2015 OTAPS Work Group Recommendations

Parking Management Goal	#	Parking Management Tool Considered by OTAPS Work Group	2015 OTAPS Work Group Recommendation (Majority)	Minority Comments	Notes	Budget Impact
Encourage short term visitors to park in metered areas rather than residential blocks	1	Maximum Time Limit for Meters	(1) Extend maximum time limit for meters _west_ of Alfred Street from 2 to 3 hours* (OTAPS WG motion - 4/29) (2) Extend maximum time limit for meters _east_ of Alfred Street from 2 to 3 hours.		Part 1 of this recommendation as already been implemented.	Low
	2	End Time for Meters	(1) End meter times at 7 pm for meters _west_ of Alfred Street (OTAPS WG motion - 4/29) (2) No change to the end time for meters _east_ of Alfred Street.	Two WG members were not suppportive of ending meters times at 7 pm for any location in the study area since this would decrease turnover in the evening.		High
	3	Ticket fees	Reduce the ticket fees for meter violations, but maintain the current fee for residential parking violations.		New tool discussed 6/24/15	Medium
	4	Meter rates	No change to the meter rates recommended.		New tool discussed 6/24/15	N/A
Encourage long term visitors to use transit and park in off-street garages and surface lots	5	Garage/Surface Lot Pricing and Payment	(1) Adjust the pricing of the City garages and surface lots to be less than the cost of parking at a meter. (2) Reduce the rates at City garage and surface lots on weekends and evenings. (3) Make City owned surface lots available for long term parking and coordinate the hours of operation with the meters hours. (4) Coordinate operations, maintenance, and policies of facilities between City departments.			High
	6	Wayfinding	(1) Provide/promote digital wayfinding with parking garage information through mobile apps and websites and maintain a current City parking map. (2) Direct staff to add additional parking wayfinding signage consistent with the City's Wayfinding Plan guidelines. (3) Explore adding appropriate real-time information for garage signs.			High
	7	Information and Marketing	Direct staff to work with Visit Alexandria and AEDP to provide better marketing of transit and parking options available in the City, including the City's Pay by Phone feature.			Low
	8	Employee Parking and Transit Programs	(1) Provide more off-street parking options for City employees on the waitlist by increasing the number of monthly garage spaces in City garages or applying the City's garage subsidy to private garages. (2) Direct staff to help facilitate coordination with private garage owners for garage spaces and promoting transit programs for private employers.	Some WG members did not support subsidizing employee parking. Some WG members supported increasing transit benefits, although the majority did not think the cost would create a significant change in behavior for employees.		Medium to High
	9	Transit Service	(1) Explore adding morning trolley hours and reducing headways. (2) Optimize DASH routes operating in Old Town. (3) Optimize transit fare policy in Old Town with consideration of a fare free transit zone.		New tool discussed 8/13/15	Low
Preserve parking on residential blocks for residents and guests	10	Pay by Phone Payment in Residential Areas	Implement a pilot program for adding a pay-by-phone payment requirement for residential blocks following public engagement with the residents of the proposed blocks. The pay-by-phone payment requirement would not apply to residents of the district where that block is located nor would apply to those resident's guests.	One WG member supported a staff initiated pilot program because they felt it could be more successful and provide data needed to encourage other blocks to apply this tool.	Many WG members supported the use of this tool, but felt it was appropriate to ensure the process for the pilot program was initiated by residents.	Low
	11	Resident Only Parking	Do not implement resident only parking.	Some WG members supported this recommendation as a way to ensure parking for residents.		N/A
	12	Restrictions on New Development	No universal restriction be placed on the availability of residential parking permits in new residential developments in districts 1-5 and each DSUP be considered on its own merits with respect to the issuance of residential parking permits. (OTAPS WG motion 5/27)	Some WG members did not support this recommendation since they felt it was not responsive to the City Council's request for guidance, was not equitable to residents of new developments, and changed the existing practice of allowing residents of new developments to be eligible for residential parking permits.		Low
	13	Limit Residential Parking Permits	Do not limit the number of residential parking permits.	Two WG members were supportive of limiting the number of residential parking permits.		N/A
	14	Residential Parking Permit Fees	Maintain the current residential parking permit fees for the first and second vehicle registered to a household but increase the fee for any additional vehicles.	Two WG members were concerned about this recommendation as they saw the increase in permit fees as a financial burden on households with three or more registered vehicles		Low
	15	Time limits for residential permit parking districts	Amend the City Code to allow one hour parking as an option for residents to request through the residential permit parking district process.	Some WG members were concerned about use of this tool without clear criteria for when and where to allow it. Widespread implementation of one-hour time limits on residential blockfaces could create additional parking issues by severely limiting parking options for visitors requiring one to two hours of parking.	If this tool was approved, it would still require residents to initiate the request and review by the TPB. As part of that review, staff would evaluate whether the location and occupancy trends warranted shorter time period.	Low
	16	Adjust district boundaries	Reexamine current district boundaries to determine if a smaller district adjacent to King Street would be appropriate.		New tool discussed 6/24/15	Low
	17	Staff initiated process for amending/changing residential permit parking districts	No change to the process for amending/creating residential permit parking districts	One WG member felt a staff initiated process -- in parallel to the existing resident-initiated process -- would allow for more consistent parking regulations block-to-block that would be less confusing to residents and visitors alike.	New tool discussed 6/24/15	N/A
Encourage compliance at meters and in residential parking districts	18	Enforcement	(1) Increase funding to modernize citation/enforcement equipment (2) Increase funding to support additional PEOs (3) Reinstate the adjudication process (OTAPS WG motion 5/27)			High