



MEMORANDUM

Urban Development Department

DATE: January 28, 2020
TO: Downtown Advisory Board
FROM: Sheri Wahrgren, Downtown Revitalization Manager
SUBJECT: Downtown Trash Receptacle Changes

At the December 10, 2020, Downtown Advisory Board meeting, staff shared they had been monitoring, observing, and gathering data on the demand for the current number of trash receptacles within the Downtown Parking District. The trash receptacle discussion was prompted by the following:

- Ongoing goal of downtown beautification, including streetscape improvements to enhance pedestrian and vehicle visual experience and downtown vibrancy.
- Frequency of trash cans being left opened with internal can pulled out resulting in spilled debris on the ground around the receptacle, creating eye sores and ongoing attractors for breaking and vandalizing trash cans.
- Low trash levels and resulting demand for some receptacles in downtown locations based on their proximity to commercial buildings versus food/beverage businesses which can generate food items that you take from a business and upon consuming them require a location to throw the container away.
- Type of debris observed in and around trash receptacles is not often generated from a downtown business based on the business names on the receipts, boxes and containers. Staff have observed individuals removing trash from personal vehicles to clean them out that is not trash as a result of supporting a downtown business.
- Poor condition of some trash receptacles.

There are currently 61 trash cans in three different styles in downtown (Downtown Trash Receptacle Map Attached). Most trash receptacles are a black, powder coated design with a removable internal Rubbermaid can. The design has ribbing on the outside with a domed lid, making them difficult to keep clean with small openings which in many cases is not big enough for some cardboard take out containers to fit into.

The original locking mechanism on the black trash receptacles were broken so frequently, that it was no longer feasible to keep them operable, so a hole was drilled that a metal pin goes into, to keep the door closed. There are several doors that are broken and can no longer be closed. Around the transit mall and on State/Front Street there are pink concrete style trash cans, with removable metal cans inside. Many lids on these cans are broken and therefore, do not close and fill up with water. There is also one unique trash receptacle located on Center/High by Equitable Center, that replaced a can that was broken as a result of a vehicle hitting it.

It is staff's observation that the removal of trash cans can reduce the accumulation of trash and improve the visual appearance of downtown without impacting the public's need for a location to throw trash away.

For example, trash cans used to be located at the entrances of the elevators on each floor of the parking structures. It was not uncommon for individuals parking in the garages to carry trash from their vehicles on their way to shopping or to work and throw it away in these cans. On most mornings there was evidence that the cans had been rummaged through leaving trash previously inside the can on the ground around the can. When the cans were removed the messes went away.

Based on the data gathered, and in order to meet the need for public trash receptacle locations, downtown needs 17 trash receptacles (proposed trash receptacle location map attached).

To implement this change, it will require coordination with Public Works staff who would be engaged to remove trash receptacles and switch out any poor condition cans with those in better condition. The removal would also need to coordinate with Republic's hauling schedule in order to make the removal more efficient.

Staff is also seeking cost estimates from Public Works to implement this project and exploring any costs savings as a result of reducing the number of trash receptacles. This information would be shared with Downtown Advisory Board members during the 2021-22 Parking Fund Budget discussion.

Attachments:

Downtown Trash Receptacle Location Map

Proposed Revised Trash Receptacle Location Map



Downtown Commercial Area Street
 Furnishings: Trash Receptacles
 October 2020 (61 total)

- Black metal receptacles (51 total)
- Concrete receptacles (12 total)



Final Proposed Map Using Only Good Condition Receptacles

● Replaced with good condition receptacles

PARK SALEM MONTHLY REPORT							
as of January 21, 2021							
Parking Resource Summary			Budget Summary		Actual	20-21 Budget	% of YTD**
Total On-Street Parking Spaces		1,106	Liberty	\$138,199	\$255,470	54%	
Free Customer Unlimited Time Parking Spaces		1,080	Chemeketa	\$59,053	\$165,270	36%	
Free Customer 30-Minute Spaces		32	Marion	\$43,544	\$151,130	29%	
Remaining spaces loading zone, ADA, motorcycle			Riverfront	\$3,420	\$15,300	22%	
Total Parking Spaces	Total Free Customer Spaces	Free spaces as a % of total spaces	Total Number of Permits for Sale	Permits Sold	Permits sold as a % of total permits		
Liberty Parkade*	370	106	29%	431	283	66%	
Chemeketa Parkade*	619	281	45%	364	187	51%	
Marion Parkade*	1,052	525	50%	564	135	24%	
Riverfront Park	238	160	67%	104	21	20%	
<i>*Daily permits are not factored into total number of permits for sale.</i>							
Daily Permits Sold Liberty			0				
Daily Permits Sold Chemeketa			0				
Daily Permits Sold Marion			40				
Daily permits are not sold at Riverfront Lot							
Total Parking Spaces	Average Parking Time December	December Revenue					
Municiple Parking Lot	29 3 Hours 50 Minutes	\$1,741.19					
Total Free Customer Spaces also include ADA and EV Designated Spaces							



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SUBJECT: Year-to-Date Permit Sale and Parking Tax Information

In preparation for 2021-2022 Parking Fund Budget discussion, the following background information is being provided.

Parking Permit Sales

2018 Average Permits Sold Information

Liberty Parkade: 316 permits sold/431 total available (73% of permits were purchased during 2018)

Chemeketa Parkade: 295 permits sold/ 352 total available (84% of permits were purchased during 2018)

Marion Parkade: 325 permits sold/ 546 total available (60% of permits were purchased during 2018)

2019 Average Permits Sold Information

Liberty Parkade: 356 permits sold/ 431 total available (83% of permits were purchased during 2019)

Chemeketa Parkade: 290 permits sold/ 362 total available (80% of permits were purchased during 2019)

Marion Parkade: 347 permits sold/ 561 total available (62% of permits were purchased during 2019)

2020 Average Permits Sold Information

Liberty Parkade: 296 permits sold/ 431 total available (69% of permits were purchased during 2020)

Chemeketa Parkade: 194 permits sold/ 364 total available (53% of permits were purchased during 2020)

Marion Parkade: 193 permits sold/ 564 total available (34% of permits were purchased during 2020)

As you can see from the 3-year historical data, parking permit sales have decreased.

Parking Permit Revenue Information

FY 2019-2020	Actual	\$538,657	
FY 2020-2021	Budget	\$587,170	Actual YTD \$205,621 (July-Dec)

Based on YTD permit revenue, year-end projection would be \$411,242

Parking Tax Revenue

FY 2019-2020	Actual	\$418,017	
FY 2020-2021	Budget	\$430,440	Actual YTD \$312,880 (July-Dec)

For comparison, FY 2019-2020 July-December was \$350,324

The following are some questions to prompt a board discussion on current and future downtown parking structure challenges.

- 1) What impacts permit sales?
Example, security/safety, aesthetics, pricing, increased # of employees teleworking, proximity to closed buildings

Are the issues impacting permit sales the same in all parkades?

Would a parking permit holder survey be useful?

- 2) Ideas for increasing number of permits sold?
- 3) Other ideas about how parkades could generate revenue?
- 4) Costs for those using parking resources versus free?