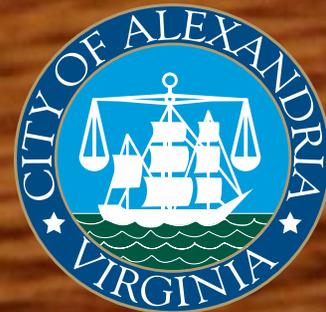


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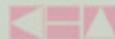
Agenda

- Background
- Preview the Old Town Area Study
- Key Recommendations & Management Tools
- About the “parking problem”
- Next Steps

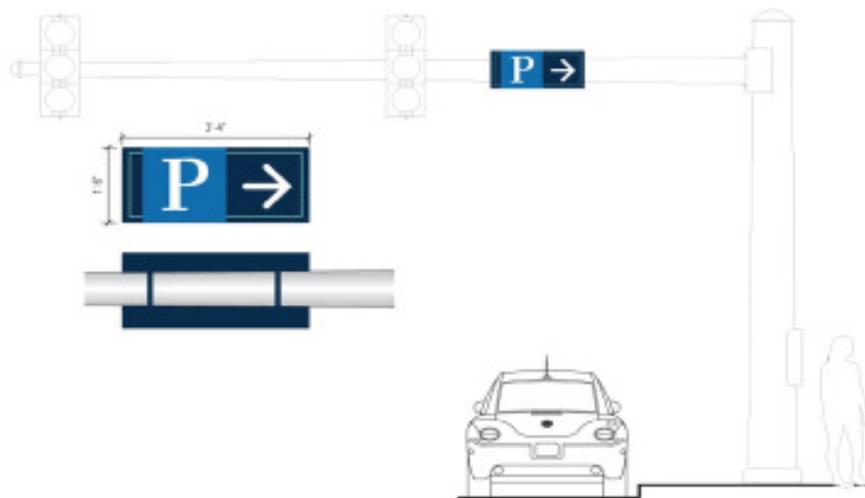
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Transportation Master Plan



Provide parking supply to meet community demand in an efficient manner while being careful not to induce driving

Old Town Area Parking Study

- **PURPOSE:**
 - Inventory existing public parking (supply)
 - Study utilization (demand)
 - Develop specific, implementable recommendations for eventual consideration by City Council
- Note about the supply...
 - Public-Public Garages/Lots
 - Public-Private Garages/Lots
 - Private-Private Garages/Lots (not included)

Study Area

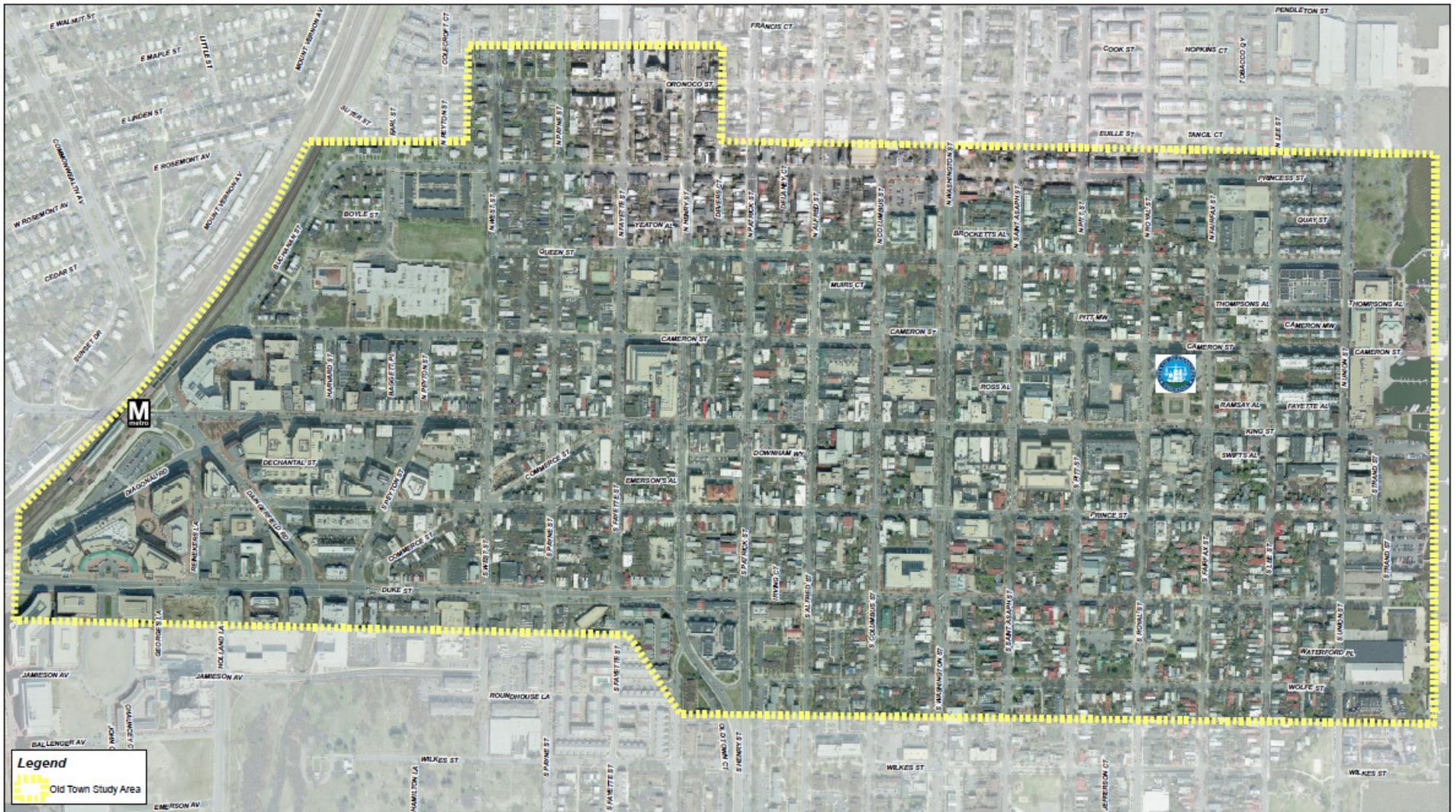


Figure 1-1:
Old Town Parking Study Area



Methodology

- Field data collection
- Parking Counts (hourly counts during six two-hour periods- weekdays and weekends)
- Develop utilization tables and recommendations

Major Findings: Inventory

- 7,797 publicly accessible parking spaces in the study area
 - 4,399 on-street spaces (60%)
 - 2,992 garage spaces (35%)
 - 406 surface lot spaces (5%)
- Including *private-private* locations, approximately 10,000 spaces

On-Street Inventory

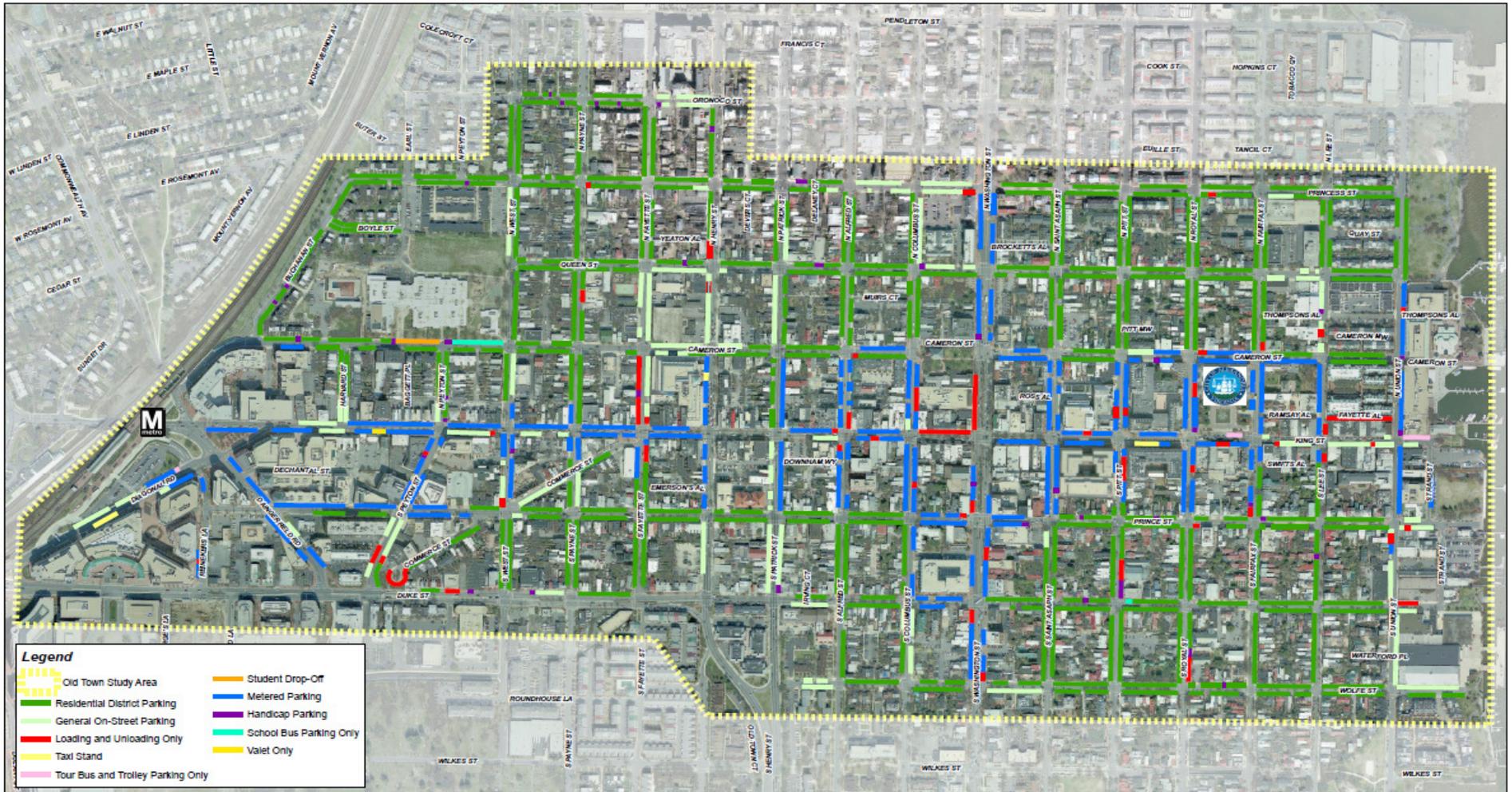
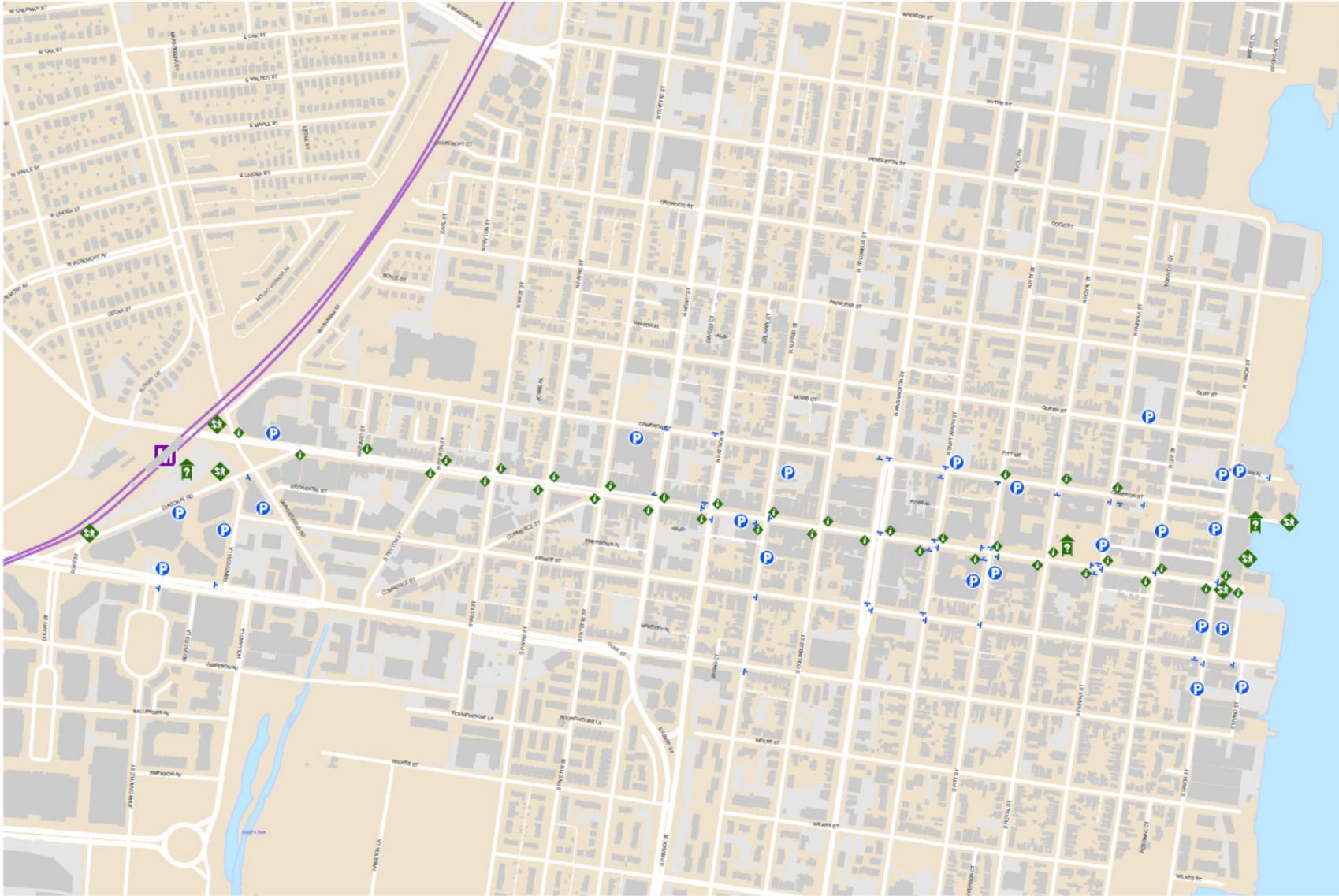


Figure 2-1:
On-Street Parking Locations



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Off-Street Inventory



Primary Findings

- Limited availability for on-street metered & residential, east of Alfred St
- All garages and lots are underutilized
- System wide snapshot reveals availability at all times and in all areas with system peak at 77% capacity
 - Closer review of data reveals range of utilization levels within 85-block area

Utilization: Friday afternoon

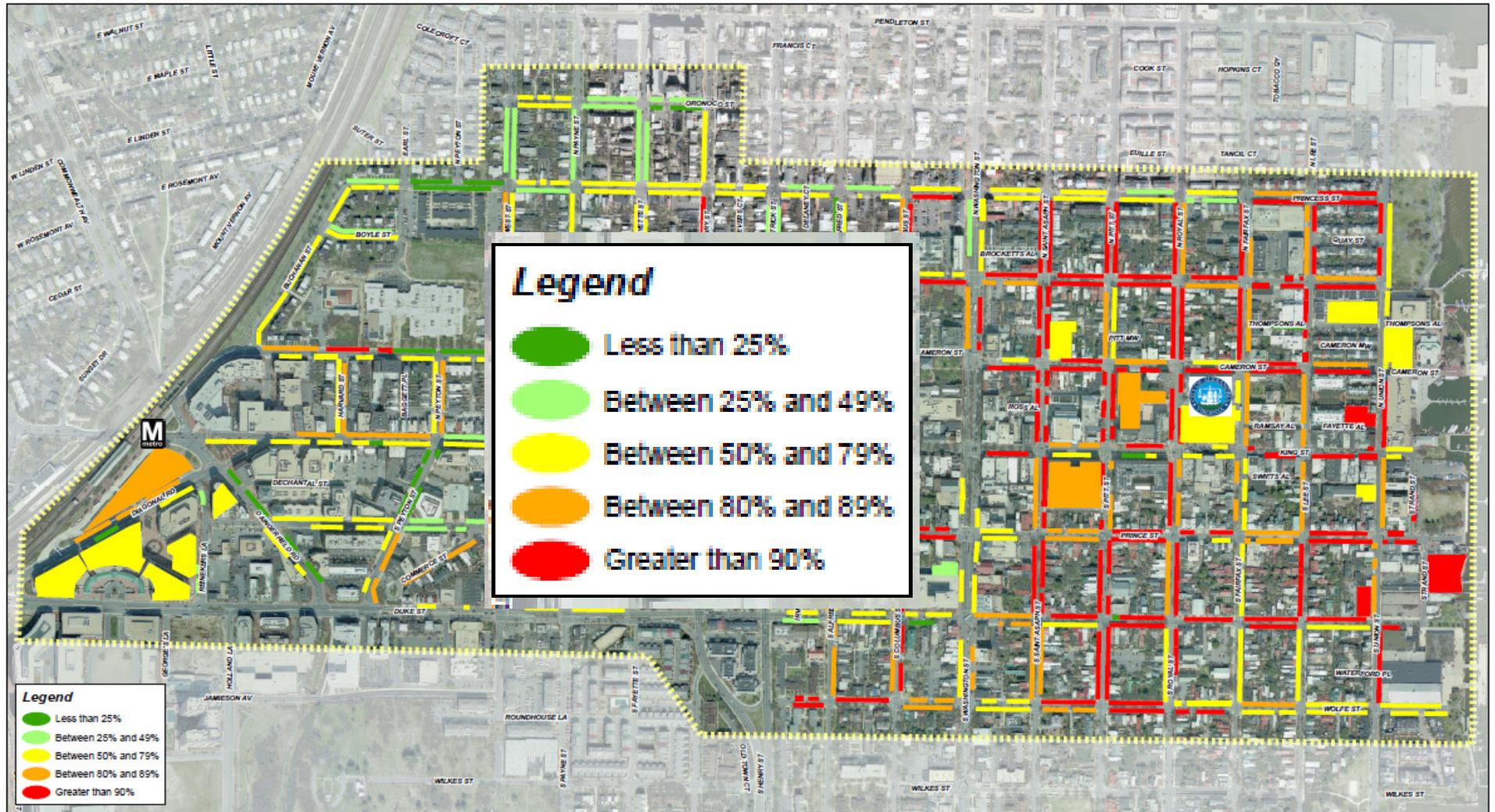


Figure 2-15:
Parking Utilization
During Friday Afternoon



About the “parking problem”

George: I can't park in a garage.

Elaine: Why?

George: I don't know, I just can't. Nobody in my family can pay for parking, it's a sickness. My father never paid for parking; my mother, my brother, nobody. We can't do it.

Elaine: I'll pay for it.

George: You don't understand. A garage. I can't even pull in there... Why should I pay, when if I apply myself, maybe I could get it for free?

**Seinfeld, “The Parking Space” (Episode 39),
April 22, 1992**



General Recommendations

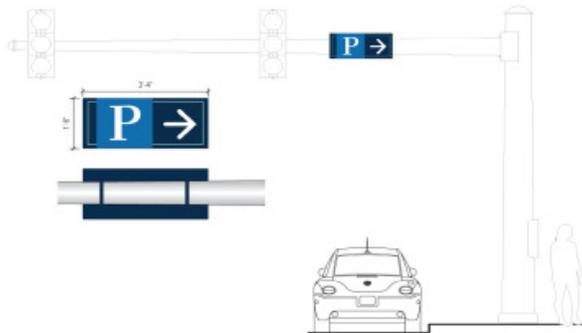
Develop a public outreach process to develop consensus:

- ✓ Replacing coin-operated meters with multi-space meters
- ✓ Establishing new on- and off-street rates
- ✓ Revising meter duration & hours of operation
- ✓ Revisions to residential permit district parking duration (for non-permit holders) to discourage long-term parking
- ✓ Implement wayfinding plan



Next Steps

1. Establish task force to implement Old Town Parking Study recommendations
2. Next study: Del Ray
3. Wayfinding



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