



## **PARKING UPDATE**

**August 2nd, 2022, Downtown Subcommittee Meeting**

### **Outreach from parking**

- Continued outreach meeting with Macs, E.R Sawyer and Airport Business Center

### **Changes**

- Return to all pre-covid operations
  - Charge in garages on weekends (except 5<sup>th</sup> and D street Garages)
  - First hour free in all garages
  - Free holiday weekend from Small Business Saturday to New Year's Day every year
  - In the process of adding signage for the first hour free in garages, and wayfinding with Cadance

### **Walker report**

- The June 2022 report was conducted to update the consultant's 2019 parking demand study and will be discussed this month at Council with Walker Consultants present.
- Walker was asked to identify the changes in parking conditions as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic; and to identify utilization rates in the various public parking locations, as well as private parking sites.
- While the details of the study will be reviewed in depth at the Council meeting, the bottom line is that parking spaces are under-utilized in the downtown, even after adjusting for pandemic impacts. It is unclear right now if remote work trends will become the norm, and thus, unclear if we will go back to pre-pandemic parking demand.

### **Delays**

- August 8th, we begin the final installation of garage gate hardware and software. We must shut down individual lanes for the process and we will have staff on site to facilitate any issues or delays.

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