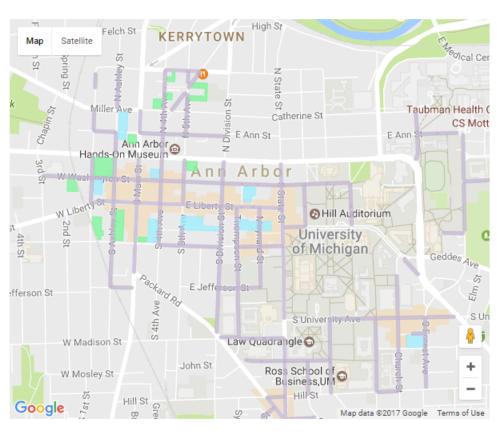
Parking Facilities

- Lots
- Structures
- Meters

Parking Options

- □ **(** Hourly
- Monthly Permit
- Evening/ Overnight Permit
- Wetered Lots
- □ Flat Rate Entry Facilities
- □ 🔥 Bike
- Zip Cars
- Moped/ Motorcycle
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- MAVEN

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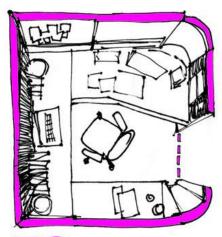
Building Type	Parking Requirement
Dwellings	1.5 spaces per one bedroom unit, 2 spaces per two or more bedroom unit
Offices	1 space per 200 square feet
Restaurants	1 space per 3 seats
Retail Stores	1 space per 175 square feet



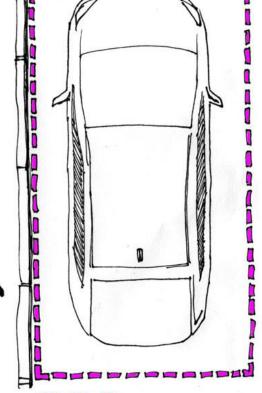
EXISTING ZONING







72 square fee







WHAT ZONING CODE CAN ENCOURAGE









Masking garages with contiguous retail flow along sidewalks



IN LIEU FEES



City	Determinati on of Fees	Example Fee
San Luis Obispo, CA	Plan area, land use, number of units	\$5,839 for "each potential additional single family dwelling unit" \$4,630 for "each potential multi-family dwelling unit"
Santa Monica, CA	None	\$20,000 per space (one-time)
Miami, FL (Coconut Grove)	None	\$50 per space per month
Miami Beach, FL	None	\$40,000 per space (one time)
Northampton, MA	None	\$2,000 per space (one-time)
Oak Bluffs, MA	The number of required spaces for the development	\$50 to \$100 per space per year
Jackson, WY	The number of required spaces opted out	\$8,500 per space (up to 5 spaces) \$17,000 per space (if greater than 5 spaces)
Bend, OR	The number of required spaces opted out	Set by City Council, most recent documentation indicates: \$2,500 per space up to 5 spaces \$4,500 for 6-20 spaces \$7,000 for more than 20 spaces



PERMIT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Overnight Parking Ban – Purpose?

- Protect from student or visitor infiltration?
- Prevent spread from one street to the next?
- Limit parking availability to discourage car ownership?

Resident – Purpose?

- Protect residential streets from overflow parking
- Provide space for those without driveways
- Allow for some accommodation while also allowing for metered or timed parking

Employee Permits

- Limited pool of spaces available
- MacLean Street Yard (90 spaces) cost \$30 per month for employees
- Successful, but lengthy waiting list



STREAMLINE PERMIT SYSTEM

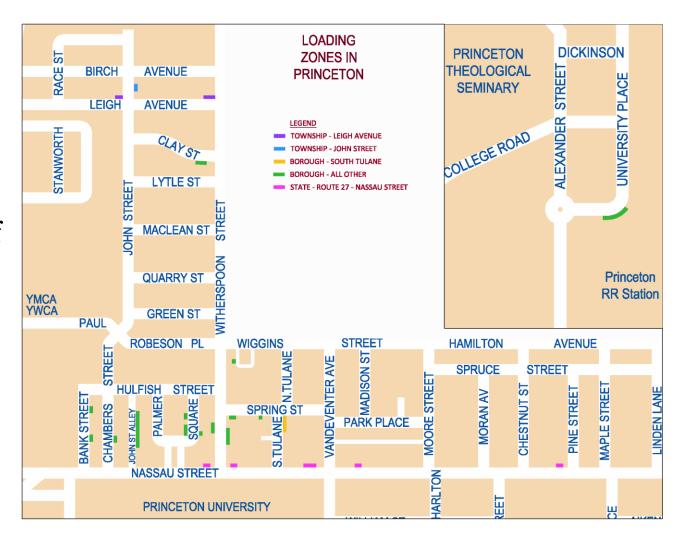
- Readjust permit system to meet Parking Study goals
- Evaluate:
 - # of permits allowed
 - Pricing
 - Eligibility zones
 - Time zones of exemptions





SIMPLIFY LOADING/DROP OFF ZONES

- 15 minute zones
- Loading Zones
- Drop-off zones
- Bus Stops
- Tour Bus Drop Off





SUPPORTING STRATEGIES

People First: Safe transportation for everyone.





Connectivity: Improve access by adding key connections.









Bicycle Friendly: Support regional bicycle travel.



Transit Accessible: Accommodate growth through efficient transit.



Networked District: Link the district using technology and placemaking.



Zoning: Encourage mix of uses, minimize parking requirements, require shared parking







REPORT AND PLAN

Demand Management

- Pricing
- Time Limits
- TDM
- Pedestrian access
- Signage

Administration

- Permit programs
 - Governance
 - Management structure
 - •Enforcement

Supply Expansion

- Striping efficiencies hared parking
- Additional offstreet supply



A Suite of Strategies:

- Cost to implement
- Long-term costs
- Required approvals
- Time frames
- Responsible parties







Thank You!

