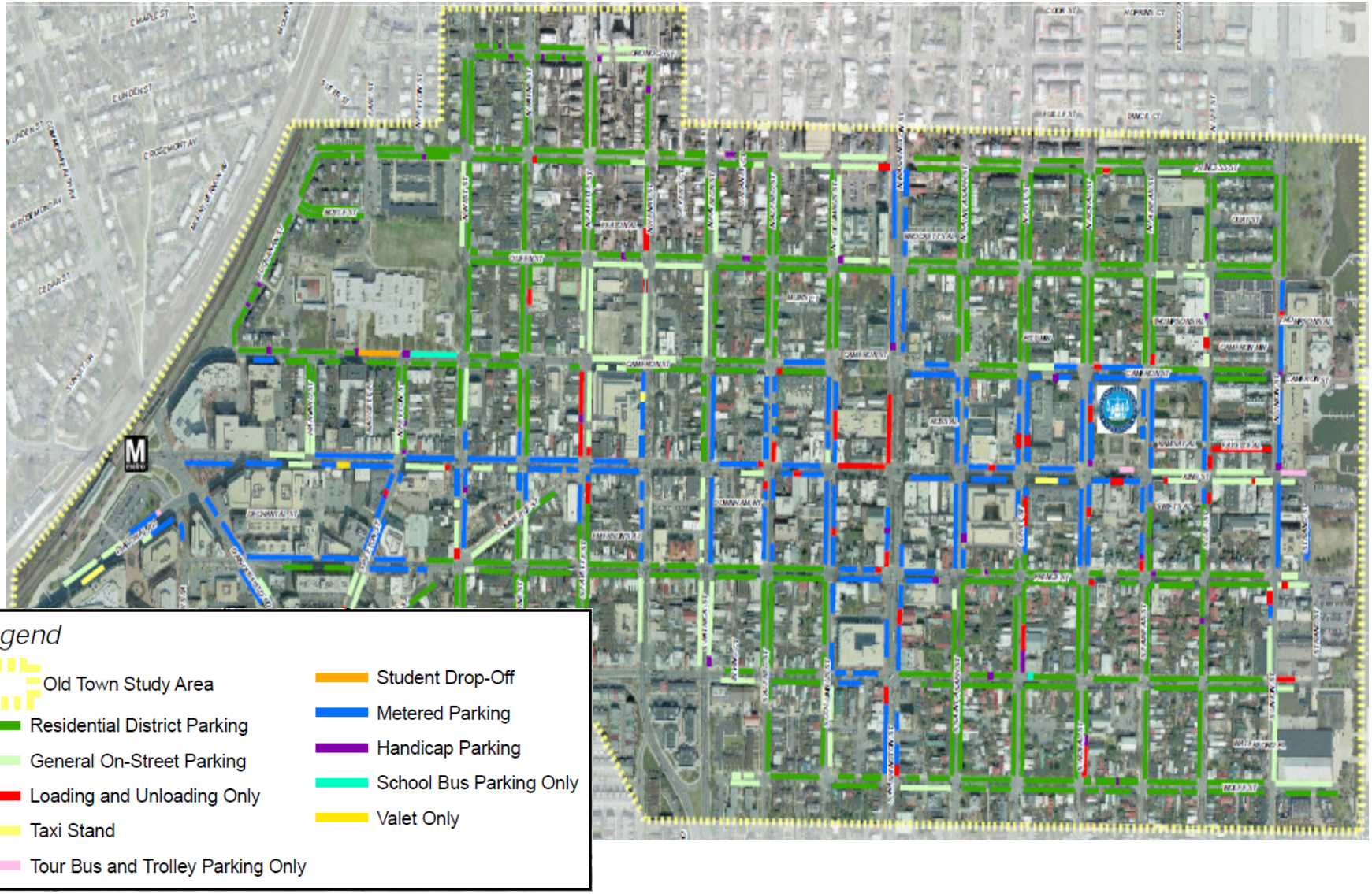
Old Town Area Parking Study Work Group

August 3rd, 2010

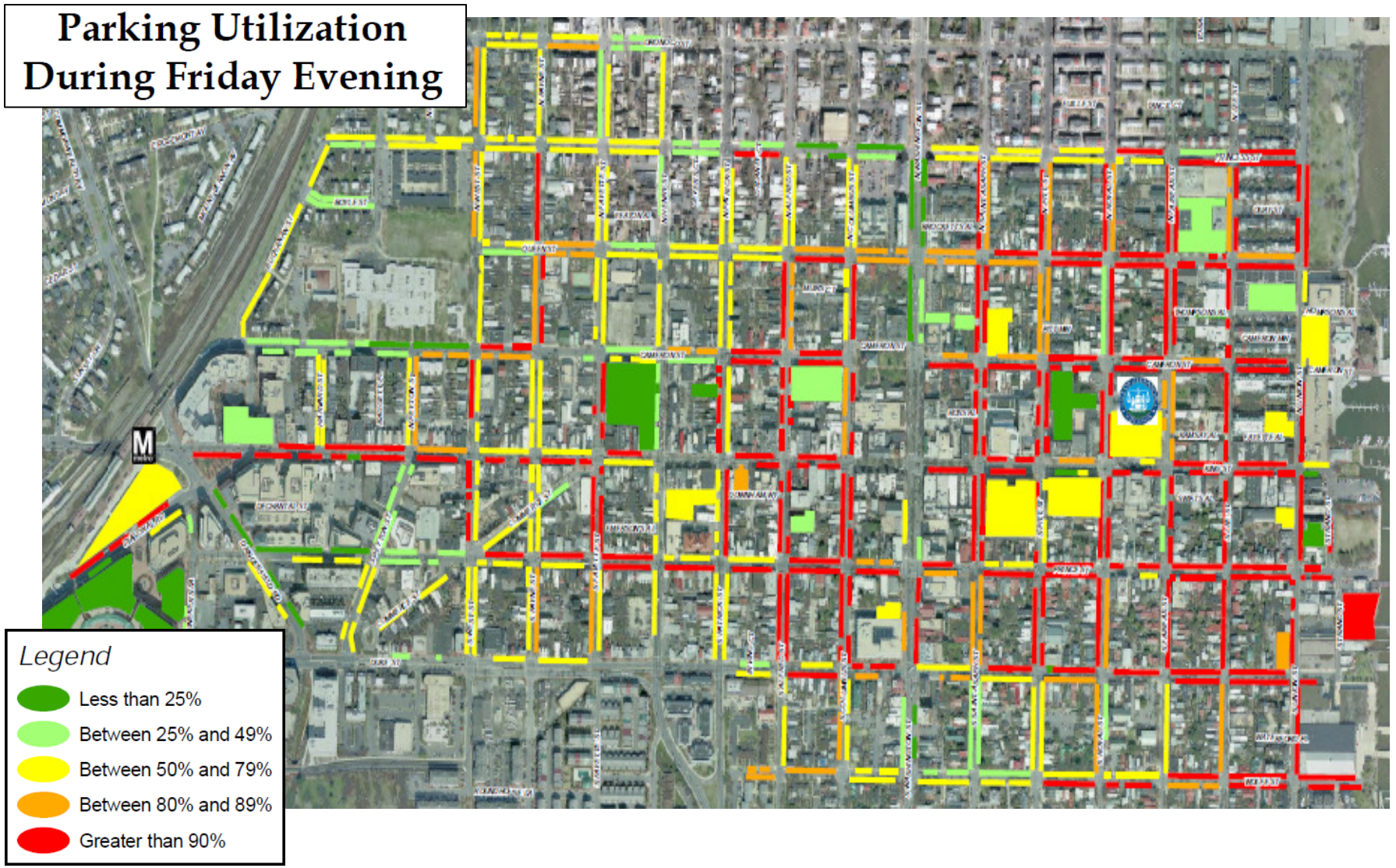
Existing Meters in Commercial Areas



New Meters in Commercial Areas

- Encourages turnover
- Discourages long-term parking
- Improves off-street parking utilization
- Reduces meter use by employees and business owners
- Reduces “cruising”

High Demand Parking Locations



Group Discussion

Recommendation in Parking Study:

Install meters on King St and in side street locations with high demand. (p. 46)

Staff Recommendation:

Install meters on King St and on side streets fronting commercial uses within study area.

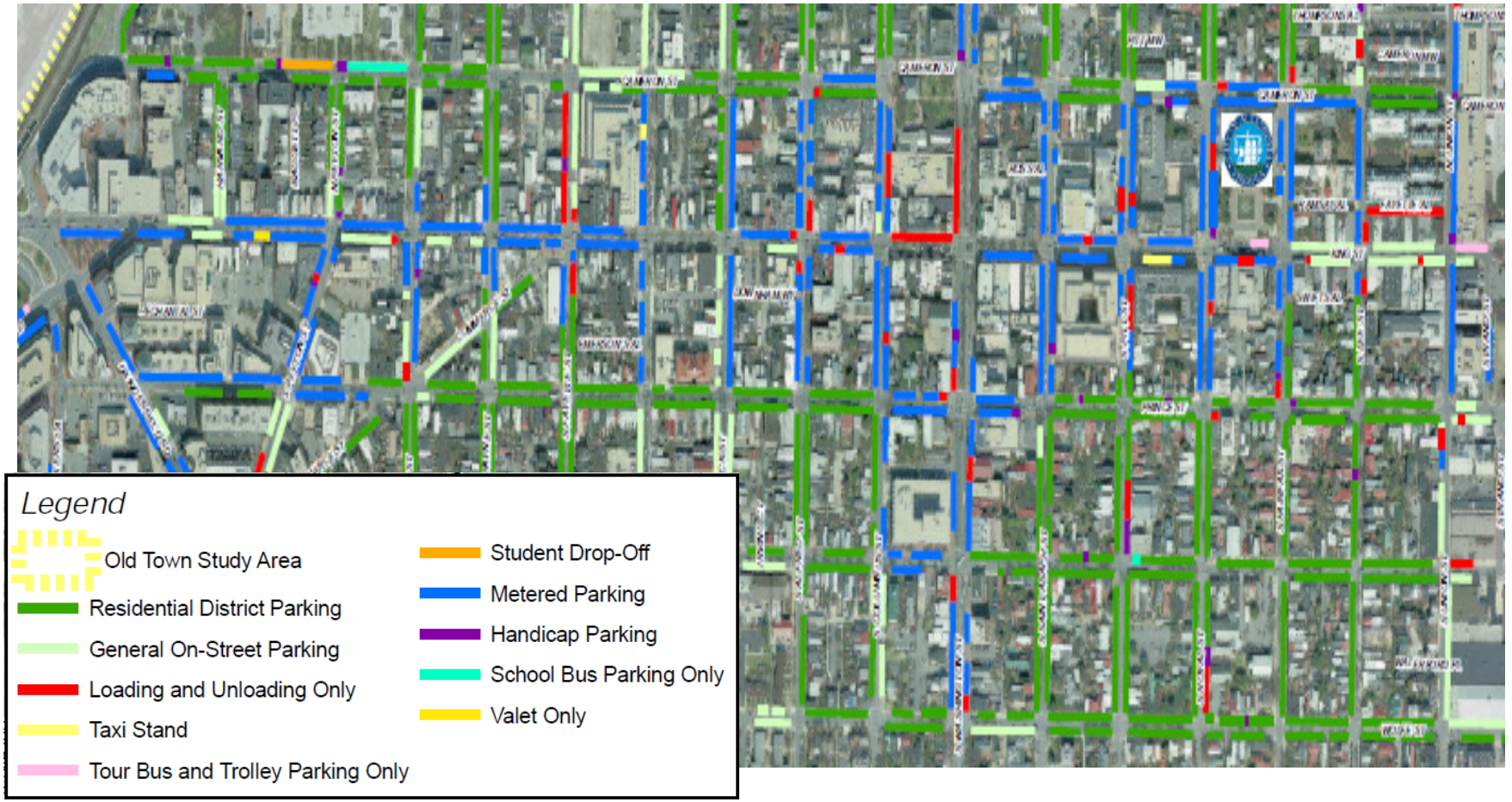
Parking Policy for the Disabled Background

- Metering disabled spaces presented as recommendation in OTAPS (Feb 2010)
- Presented to ACPD (Mar 2010)
- Teleconference between ACPD Transportation Chair and T&ES Director (Mar 2010)
- Discussion with ACPD Board members (May 2010)

Parking Policy for the Disabled Background

- Policy approved by City Council in adopted FY2011 budget (May 2010)
- Public Hearing at Traffic & Parking Board (May 2010)
- Parking Study Area Work Group to discuss recommendation and implementation (Summer 2010)

Existing Designated Disabled Spaces in Metered Area



Existing Disabled Parking Policy

For vehicles with handicap license plates or placards, Code of Virginia:

- Exempts payment of parking meter fees
- Allows parking for up to four hours
- Allows local jurisdictions to set aside exemptions by ordinance

Vehicles in Alexandria displaying handicap license plates or placards are currently exempt from parking fees

Comparison of Disabled Parking Policies

- MD: exempt from meter fees if meter does not meet ADA requirements
- NY: exempt from meter fees with special waiver
- DC: exempt from meter fees for double the meter time
- Bethany, DE: disabled must pay meter fees
- Arlington, VA: disabled must pay meter fees

"All May Park, All Must Pay" Policy

- Proposed ordinance requires payment of parking fees for HC designated vehicles

- Consistent with recommendation in the Old Town Area Parking Study: "Explore the possibility of adding meters to handicap spaces." (p. 50)

Group Discussion & Staff Recommendations

- Designate new disabled spaces
  - Reach 2% of total metered spaces*
- Designate maximum time limit at designated disabled spaces
  - Two hour time limit
  - Four hour time limit*
- Place parking meters accessible to designated disabled spaces
  - Set maximum acceptable distance
  - Install single head meters at disabled spaces*

* Staff recommendation

Group Discussion & Staff Recommendations

- Explore use of parking technologies
  - Multispace meters with disabled receipt*
  - In-vehicle device
  - Individual head meter with credit card option*
  - Pay-by-phone technology

* Staff recommendation

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