OLD TOWN AREA PARKING STUDY WORK GROUP

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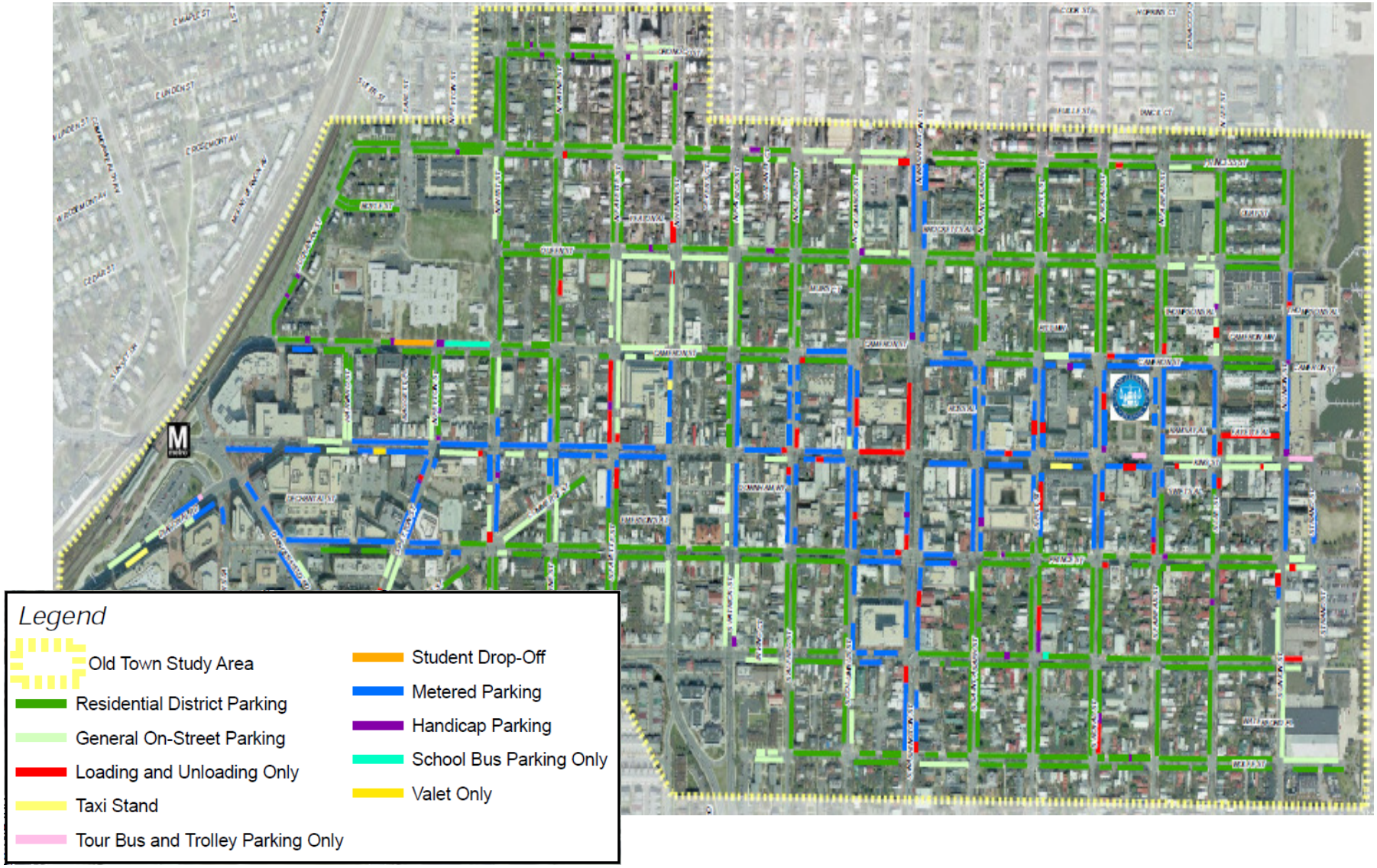
Existing Meters in Old Town Area



Multispace Meters

Pros:

- Provides alternate/convenient means of payment
- Less hardware in pedestrian area
- Less equipment to maintain
- Vandal resistant
- Can hold as many coins as 10-15 single meters (less collection/staff needs)
- Can adjust rates easily

Multispace Meters

Cons:

- Costlier to purchase/install
- Malfunction affects greater number of spaces
- Affects historical aesthetics of Old Town

Multispace Meters

Pay and Display (Receipt in Window)	**Pay by Space (Pay at Meter)**
Provides more parking **- Allows self-spacing**	Limited spaces - Park in set spaces
Requires return trip to car	**Ability to pay and go**
Less maintenance needs **- No painted lines, numbers**	Needs maintenance: painted lines, numbered spaces
Maximizes revenue **- No time "piggybacking"**	Can increase revenue - Reduces "piggybacking"
Requires on-foot PEOs - Increases enforcement time	**Can be monitored remotely for enforcement**

Multispace Meters

Recommendation in OTAPS:

- Install multispace meters to replace coin-operated single-space meters on King Street and in side street locations with high demand. Multispace meters have been shown to accommodate more parked vehicles and provide flexibility for the city to modify parking rates. (p. 46)

Staff recommendations:

- Same as OTAPS using Pay and Display
- Do not install any new single space meters, except in designated disabled spaces.

Variable (Tiered) Parking Rates

- Ability to adjust parking rate dependant on day, time, or utilization
  - Weekends
  - Friday or Saturday nights
  - Event parking
- Encourages parkers to find appropriate parking facilities
- Can be confusing to visitors/users

Variable (Tiered) Parking Rates

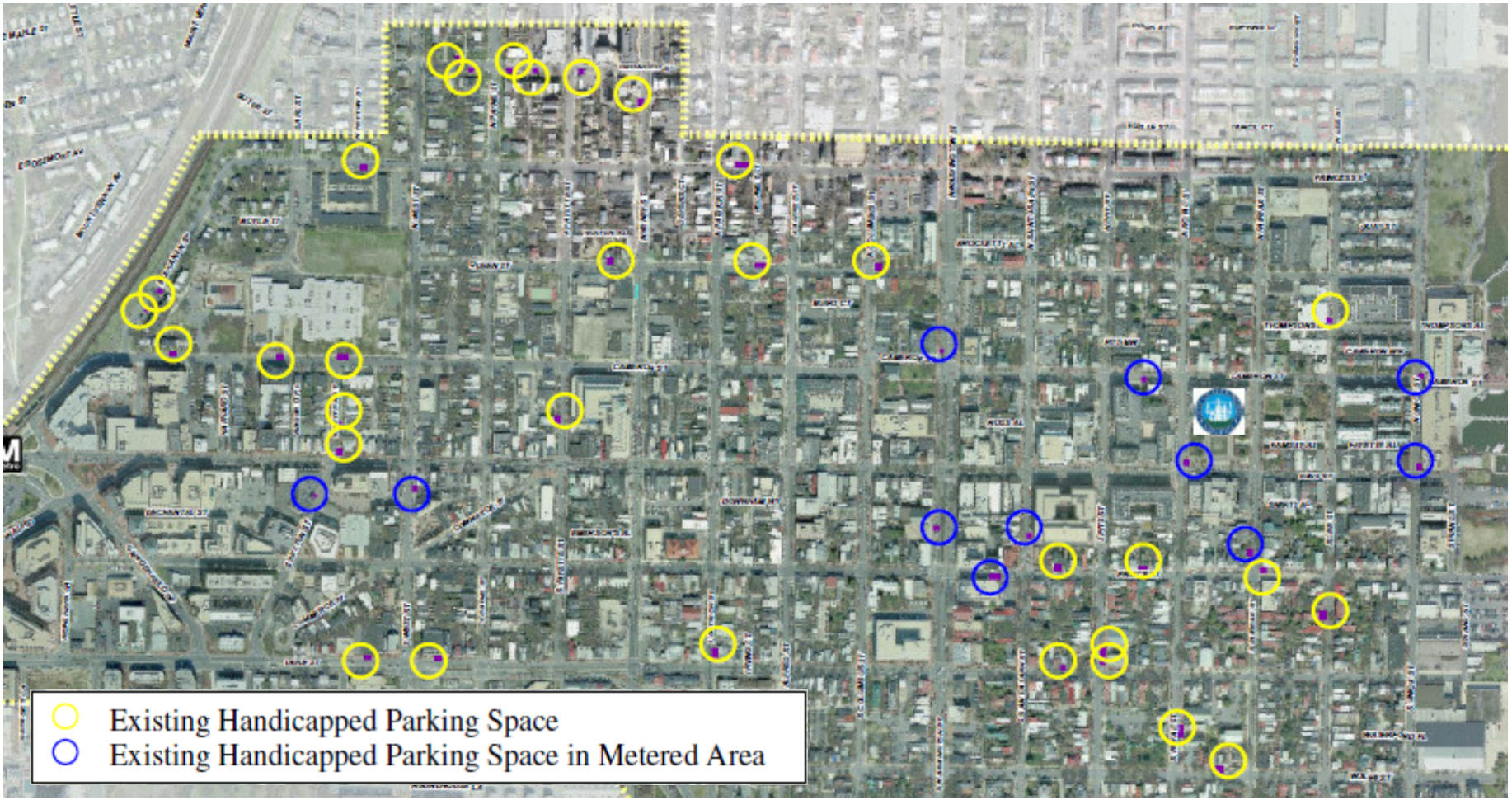
Recommendation in OTAPS:

- Develop and implement a system-wide parking rate structure that encourages parkers to use appropriate parking facilities to meet short- and long-term needs. (pp. 46, 48, 49)

Staff recommendation:

- Do not implement variable parking rates at this time.

Group Discussion

- Multispace meters
  - Pay and Display
  - Pay by Space
  - Prioritization of placement
- Variable parking rates
- Enforcement

Existing HC Spaces in Metered Area