

November 19, 2014 Public Forum on Parking: Key Comments

Garages

- Main likes: 2-hour free and the Marketplace Garage
- Main dislikes: Dark/dirty/safety issues
Unclear signage and cost

On-Street Meters

- Main likes: Convenient/close to destination
- Main dislikes: Smart meters too expensive; enforcement at new meters too late; unsafe for cyclists

Top Improvements – Top Picks

- More signage: **29** Bike parking: **27** More technology: **14** More security in garages: **12**
- Comments: Need wayfinding from garages to popular destinations; expanded and more frequent public transport options; safe, continuous bike lanes

Should we increase parking spaces downtown?

- Yes – 4 No – 26
- Comments: Need to better utilize private spaces; need shuttles; require parking with housing projects and new developments

Should we reinvest parking revenue in downtown improvements?

- Yes – 32 No – 2
- Comments: Invest in bike lanes and transit improvements

Should we offer parking and transportation discounts if you shop or work downtown?

- Yes – 18 No – 10
- Comments: Yes to transit and alternative commuting, no to parking; employers, not the City, should offer discounts

Should we work with private owners to make parking available evenings and weekends?

- Yes – 37 No – 0

Tell Us What You Think – Top Picks

Can always find a space: **18** Prefer to bike, but feel unsafe riding on the road: **18**

Can find a space, but have to circle: **15** Prefer to bike, but no facilities for my bike/me: **bike- 13, me-9**

- To a lesser extent: “I can find a space in a garage, but it’s a long walk,” “I can find a space but hate to pay,” and “I’m less worried about price than knowing there’s a space when I arrive”

When I go downtown, I park my car – Top Picks

Various downtown on-street spaces: **17** Marketplace Garage: **15** Lakeview or College: **9**
City Market and behind: **6**

When I go downtown, I visit – Top Picks

Church Street: **17** City Market: **12** City Hall Park area (not including the Flynn): **12**