

Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group



Meeting 3: July 31, 2012
City Hall Room 2000
5:30 to 7:30 PM



Agenda

- 1) Issues
- 2) Findings by District
- 3) Potential Strategies
- 4) Staff Recommendations
- 5) Group Discussion
- 6) Public Comment



Issues

❑ **Residential Parking**

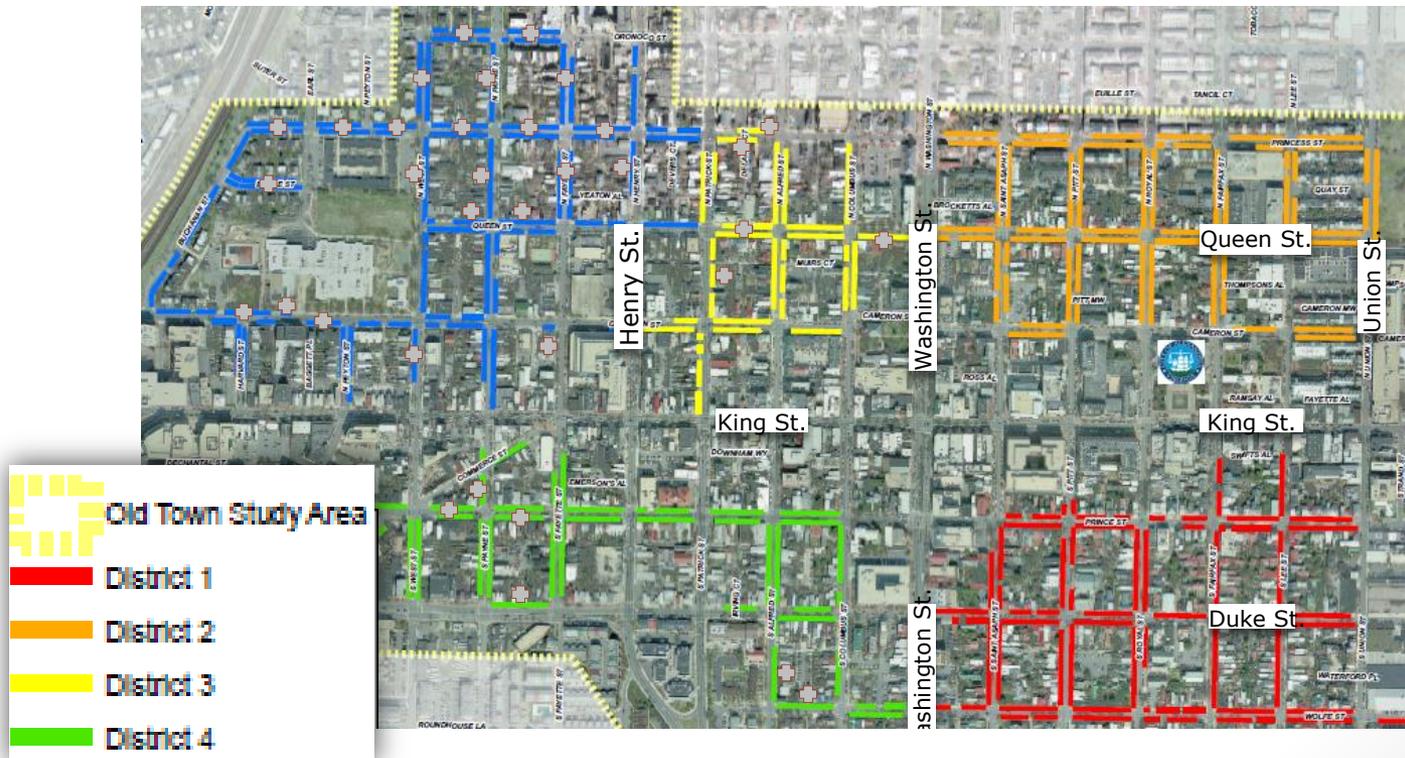
- During certain times of the day there is not adequate parking for residents

❑ **Commuter/Employee Parking**

- Long-term parkers (employees/commuters) park on residential streets

Factors for Consideration

- ❑ Maintaining balance between visitor and residential parking
- ❑ Adequate parking must be provided to support businesses





Factors for Consideration

- ❑ Spillover of visitor parking will shift further from King Street
- ❑ Future Waterfront development will impact on-street parking in Districts 1 and 2
- ❑ Practical capacity



Residential Parking Permit Sample Survey

Weekday(Non-Friday)

- 10 AM to 12 PM
- 5 PM to 7 PM
- 10 PM to 12 AM

Friday

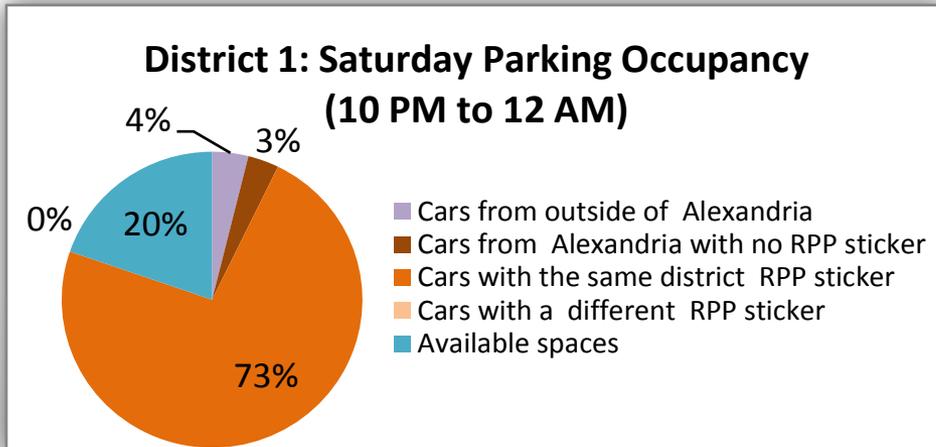
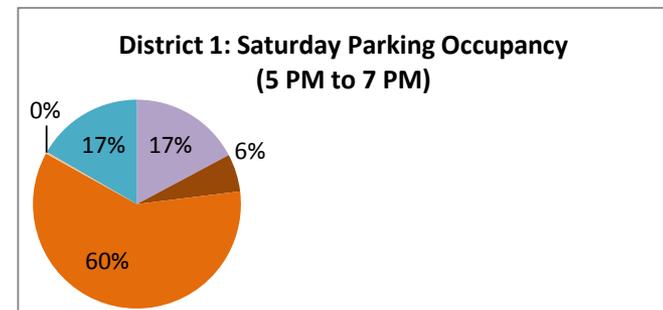
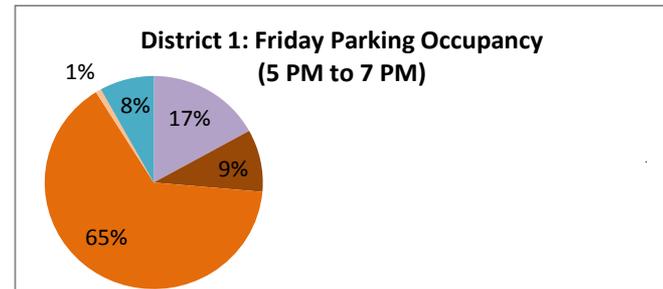
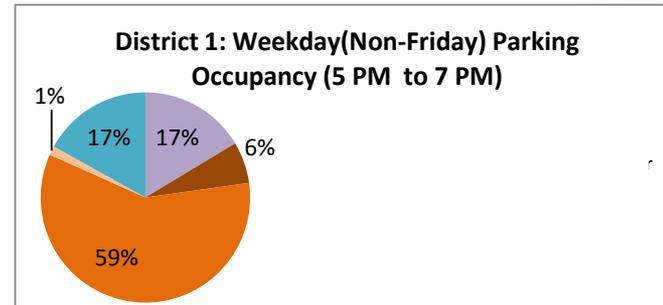
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Saturday

- 10 AM to 12 PM
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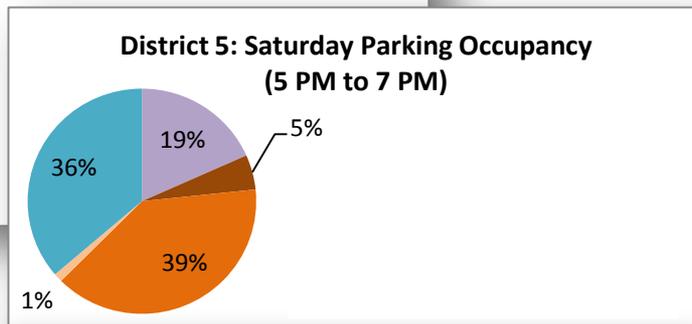
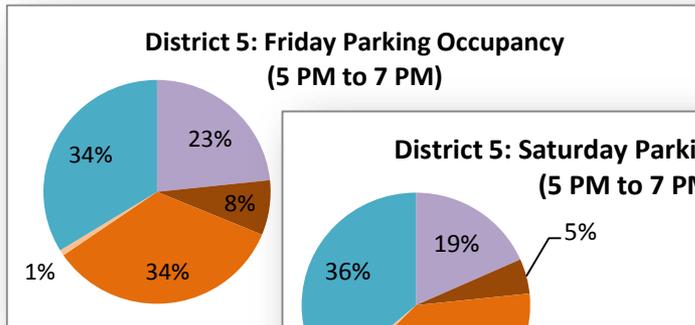
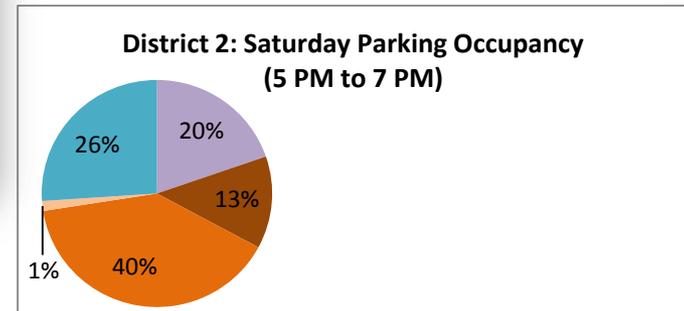
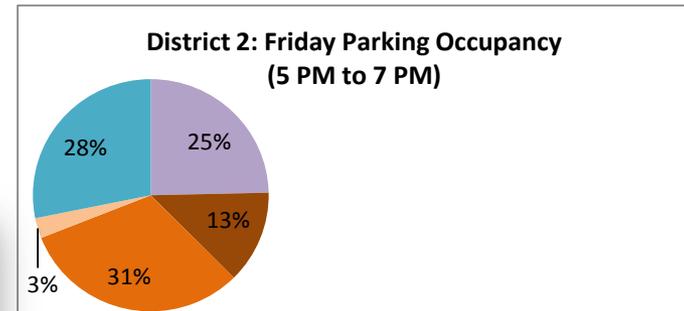
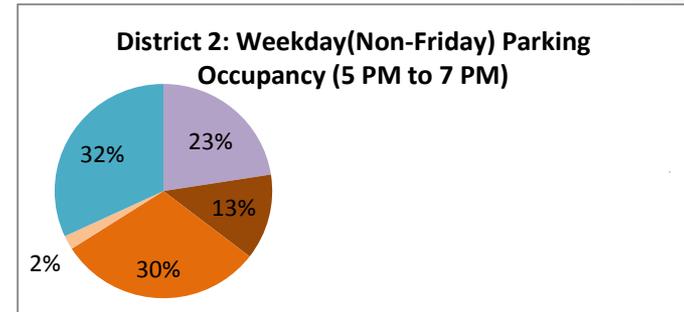
Survey Findings: District 1

- ❑ Parking approaches practical capacity at certain hours of the day
- ❑ 59-75% of parkers have District 1 RPP stickers



Survey Findings: Districts 2 & 5

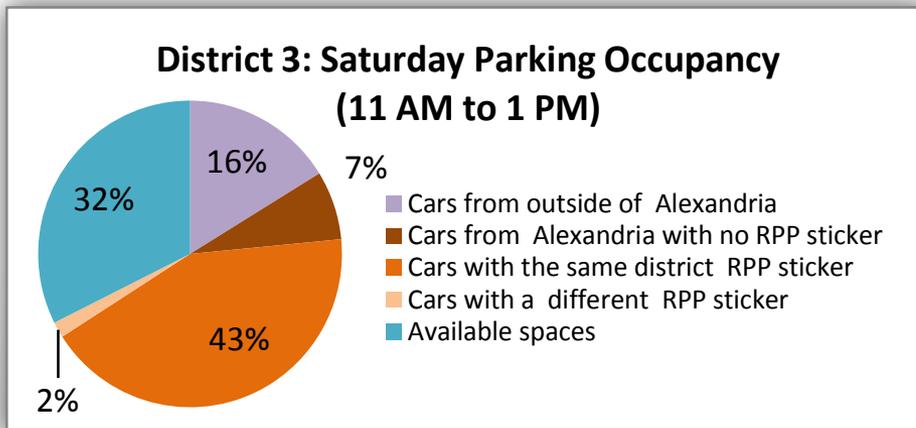
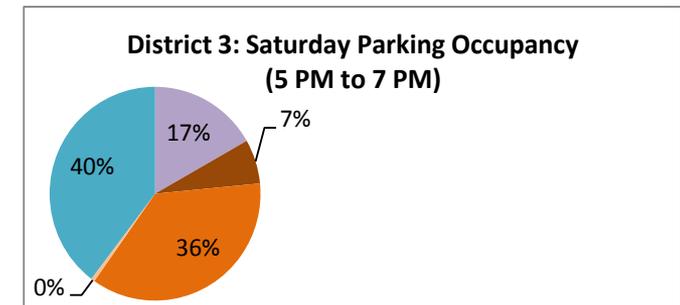
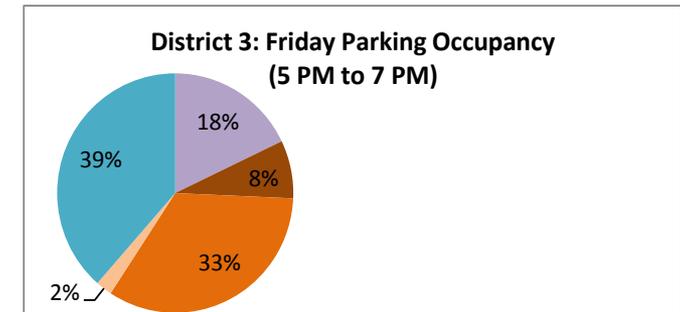
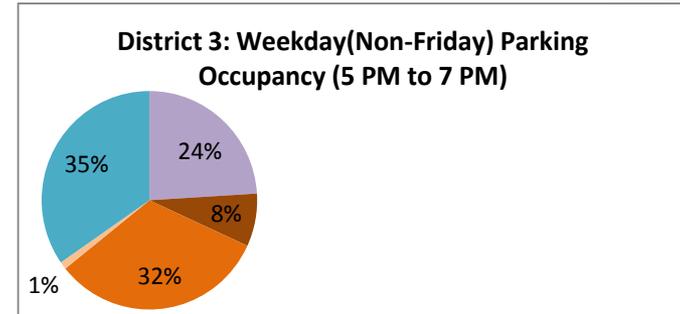
- ❑ At least 25% of spaces are available during the 5-7 PM peak occupancy hour
- ❑ Balance between resident and visitor parking



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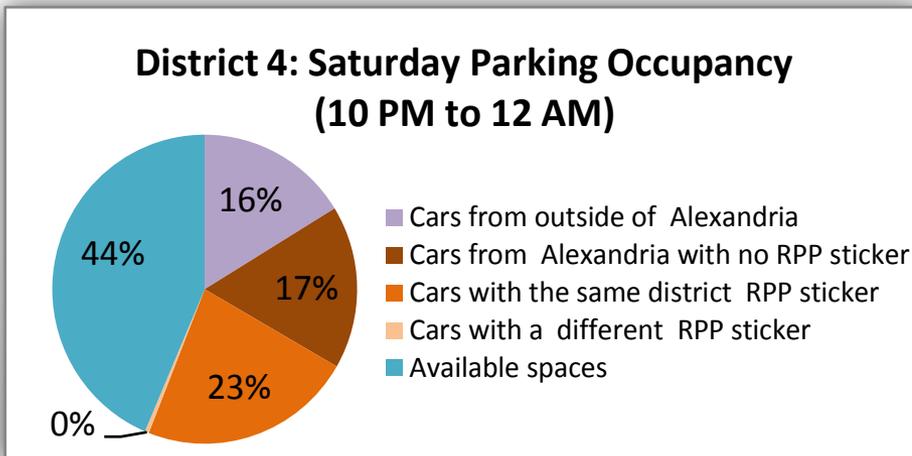
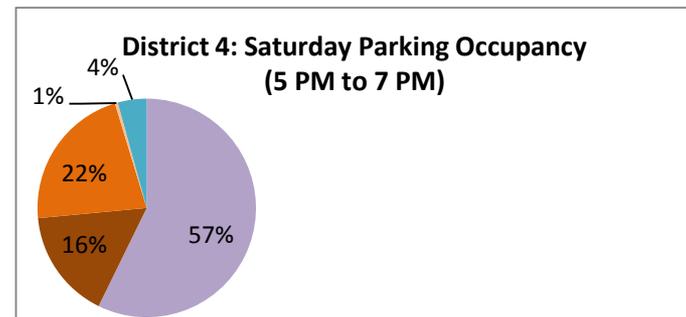
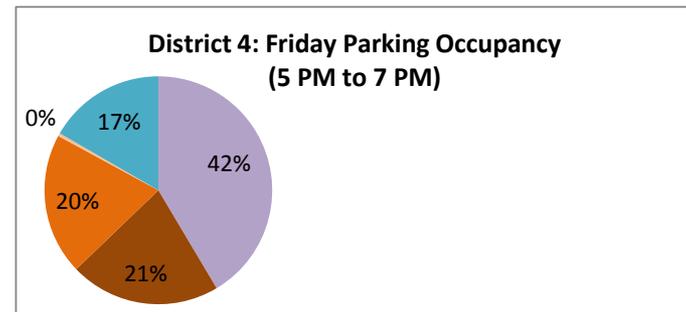
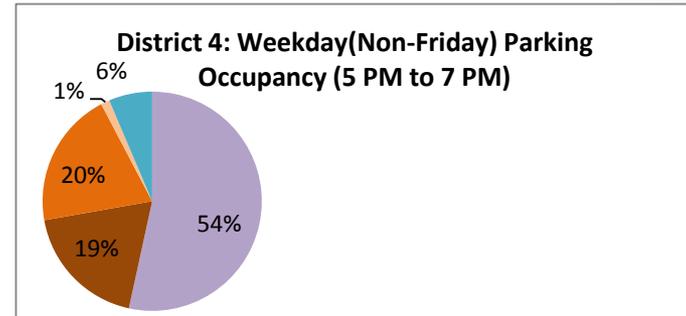
Survey Findings: District 3

- ❑ Significant number of available spaces during the 5-7 PM peak occupancy hour
- ❑ Exception: parking reached its practical capacity on Friday mid-day peak (11 AM to 1 PM)



Survey Findings: District 4

- ❑ Parking exceeds practical capacity at certain times of the day
- ❑ High percentage of out of Alexandria cars





General Survey Findings

- ❑ In some Residential Districts parking reaches its practical capacity between 5 to 7 PM



Potential Strategies

- ❑ Decrease allowable parking duration on residential blocks within acceptable walking distance of King Street to one hour for non-permit holders

P R O S

1. Increases turnover (increased chance of finding a space)
2. Reduces the cruising time around the block
3. Encourages long-term parkers to park in longer-term parking facilities

C O N S

1. Negative impact on businesses
2. Negative impact on residents who depend on two or three hour parking restrictions to provide free parking for visitors or household help (Guest parking passes can be obtained online)

Potential Strategies

- ❑ Install multispace meters on residential blocks within acceptable walking distance of King Street (permit holders may be exempt from paying meter fees)

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C O N S

1. Negative impact on residents who depend on two or three hour parking restrictions to provide free parking for visitors or household help (Guest parking passes can be obtained online)
2. It takes a longer time to recoup the cost of the meters
3. Meter maintenance cost



Potential Strategies

- ❑ Resident Only parking after 6 PM within acceptable walking distance of King Street on both sides of the street.

P R O S

1. Encourages long-term parkers to park in longer-term parking facilities
2. Individual blocks can opt out

C O N S

1. Negative impact on businesses
2. Negative impact on residents who depend on on-street parking to provide free parking for visitors or household help
3. Underutilization may occur as parking will be restricted to resident ONLY on both sides of the street

Potential Strategies

- ❑ Resident Only parking after 6 PM within acceptable walking distance of King Street on one side of the street

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1. Gives visitors an option of parking on one side of the street if there is availability
2. Individual blocks can opt out
3. Encourages long-term parkers to park in appropriate longer-term facilities

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1. Residents of the block face without the "Resident Only" parking restriction may complain
2. Purchasing a permit doesn't guarantee a parking space on the "Resident Only" side of the street



Other Solutions

- Do not take any action (monitor parking occupancy in the area until the occupancy reaches 85%)
- Improve enforcement
- Valet parking
- Remote parking



Staff Recommendations: District 1

- ❑ Don't implement any of the proposed strategies since the high occupancy rate is already generated by residents not visitors
- ❑ Install multispace meters on residential blocks within acceptable walking distance of King Street (permit holders may be exempt from paying)



Staff Recommendations: Districts 2 & 5

- ❑ Don't implement any of the proposed strategies until the peak afternoon occupancy (5 to 7 PM) reaches 85%
- ❑ Install multispace meters on residential blocks within acceptable walking distance of King Street once 85% occupancy is reached (permit holders may be exempt from paying)



Staff Recommendations: District 3

- ❑ Don't implement any of the proposed strategies until the peak afternoon occupancy (5 to 7 PM) reaches 85%
- ❑ Install multispace meters on residential blocks within acceptable walking distance of King Street (permit holders may be exempt from paying)



Staff Recommendations: District 4

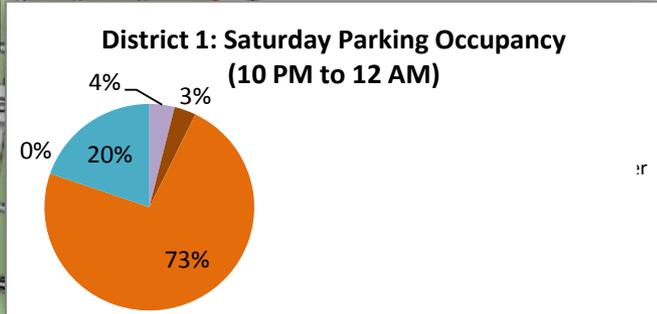
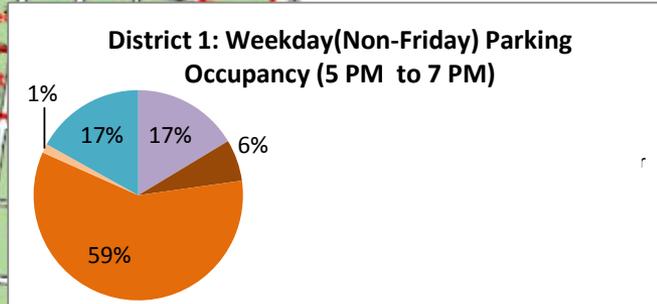
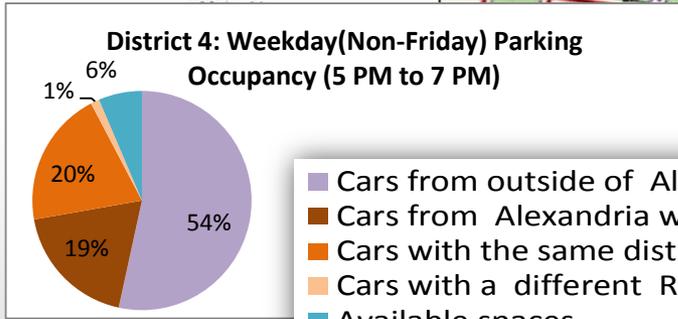
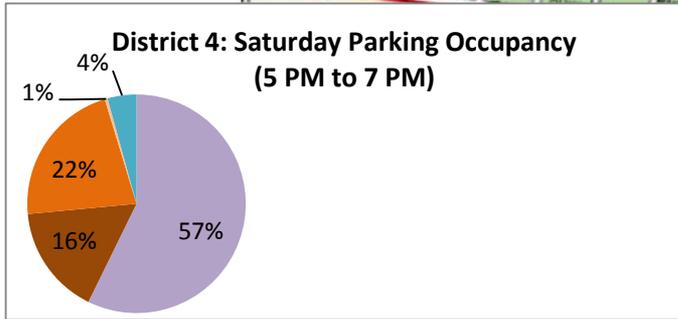
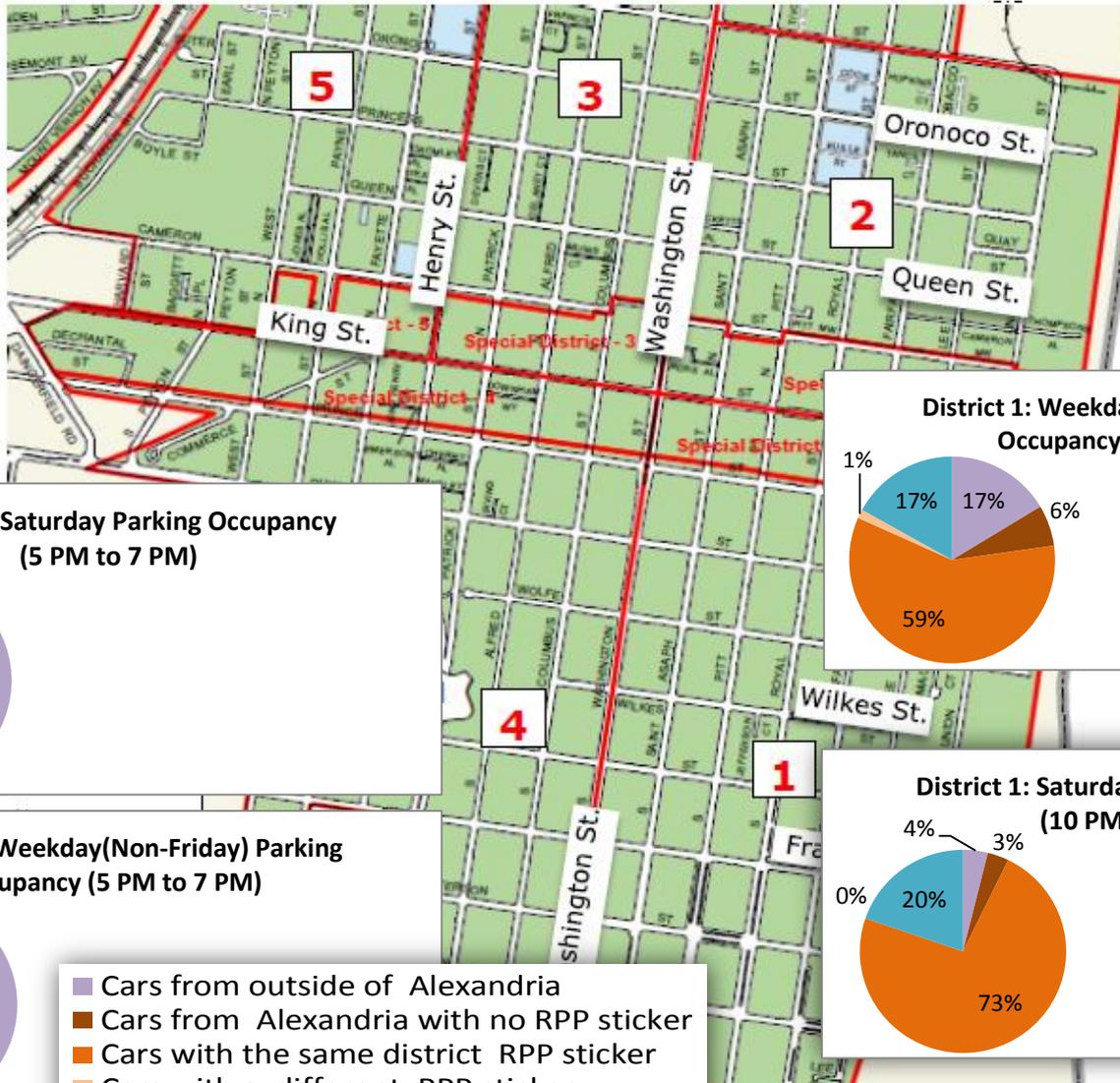
- ❑ Install multispace meters on residential blocks (permit holders may be exempt from paying)
- ❑ Resident Only parking after 6 PM within acceptable walking distance of King Street



Staff Recommendations (All Districts)

- ❑ Ensure adequate enforcement
- ❑ Monitor parking utilization to determine when occupancy reaches 85%

Work Group Discussion



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Questions/Comments



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