

# DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

### **GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

The City of Franklin and the Volkert Consultant Team conducted an Open House Public Meeting on the Downtown Parking Study on April 10, 2017 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in Franklin City Hall. The Open Meeting was framed around four focus areas to solicit public reaction, comments, feedback, and opinions on existing and future parking challenges and opportunities within the Study Area:

1. **Existing Conditions** for On-street, Garage, and Surface Lot parking within the Study Area.
2. Draft of a **Striping Plan for On-street Parking** spaces within the Historic Core subarea of the Study Area.
3. **Existing Parking Challenges** within the Study Area.
4. **Future Programs and Practices** for Parking within the Study Area.

The following written summary provides highlights provided from the Existing Parking Challenges Station and the Future Programs and Practice Station. These two stations were the two primary public input and comment stations, while the Striping Plan Station and the Existing Conditions stations were primarily informational. Additional public comments are presented directly in the Appendix. The Meeting Summary Appendix contains the Public Meeting Announcement/Flyer, comment cards from the meeting, images of the public input boards, and the sign-in sheets.

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### **EXISTING PARKING CHALLENGES STATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- More parking is needed north of Main Street. Many people mentioned a potential good location for a garage might be where the surface lot is behind Starbucks.
- Church Street is very narrow and hard for cars to park on the street and allow for cars to drive through.
- Several people mentioned eliminating on-street parking on Main Street.
- One person mentioned only allowing short term parking on Main Street (30 minutes to an hour) for people going to the shops/stores on Main Street.
- Some people didn't like the 4 hour limit for parking spaces. They mentioned it was too long of a time period.
- Employee parking is an issue in terms of location, numbers, and time.
- Some people thought metered parking should be considered, but others disagreed.

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES HIGHLIGHTS**

- The most noted focus area was Alternative Modes. Most feedback revolved around ride-sharing (Lyft/Uber) or increased transit opportunities.
- Multiple comments related to concerns over downtown becoming a "tourist only zone." Some expressed concerns that parking issues were contributing to Main Street transitioning away from locally owned businesses.
- The parking ambassador program generated interest from numerous public meeting participants. Consensus formed around making enforcement friendlier and less punitive.

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- The public meeting participants were evenly divided on the factors that are most important when parking, with the Free+Available Option tied with Convenient+Available Option as the most preferred.
- There is interest in integrating valet parking as part of the overall parking solution. However, there were some who disagreed.

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### APPENDIX

#### Public Meeting Announcement & Flyer

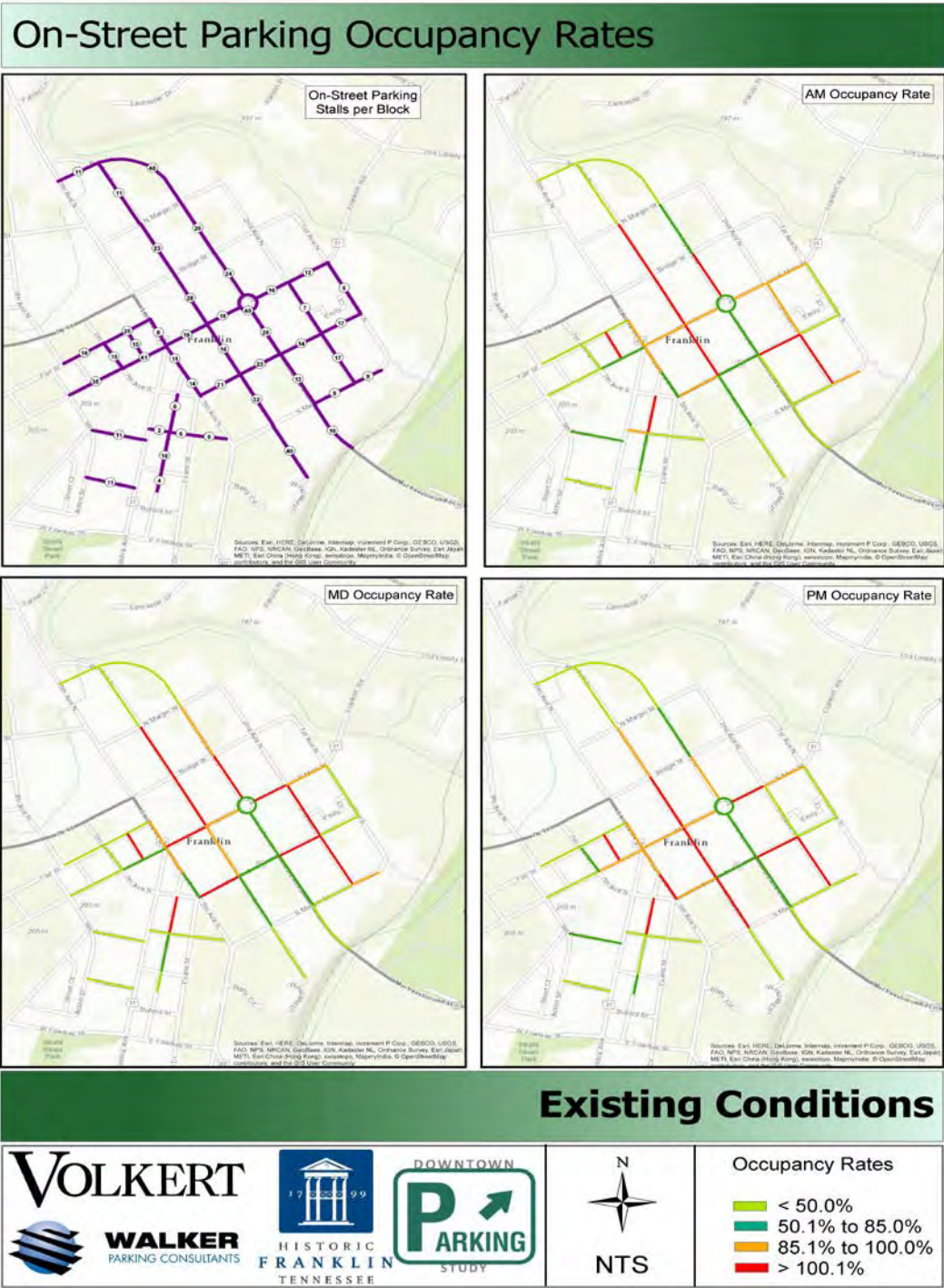




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### Public Meeting Boards



## Hot Spot On-Street Parking Occupancy Rates

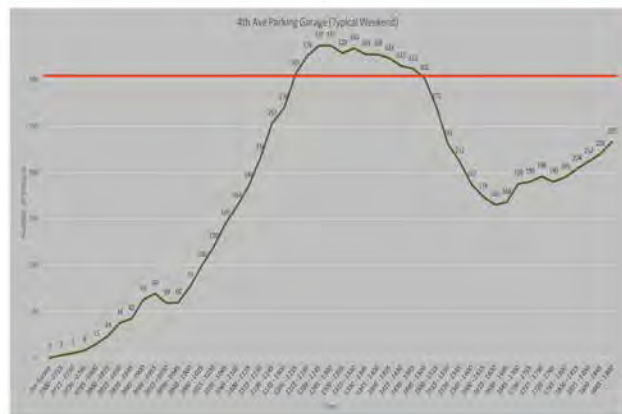
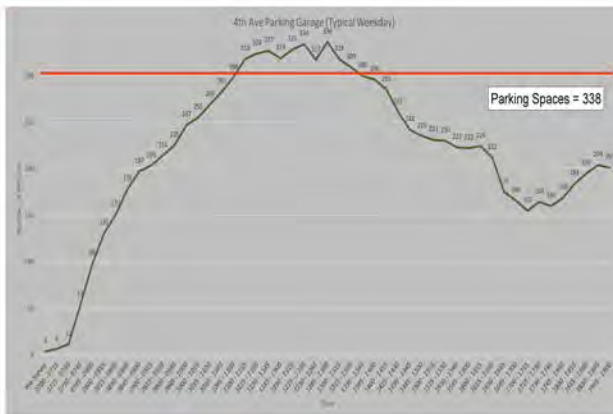
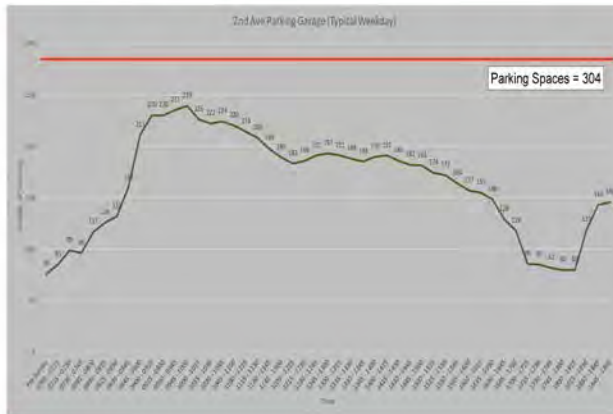




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### Parking Garage Occupancy Counts



Existing Conditions

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## Tell us about Franklin's parking challenges



Capacity
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Growing Employee  
Parking Needs



## Safety



- ① Safety is a **PRIORITY** to **avoid** some drivers part w/ little distance between cars for exiting/emergency parallel spots
- ② drivers appear to race/speed up/down sources in search of spots in **lanes of occupancy** will stop
- ③ Worth of parallel spots on an issue sets w/ **change of priority** w/ **distance to traffic**



### Convenience



The city may want to review the quantity of handicap spots

Naomi Battagay  
425 Bremen Church of Christ  
(571) 246-9764  
douglassbattagay@gmail.com

Need multi - bed  
garage behind Steinhilber  
on 5th Avenue entrance  
with explanation for that  
on Sunday morning

Finish Sidewalks  
and Bike Lanes  
on 96 to  
allow for parking  
down/walkability for  
Homes and neighborhood



### Cost/Duration (Time Limits)



For structured parking -  
Main St. Square - one block  
on each direction  
Use trees on either side of  
- 2nd city parking garage  
that is free

The 4 HR Time zone allows guests to enjoy a meal and sleep. Employees should park in other places other than the street side parking if parking for 4 hrs.

STARBUCK  
LOT IS NOT  
MONITORED  
CURRENTLY

- put down fuel pulling hoses
- used to be 3 hoses
- had engine on side of tank
- a tank on - engine on
- dedicated fuel hose pulling
- 15000 gal tank on side
- fuel tank on side of tank
- fuel tank on side of tank
- fuel tank on side of tank



### Parking User Issues:

## Employees

LOTS OF PARKING  
IS TAKEN BY  
EMPLOYEES

## Customers



## Touris

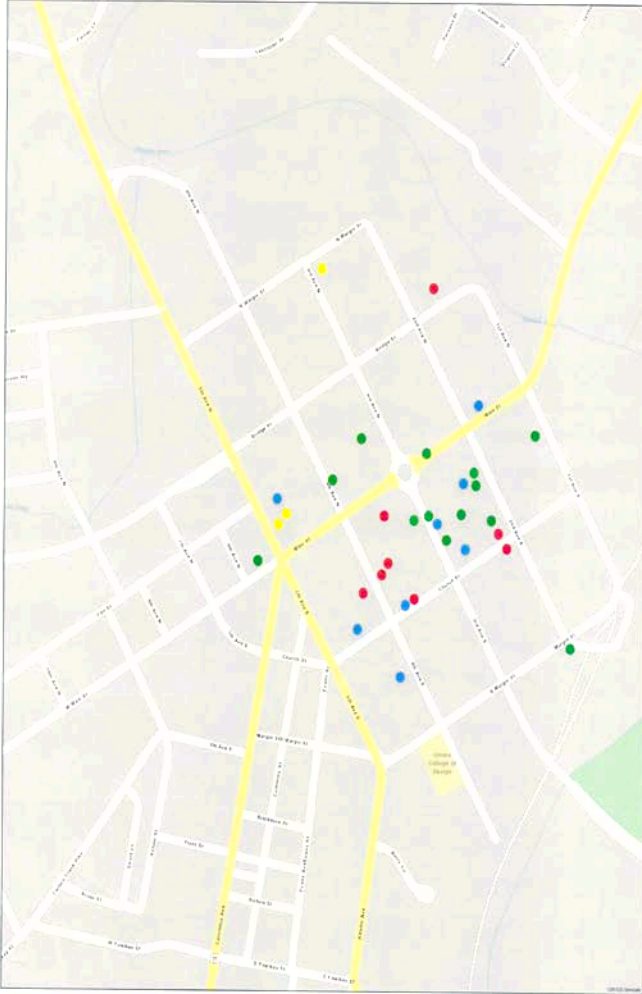
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travellers ~~transport~~  
transport people  
throughout the  
Hidre Dornstone garden  
District.

- Information for Court House
- Individuals for 1st summer
- He has parking providing
- looking to build for parking
- no wrong turns
- Affordable Ohio parking
- for employees who would be
- also include business districts

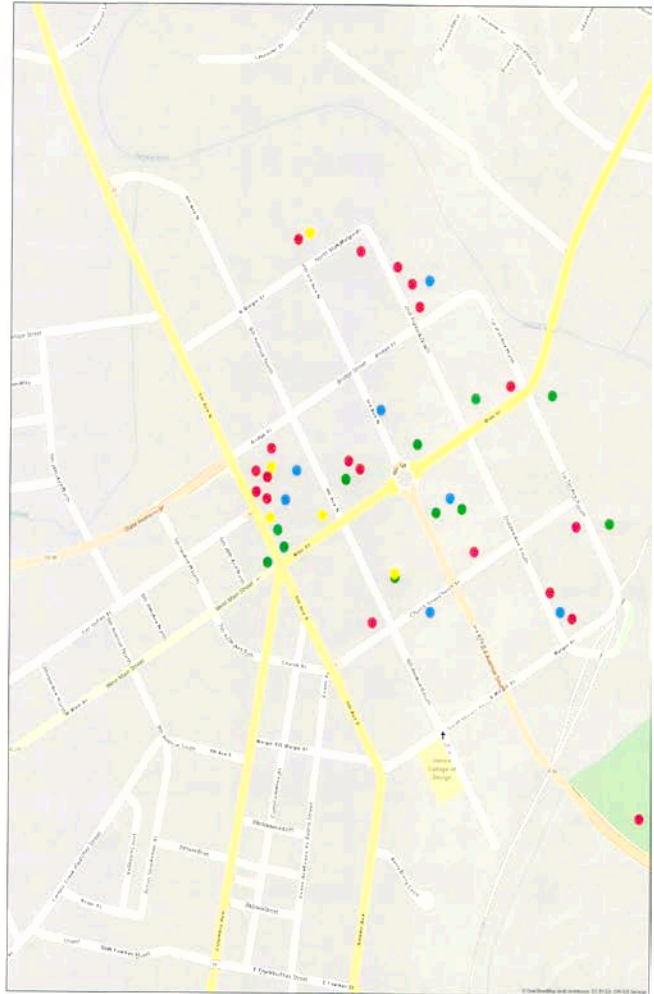
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Where do you currently park?



Tell us where additional parking is needed

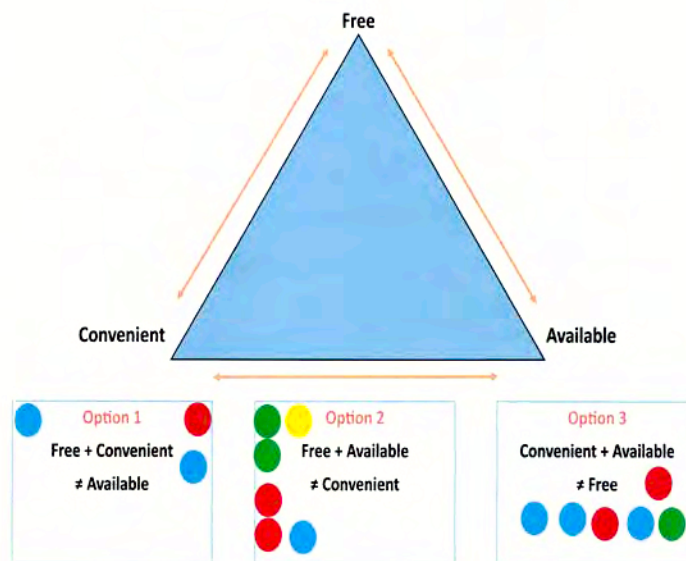


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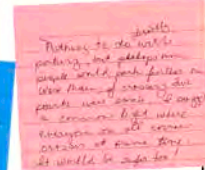
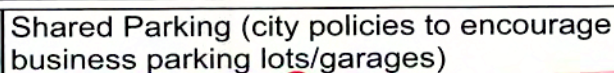
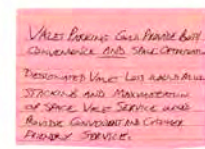
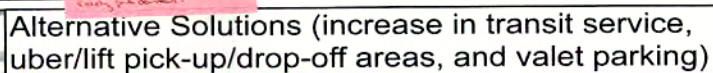
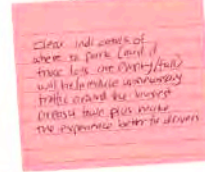
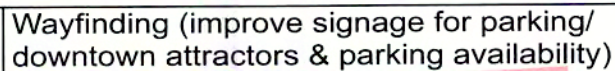
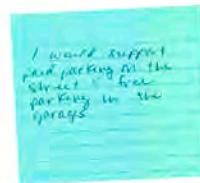
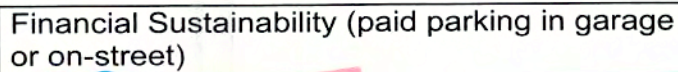
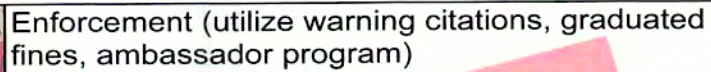
### The Parking Triangle:

Which option do you prefer when you park?





## Future Parking Programs & Projects



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SAFE | PROFESSIONAL  
ECONOMICAL

  
RIDESIMPLY

Ride Simply suggestion for valet  
private parking lot, not for  
restaurants, or business.  
mobile app for valet request.  
Please call: 615.604.0881  
CEO - Virginia Walker



### COMMENTS

NAME/ORGANIZATION: C.J. MCADAMS

EMAIL/CONTACT: cj-mcadams@hotmail.com

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK: THANK YOU FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OPINIONS.  
ON STREET PARKING IS NECESSARY, BUT CURRENT LINED SPACES SEEM  
TOO LONG. I'M CURIOUS ~~IF~~ <sup>IF</sup> THE SELF PARKING CARS (PARALLEL)  
CAN PARK IN TIGHTER SPACES. ~~IT~~ <sup>IT</sup> SEEMS LIKE YOU COULD FIT MORE  
SPACES BY REDUCING TO 12 FEET OR EVEN 20 FEET LENGTH.

VALET PARKING IN DESIGNATED LOTS WOULD  
ALSO ALLOW MORE VEHICLES STACKED IN  
LOTS TO MAXIMIZE SPACE WHILE PROVIDING  
GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE.

UBER/LYFT DESIGNATED DROP-OFF/PICK UP IS MORE EFFICIENT  
THAN CURRENT STOP ANYWHERE... ESPECIALLY AT PEAK TIMES/DAYS.





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EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

City need to provide land near downtown for work force housing so that workers can either walk or ride a bike to work.

City needs to identify surface parking areas & partner with developers to provide retail on ground floor & parking garages above the ground floor.



### COMMENTS

NAME/ORGANIZATION:

EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

I do not support Valet - a company should not make money off my business they are making money off my spending dollars.





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EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

- Have short term parking for courthouse across street from courthouse along street
- Parking garage behind presbyterian church.



### COMMENTS

NAME/ORGANIZATION:

EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

- check 2nd Ave garage
- employee parking
- look @ city vehicles in garage



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NAME/ORGANIZATION:

EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

Kristy Williams / Downtown Franklin Association  
kwilliams@historicfranklin.com  
I thank the City of Franklin,  
for ALL they do for our community!



### COMMENTS

NAME/ORGANIZATION:

EMAIL/CONTACT:

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

- consider looking @ weight/traffic or closing Main St. parking causing issues on facade
- look @ closing Main St. during festivals/parades

look @ Boulder, Co



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NAME/ORGANIZATION: Carl Baughman

EMAIL/CONTACT: carlb@franklintn.gov

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

Please recommend an improvement for proper travel and/or parking on Cummins Street between Fifth Ave. S. and Church Street. Current southbound width does not simultaneously accommodate both travel and parking. One-way treatment has been rejected by both the Downtown Franklin Association (business group) and the Downtown Neighborhood Association (homeowners group). Thank you!





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