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Parking & Transportation

# BEND PARKING STUDIES: Citywide Parking Study Galveston Corridor







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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Outline of next project phases
- Overview of Citywide Parking Study
- Overview of Galveston Avenue Corridor Parking Study
- PARKING 101 Elements of Great Parking Management
- Q&A
- Next steps

## **Downtown Parking Study**

#### Phase 1: Update existing City Downtown Parking Plan

- Complete, scheduled for Council adoption on June 7
- Carryovers to subsequent phases:
  - City role in managing parking
  - Guiding Principles

## Citywide Parking Study

## Reasons for doing a Citywide Parking Plan:

- Establish clear parking policy
- Implement the Urban Growth Boundary work
- Comply with the Transportation Planning Rule
- Coordinate with MPO work

## The Citywide Parking Plan will:

- Review existing policies and goals
- Sample existing land uses to "right-size" requirements
- Look at best practices in other cities

## Citywide Parking Study Steps

- Sounding Board interviews/meeting (June/July 2017)
- 3 PAT meetings (May, July & August/September 2017)
- Data Collection (June 2017)
- Data Summary (July 2017)
- Draft Goals/Policy Development (July/August 2017)
- Best Practices Summary (July/August 2017)
- Draft Implementation Strategies (July/August 2017)
- Citywide Parking Recommendations (October 2017)

## **Galveston Avenue Corridor Parking Study**

## Reasons for doing a Galveston Avenue Study:

- Council direction
- Perception of problem but no data to define it

#### The Galveston Avenue Study will:

- Provide real data about parking situation
- Listen to the community about their concerns
- Make recommendations for approaches to manage or mitigate parking in and around the corridor

#### Galveston Avenue Corridor Parking Study Steps

- Stakeholder interviews (May 2017)
- Sounding Board meetings (June & July 2017)
- 3 PAT meetings (May, July & August/September 2017)
- Data Collection & Analysis (July 2017)
- Open Houses (June & August 2017)
- Draft recommendations (August 2017)
- Present recommendations to Planning Commission & Council (September 2017)

## Parking 101 Elements of Great Parking Management





**Connecting the Dots for Bend** 

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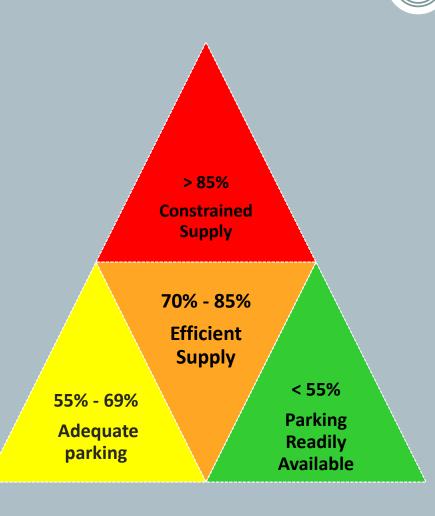
- Use a Limited Resource Efficiently
- A Tool to Enhance Economic Activity
- Create Order and Reduce Anxiety
- Use Parking as a Tool to Encourage Transportation Options
- Maximize/Manage Parking Turnover
- Get the Right People In the Right Parking Space

- On-street parking is finite and highly desired (minimize conflicts).
- Get the right people to park in the right place (on and off-street).
- Customers appreciate it, reduces angst.
- Off-street parking is expensive, so fully maximize what you have.
  - Manage relationship between commercial and residential areas.
- Ground level businesses want turnover (people spending money).

### **Guiding Principles**

- Clearly state priorities and outcomes. Get to Yes.
- Reach consensus on priorities with a representative stakeholder group is extremely important.
- Determine who has priority in the public supply (on-street, off-street, commercial zone/residential zone).
- Make clear the purpose and appropriateness of parking management strategies before implementing.
- Link all strategies directly back to specific Guiding Principle(s)
- The priority for parking by type of stall needs to be clearly stated, not all parkers can be "priority" parkers.

#### 85% Rule



- Most common approach to managing parking supply.
- If supply is constrained: turnover is affected, access is difficult and customer experience is adversely affected.
- If 70% 85%: Supply is robust, accessible, and efficient
- < 69%, parking activity is not supportive of active business.

#### **Good Data**

- Separates perception from reality.
- Let data tell a story.
- Local data is unique to Bend and its dynamics.
- Tie solutions to data.
- Consistent / replicable methodology.
- Good data is essential and the more data you have,
   the better your management decisions will be.

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## The Quick Economics of Parking

### Think of a parking stall as a mortgage payment

SF per stall	Cost per SF to Build	Total cost Per Stall	Financing	Annual Mortgage Payment	Monthly Cost to "Pencil"
GARAGE: 350 SF	\$107 per SF	\$37,450	5% @ 20 years	\$3,432	\$286
SURFACE LOT: 400 SF	\$30 per SF	\$12,000	5% @ 20 years	\$1,416	\$118

- Cost does not include taxes
- Cost does not include operations/maintenance

## Understanding the Value of a Parking Stall

#### **Multi-source Funding Options**

#### Developer/Owner \$\$

- Finance
- LID
- Fees-in Lieu

#### **Customer/Visitor/Guest \$\$**

- Parking Fees (hourly/daily/monthly)
- Surcharges (Events)
- Citations/Fines

\$286 per stall per month

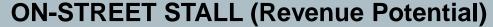
#### **Public Subsidy**

- General Fund
- Bonds
- Urban Renewal

#### **Building Tenant \$\$**

- Buried in Lease Rate
- Tax (parking on business)
- Validations (parking)
- Subsidy to employees

## Understanding the Value of a Parking Stall





1 hour/40 minutes:
 Average duration of stay (Bend, 2016)

 4.8 – 5.0: Estimated daily turnover (Bend, 2016)

#### **Great Communications**

- Commit to marketing, communicating and branding your parking system.
- This will establish a recognizable and intuitively understandable parking message.
- High quality and appropriately placed signage/wayfinding
- Communicate a positive image for the commercial district





## Shared Parking

#### Using What We Have as Well as We Can

- In Bend and other cities, large amounts of parking inventory are in private control/ownership.
- Private control requires private solution (partnership).
- All partners investing in the solution. Solution cannot be solved only in public supply.
- Best carried out through business organization (e.g., peer-to-peer like McMinnville, Gresham, Oregon City).

Survey Day (season)	Peak Hour (Occupancy)	Empty Stalls in Surveyed Supply (extrapolated)	City Garage
Wednesday (Summer)	4:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>917</b> empty stalls	<b>174</b> empty stalls
	(65.4% occupancy)	(1,383 extrapolated)	(< 68% occupied)
Friday	1:00 – 3:00 PM	1,038 empty stalls	156 empty stalls
(Summer)	(60.8% occupancy).	(1,567 extrapolated)	(<71% occupied)
Thursday	3:00 – 4:00 PM	1,067 empty stalls	286 empty stalls
(Spring)	(59.7% occupancy)	(1,611 extrapolated)	(<50% occupied)
Saturday	7:00 – 8:00 PM	1,733 empty stalls	285 empty stalls
(Spring)	(34.6% occupancy)	(2,615 extrapolated)	(<50% occupied)

## Right Sizing Codes

## Regional and national trends indicate municipal codes are requiring more parking than actual demand

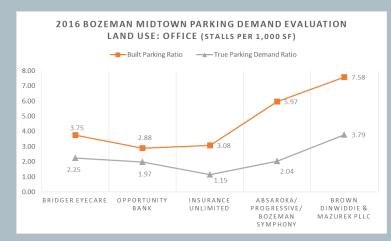
- Code drives what gets built.
- No clear understanding of demand.
- "Demand" is stalls used rather than stalls built.
- Lack of localized true demand data left to use national models that are severely flawed.
- Self fulfilling prophecy (code and appraisal).
- Transitioning to more dense parking in suburban areas will require innovation and partnership.

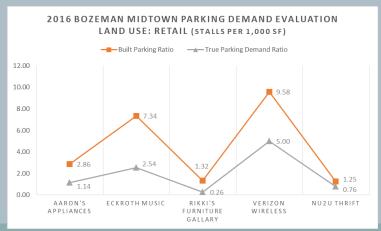
From 2013 King County Right Sizing Parking Developer/Financier Interviews

## Right Sizing Codes

#### Cities that recently right-sized their development standards

- Bellingham, WA
- Bozeman, MT
- Dana Point, CA
- Fargo, ND
- Laguna Beach, CA
- Marquette, WI
- Mercer Island, WA
- Missoula, MT





Q & A

**Thoughts, Ideas, Questions** 

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## THANK YOU!