OLD TOWN AREA PARKING STUDY WORK GROUP

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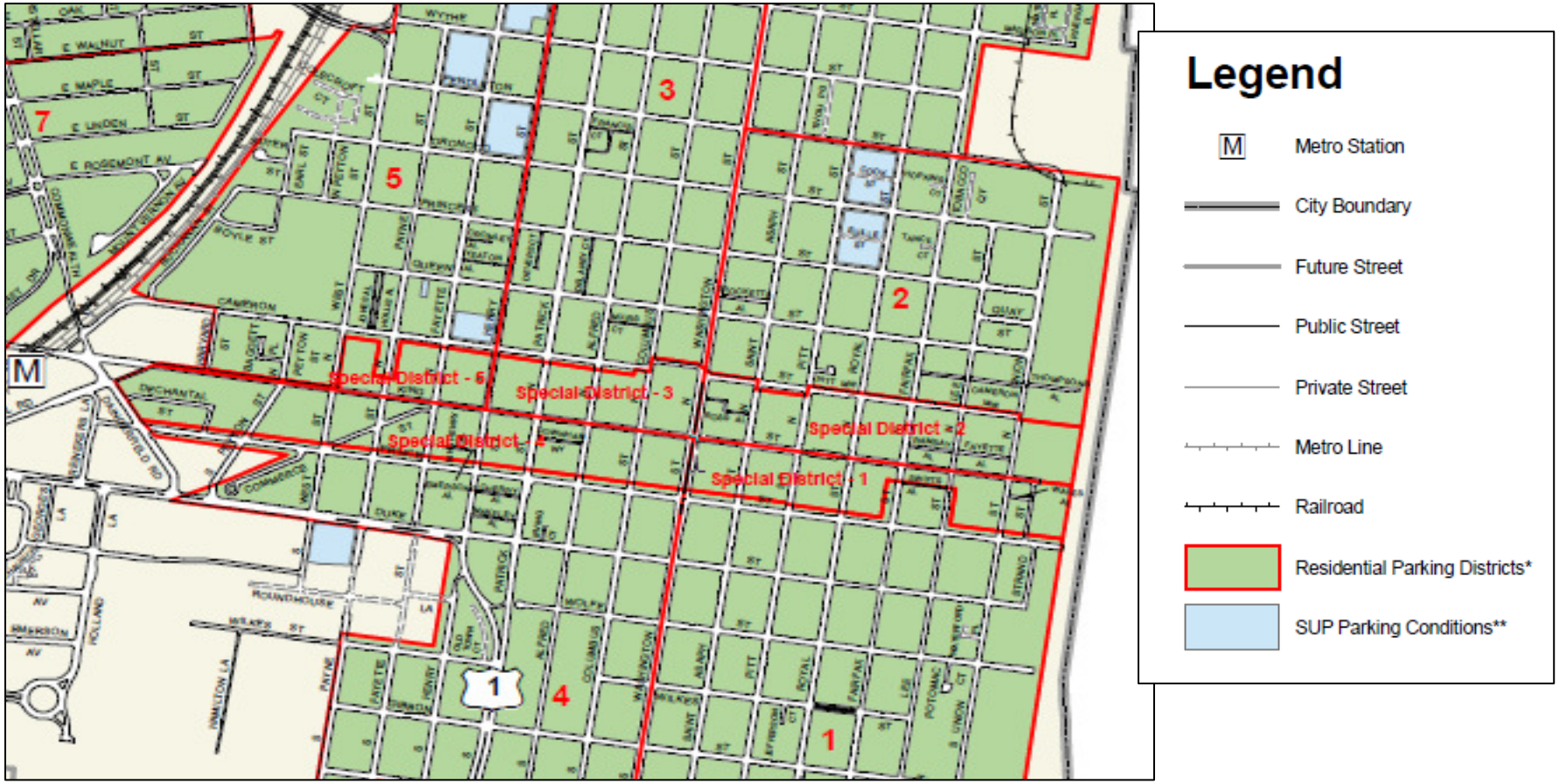

Residential Permit Parking Districts

- Choices of hours and times set by City Code
- Residents can petition City to change durations or inclusion in permit program
- Permit holders are exempt from restrictions
- Residents obtain temporary permits for visitors and guests*

Why Reduce Time Limits For Non-Permit Holders?

- Increased turnover allows residents to find a parking space close to home
- Encourages long-term parkers to use appropriate facilities
- Encourages travel to Old Town by other modes of transportation
- Reduces cruising for “free” parking

Why Put Meters In Residential Areas?

- Encourages long-term parkers to use appropriate facilities
- Increases overall utilization of limited assets (shared parking)
- Increases turnover to allow residents to find a parking space close to home
- Reduces cruising for “free” parking

OTAPS Recommendations

- Decrease allowable parking duration in residential permit districts (p. 46)
- Decrease non-permit holder parking time limit (p. 48)
- Expand metered on-street parking to residential permit areas (p. 48)

What Do Our Neighbors Do?

Jurisdiction	Hours in Effect	Time Limit for Non-Permit Holders	Meters in Residential Neighborhoods
Arlington	Varies	No more than 2 hrs	No
D.C.	7am – 8:30pm or 9pm Mon - Fri	2 hrs	Yes (Columbia Heights)
Annapolis (downtown)	8am – midnight 7 days per week	2 hrs	No
Rockville	8am – 5pm Mon - Fri May vary with approval	None	No

Staff Recommendations

- Decrease allowable parking duration in the residential permit districts within 3 blocks of King Street to one hour for non-permit holders.
- Install multispace meters within the covered study area in the Old Town Area Parking Study.

Group Discussion

Time limits in residential permit districts

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Meters in residential areas

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