

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

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8:30 AM

October 3rd, 2024

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ATTENDANCE**
- III. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)**
This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.
- V. **PRESENTATIONS**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Broad Street, concerns regarding traffic speeds and volumes, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for evaluation and report back at future meeting.**
 - B. Bartlett Street, Cate Street, Hodgdon Way pedestrian and vehicular concerns, by residents. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for evaluation and report back at future meeting.**
 - C. Union Street, request to change traffic flow to one-way between State Street and Austin Street, by residents. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for evaluation and report back at future meeting.**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Middle Street, request to remove parking at intersection with Cass Street, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to prohibit parking to improve sight lines at intersection.**
 - B. Hancock Street at Washington Street, request for all-way stop, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**
- VIII. **INFORMATIONAL**
 - A. Police monthly accident report
 - B. City road construction projects update
 - C. New State RSA on seasonal speed limits
 - D. Coakley Connector public meeting
 - E. Parking Utilization Study Presentation
- IX. **MISCELLANEOUS**

X. ADJOURNMENT

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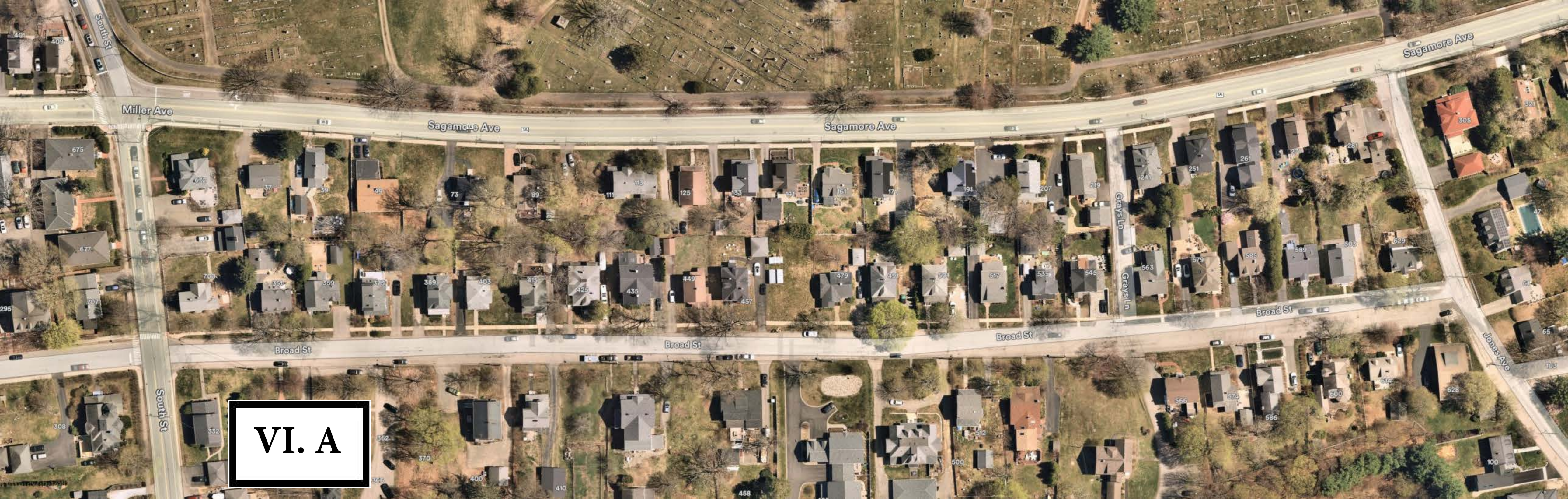
Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete 16.67%
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Preliminary
Totals Thru
August 31, 2024

	Total	Budgeted	% of Budget
FY 25			
Parking Meter Fees	998,581.65	4,400,000.00	23%
Meter Space Rental	25,950.00	160,000.00	16%
Meter In Vehicle	0.00	0.00	0%
EV Charging Stations	3,368.24	17,500.00	19%
Parking-Area Service Agreements	0.00	52,000.00	
High Hanover Transient	450,423.34	2,350,000.00	19%
High Hanover Passes	201,091.65	1,168,800.00	17%
Foundry Place Transient	111,167.15	430,000.00	26%
Foundry Place Passes	83,908.66	523,500.00	16%
Parking Sign Permit	50.00	0.00	
HH Pass Reinstatement	15.00	750.00	2%
Foundry Pass Reinstatement	120.00	750.00	16%
Parking Violations	233,420.00	1,000,000.00	23%
Immobilization Administration Fee	1,500.00	6,000.00	25%
Summons Admin Fee	0.00	0.00	0%
Total FY 24	2,109,595.69	10,109,300.00	21%

BUDGETED	
7,609,300	75% Transfer to Parking Fund
2,500,000	25% Funds Remaining in Gen Fund
10,109,300	Total Parking Revenue





VI. A

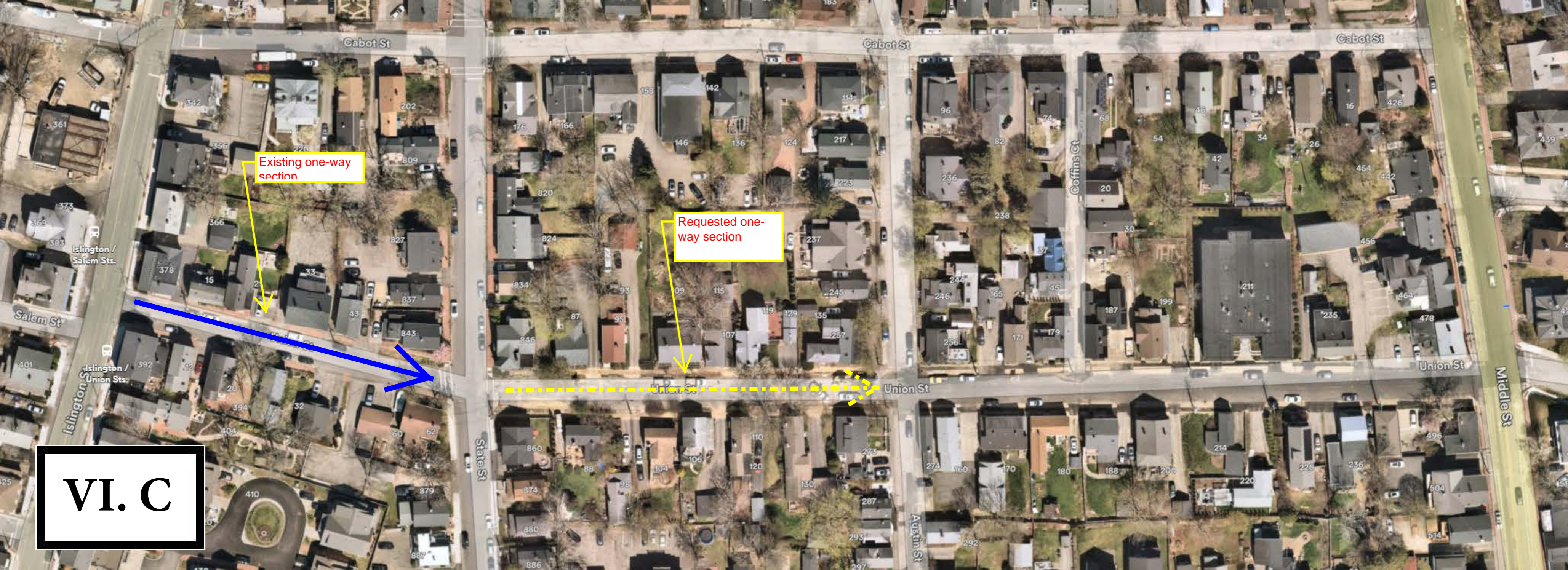


VI. B

VI. C

Existing one-way section

Requested one-way section



VII. A



Remove 1 space

Remove 3 spaces

Cass Street

Middle Street

Park Street

Wibird Street

201.03 ft

60.82 ft

200.49 ft



Area of Concern

VII. B

Hancock St at Washington St - TMC

Thu Jul 25, 2024

Full Length (6 AM-8 PM)

All Classes (Motorcycles, Lights, Single-Unit Trucks, Articulated Trucks, Buses, Pedestrians, Bicycles on Road, Bicycles on Crosswalk)

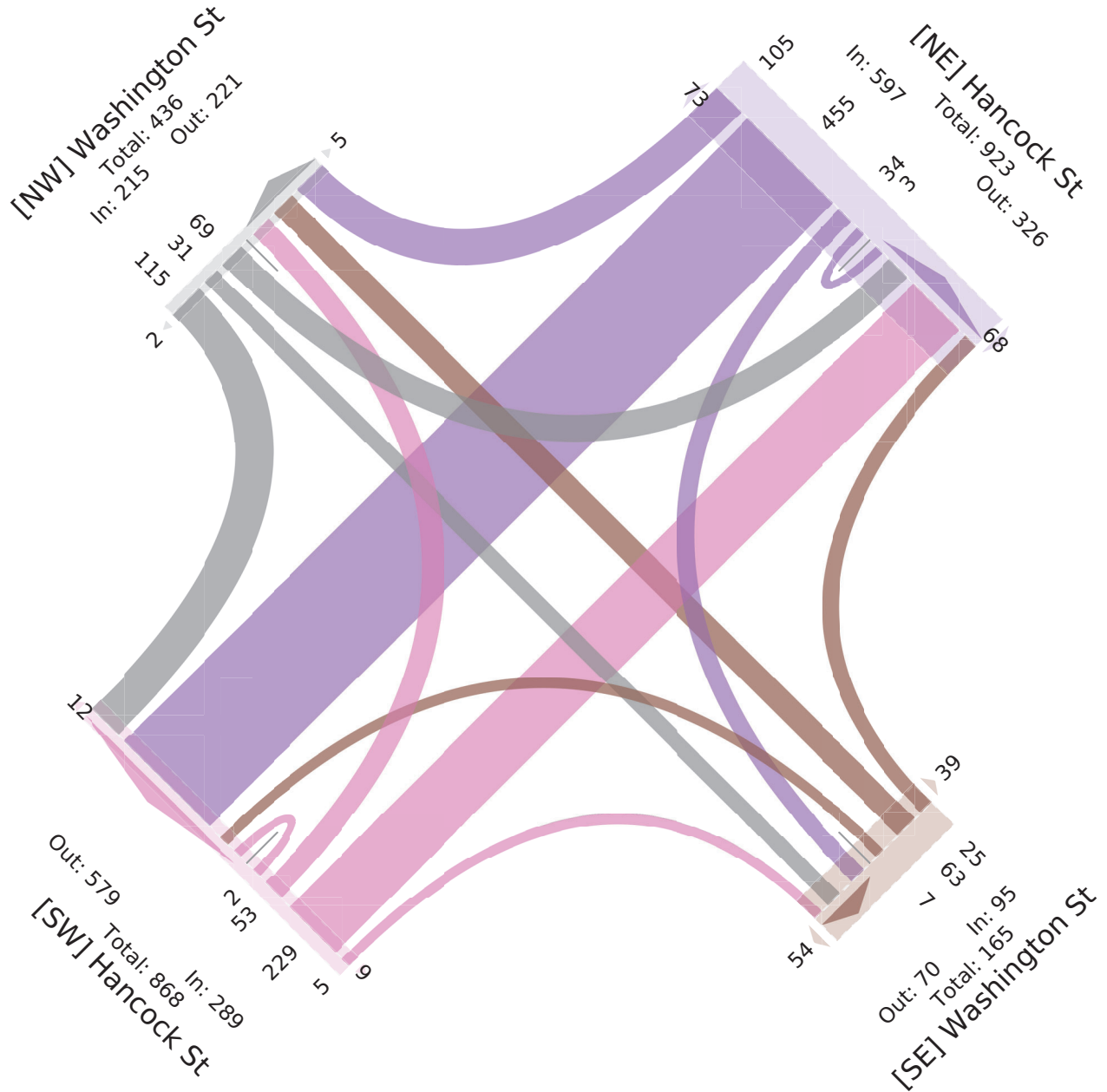
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680 Peverly Hill Road,

Portsmouth, NH, 03801, US



VII. B

Washington Street at Gates Street - TMC

Thu Sep 12, 2024

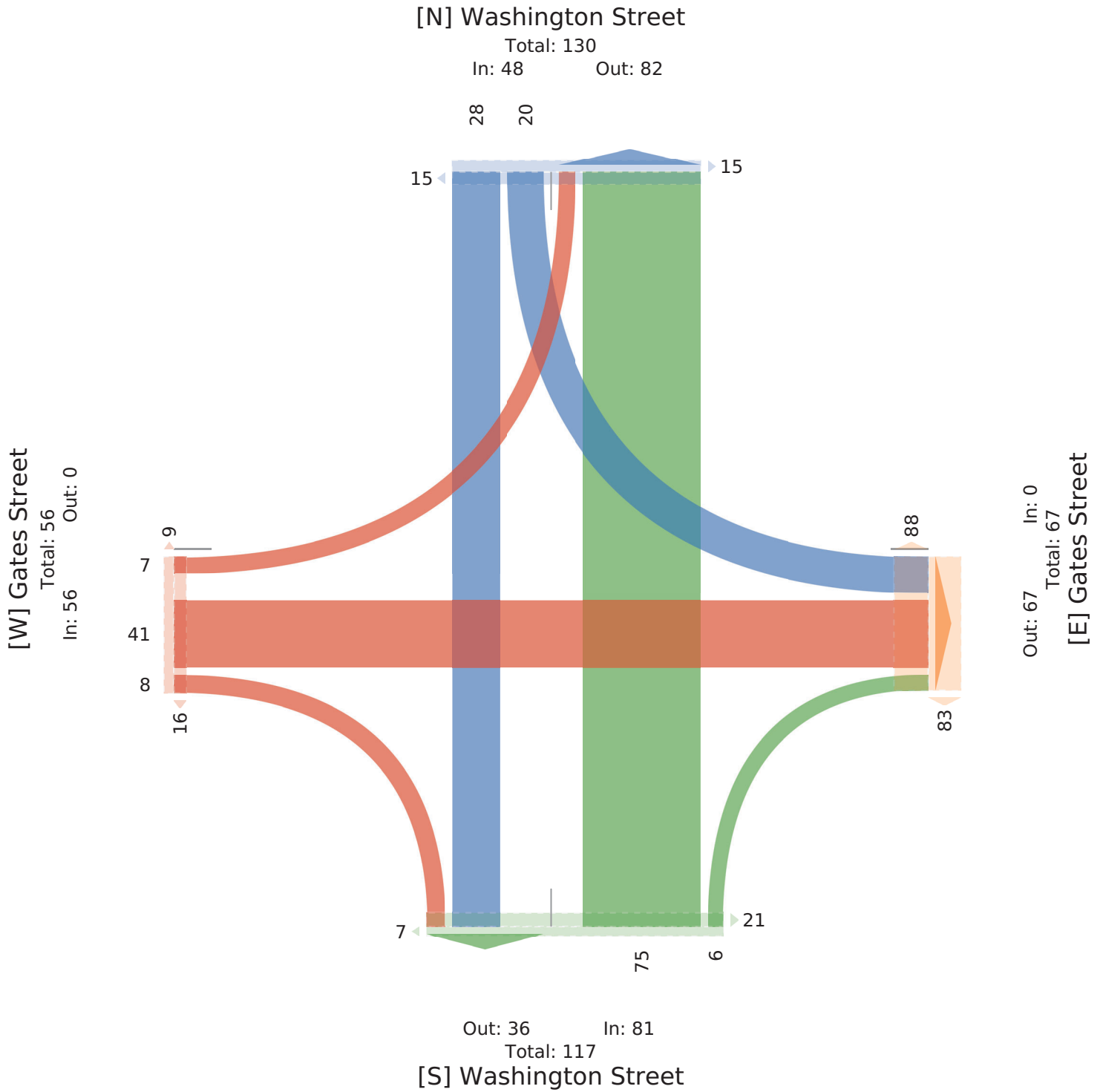
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All Movements

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Washington at Pleasant / Howard - TMC

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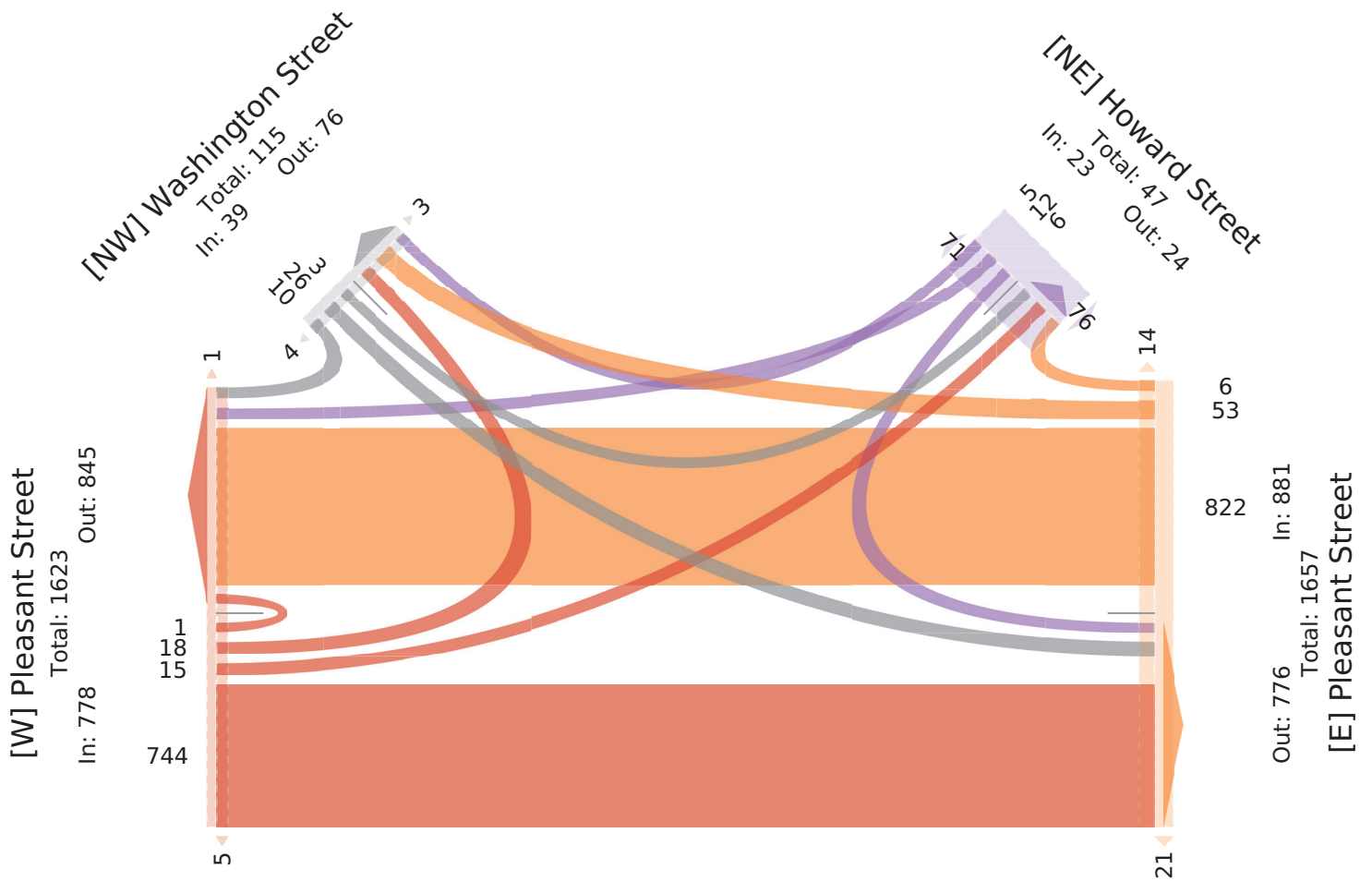
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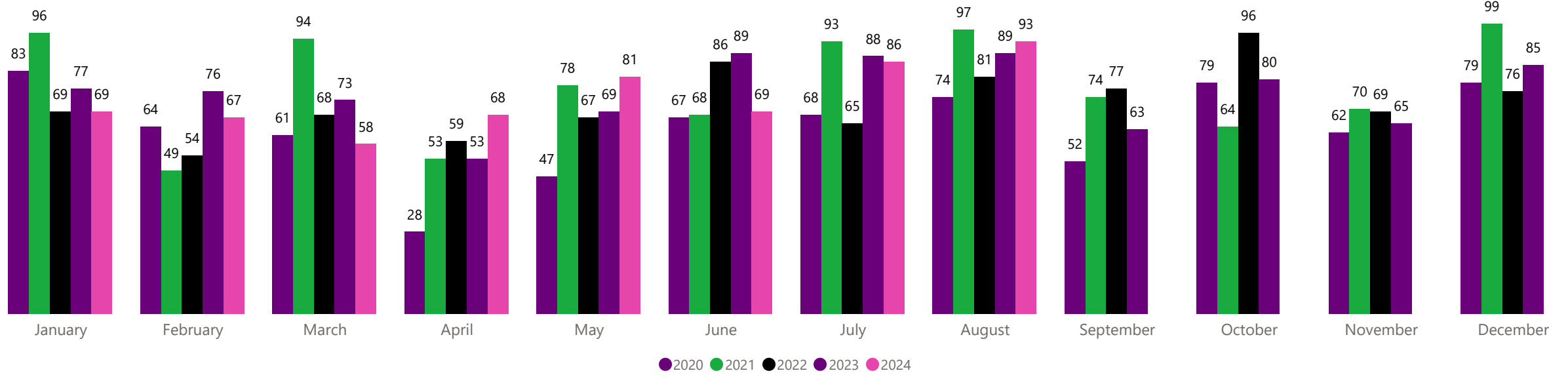
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PORTSMOUTH ACCIDENT REPORT

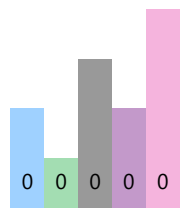


August 2024 - 55 reportable crashes, damage > \$1,000

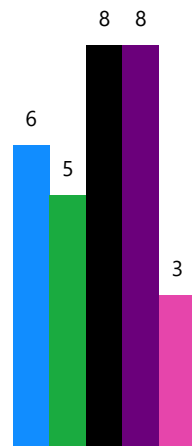


YEARLY TOTALS

Month	2024
February	0
March	0
April	1
May	1
June	0
July	0
August	2
Total	4

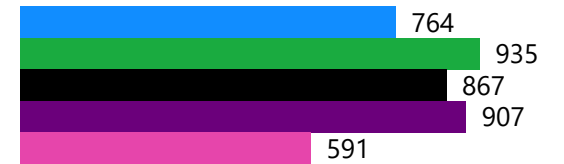


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VIII. A

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



Rte. 1 Bypass-Coakley-Cottage Intersection Redesign Public Meeting Notice

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6 pm
Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street

This is a hybrid meeting held in-person and via Zoom. To register for participating by Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KldlpcxeR828Q0HzthHaSA
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For more information on this project, visit: <https://portsnh.co/Bypass-Coakley-Cottage>

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VIII. D

City of Portsmouth Parking Utilization Study Update



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

September 23, 2024

VIII. E



Introduction





AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Overall Assessment
3. Scope of Work and Findings
4. Proposed Initiatives

Portsmouth Municipal Parking System Assessment

An Overview



Always Easy Parking

IN DOWNTOWN PORTSMOUTH, NH



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Historical Context



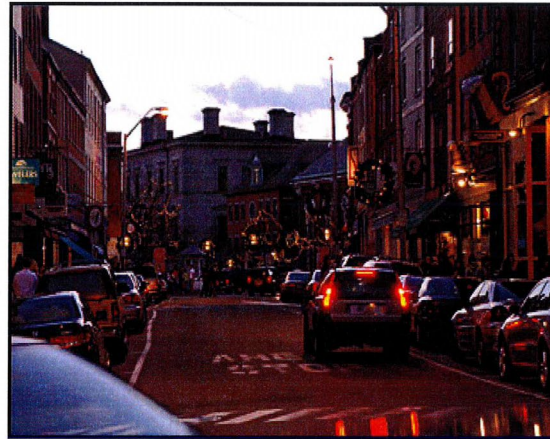
City of Portsmouth, NH

PARKING SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS FINAL REPORT

January 2012



Parking Supply and Demand Strategies Portsmouth, NH



Final Report May 2012

Prepared By:
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Parking, Transit & Downtown Development Consulting

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION POLICY

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



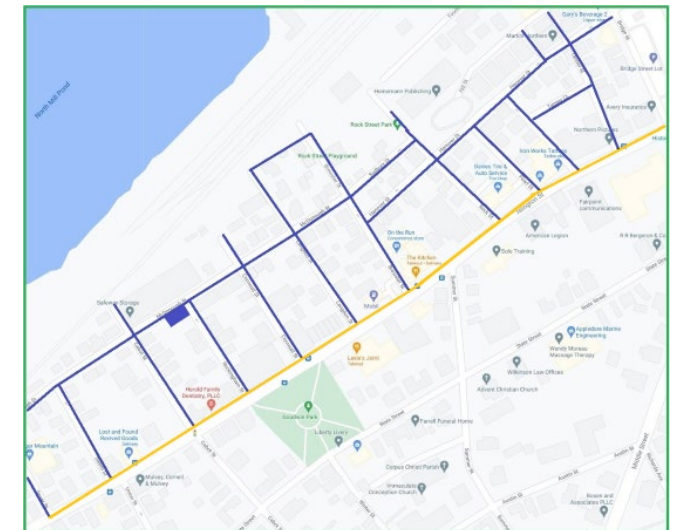
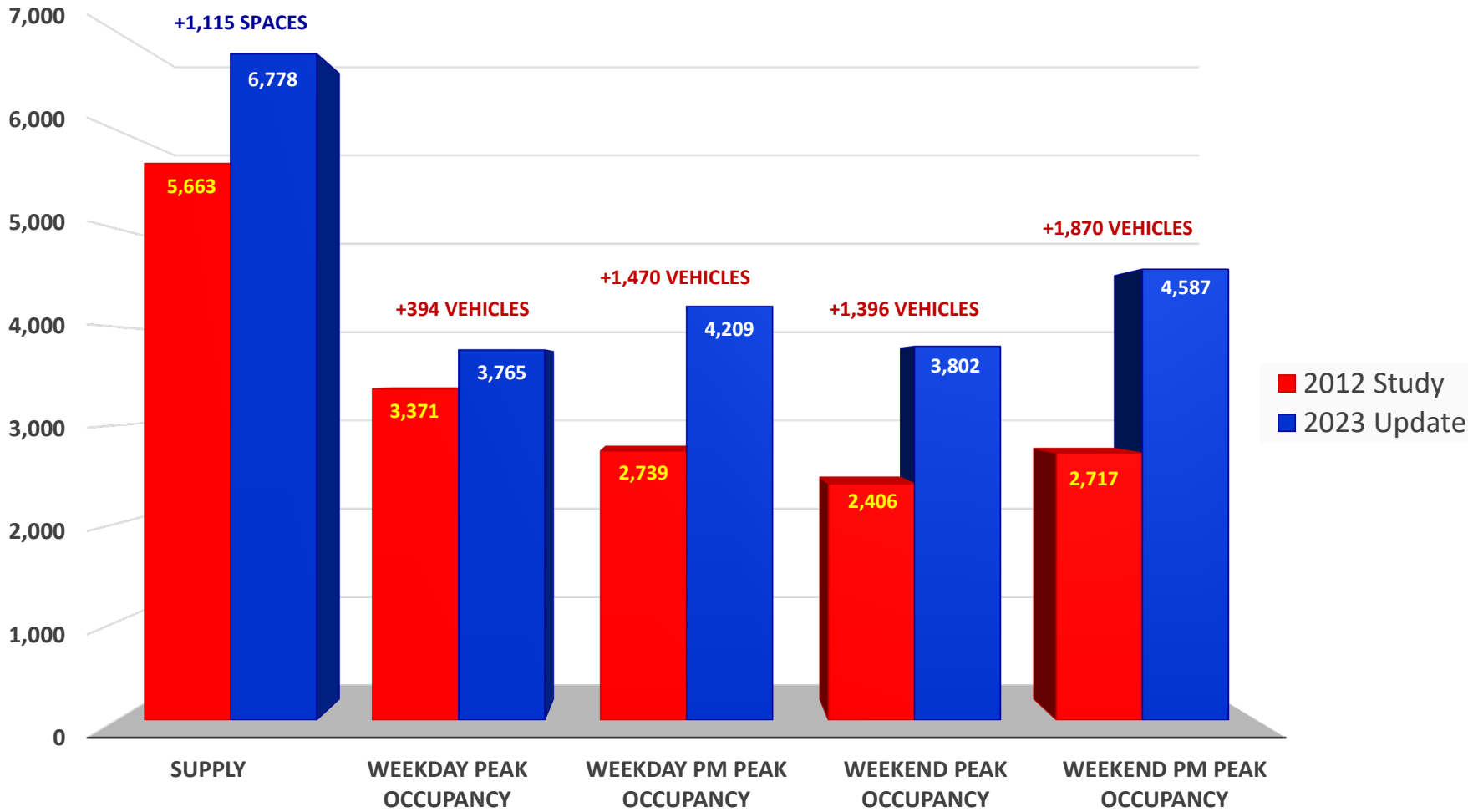
Blue Ribbon Committee on Transportation Policy

Kenneth E. Smith, City Council, Chair
Brad Lown, City Council
Paige Roberts, Planning Board
Eric Gregg, Economic Development Commission
Cliff Sinnott, Rockingham Planning Commission
Bill Lyons, Transportation Professional
Rick Chellman, Transportation Professional

April 10, 2013

Parking System Growth

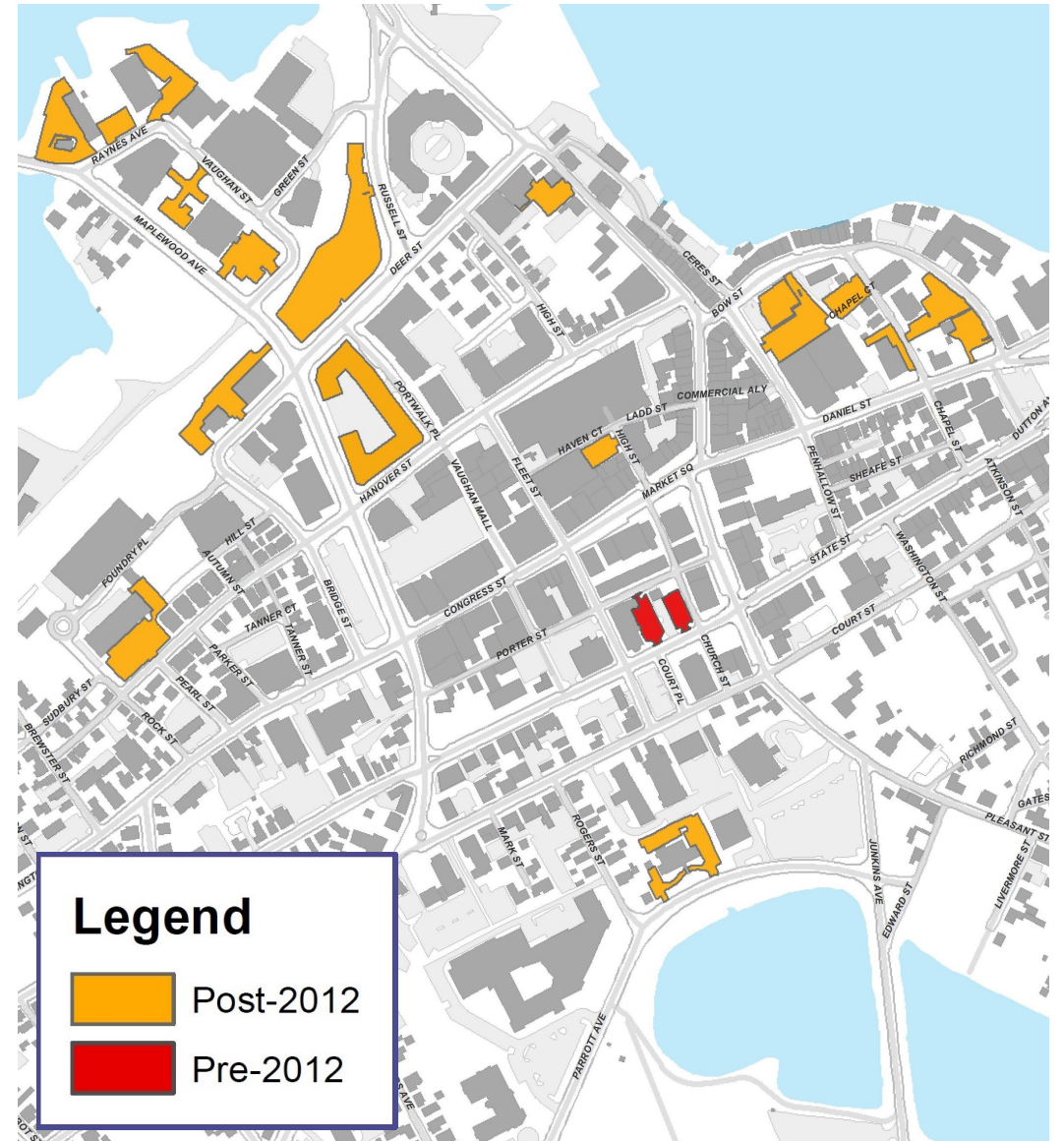
Observed Parking Conditions



Increased Participation from the Private Sector

COMMERCIAL PARKING SUPPLEMENTS PUBLIC SUPPLY

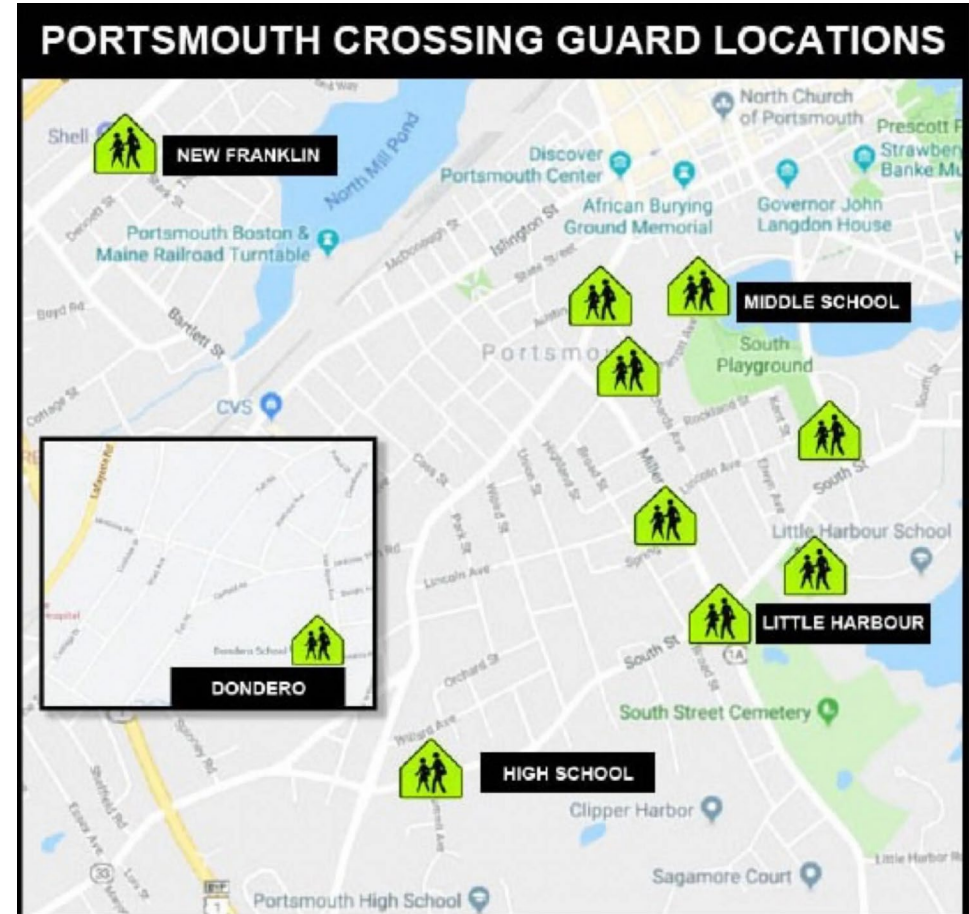
- ✓ 2012: 6 private lots, 2 commercial lots, 176 spaces for after hours public use
- ✓ 2023: 20 commercial lots open for public use on nights and weekends offering 896 total spaces
- ✓ Commercial operators collect \$2.00-\$12.00/hour for use



Parking System Community Benefits

PARKING SYSTEM REVENUE INVESTMENTS

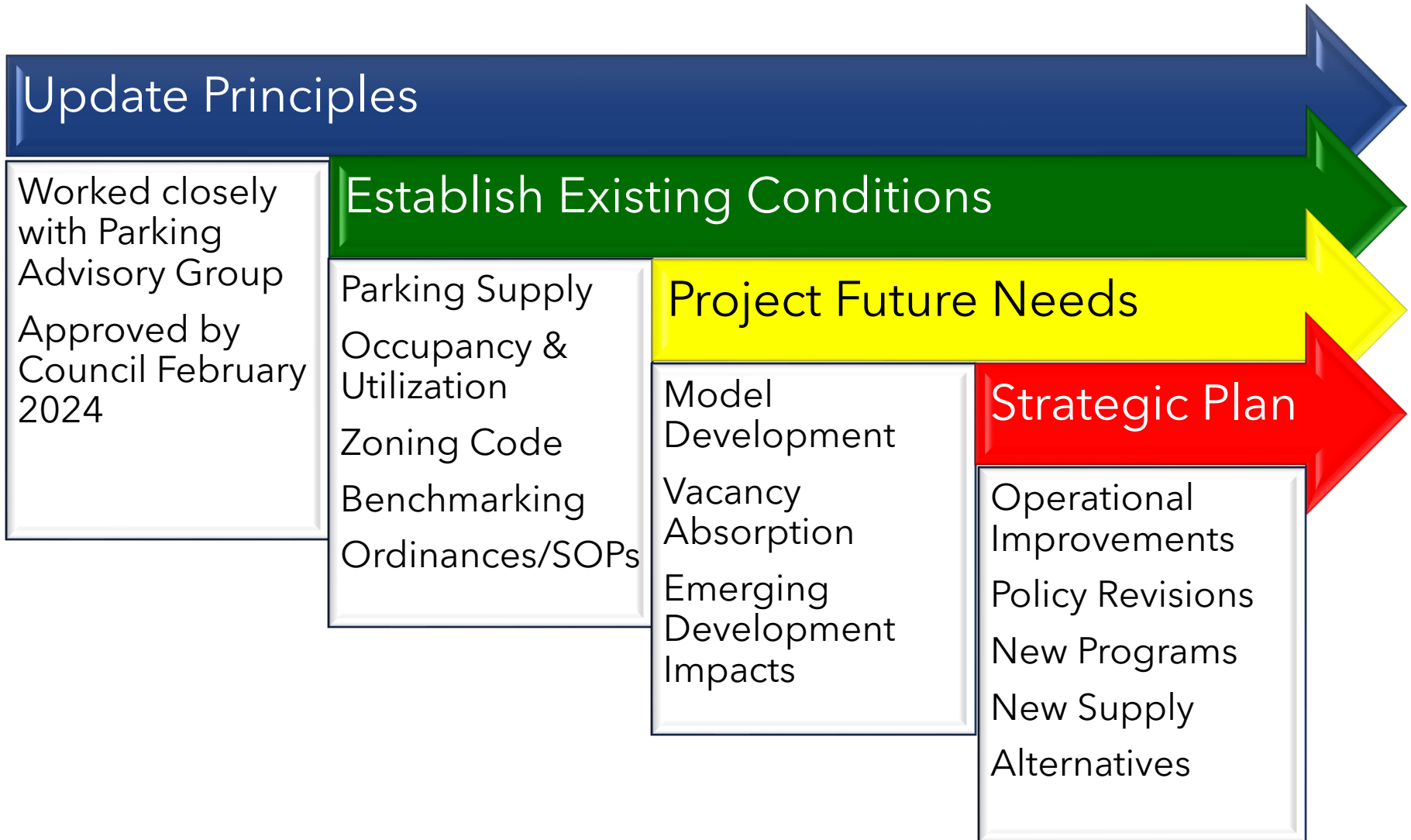
- ✓ \$2.5M Annual Offset to General Fund
- ✓ Subsidies to transportation planning, downtown snow and waste removal, school bus services, senior transportation services, downtown trolley, COAST transit programs, police details, and school crossing guards
- ✓ Total parking revenue contributions are equivalent to \$336.00 per median single-family home reduction in property taxes



Scope of Work and Findings



Scope of Work

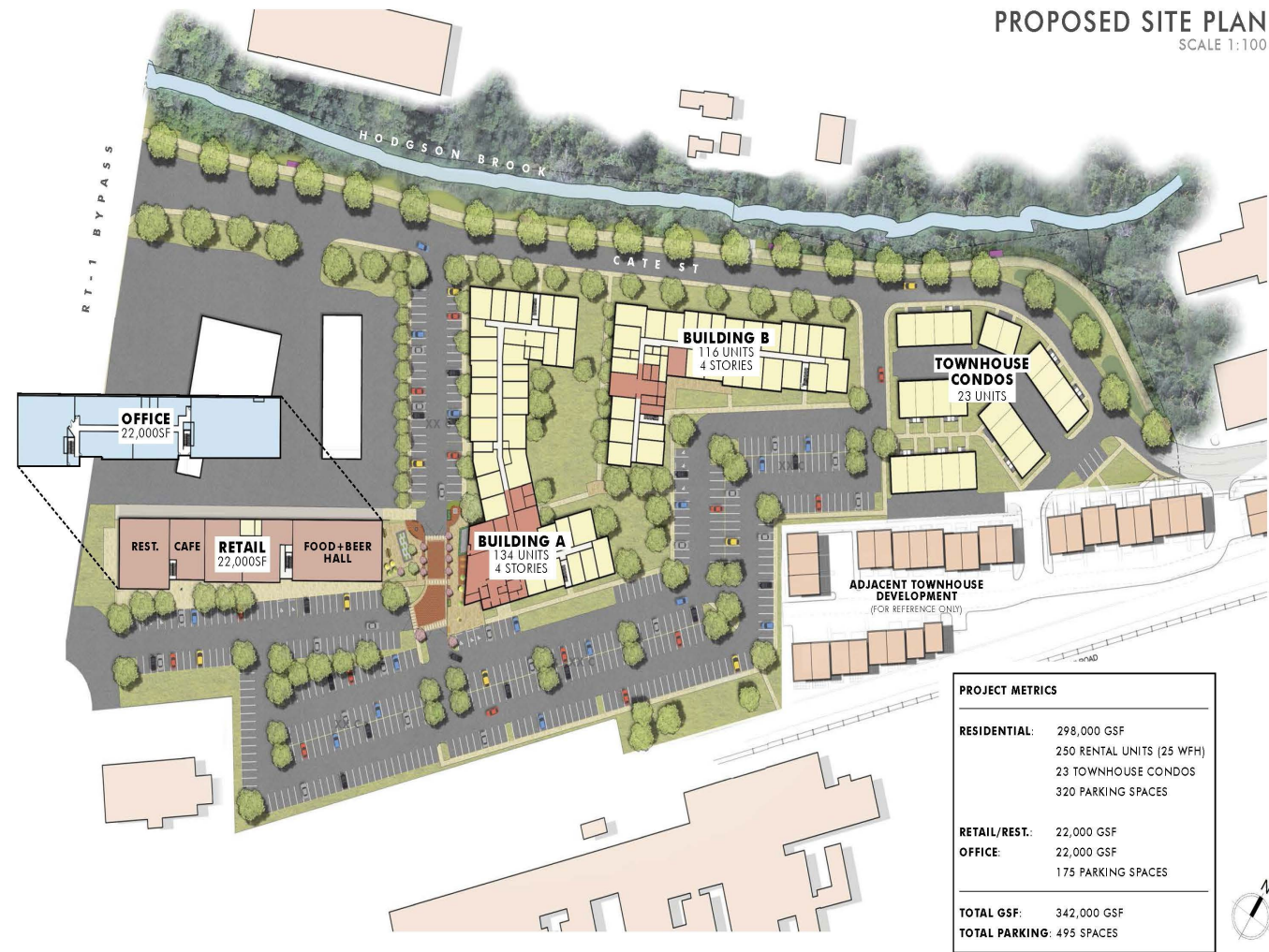


2023 Existing Parking Conditions Findings



- Yellow = Study Area
 - 6,278 spaces - 5,229 cars = +1,049 spaces (83.2% utilization)
- “Red Zone” = Downtown Core Public Supply
 - 4,132 spaces - 3,928 cars = +204 spaces (95% utilization)
- Does NOT account for ~ 121KSF vacant commercial space

Zoning Code Analysis Findings

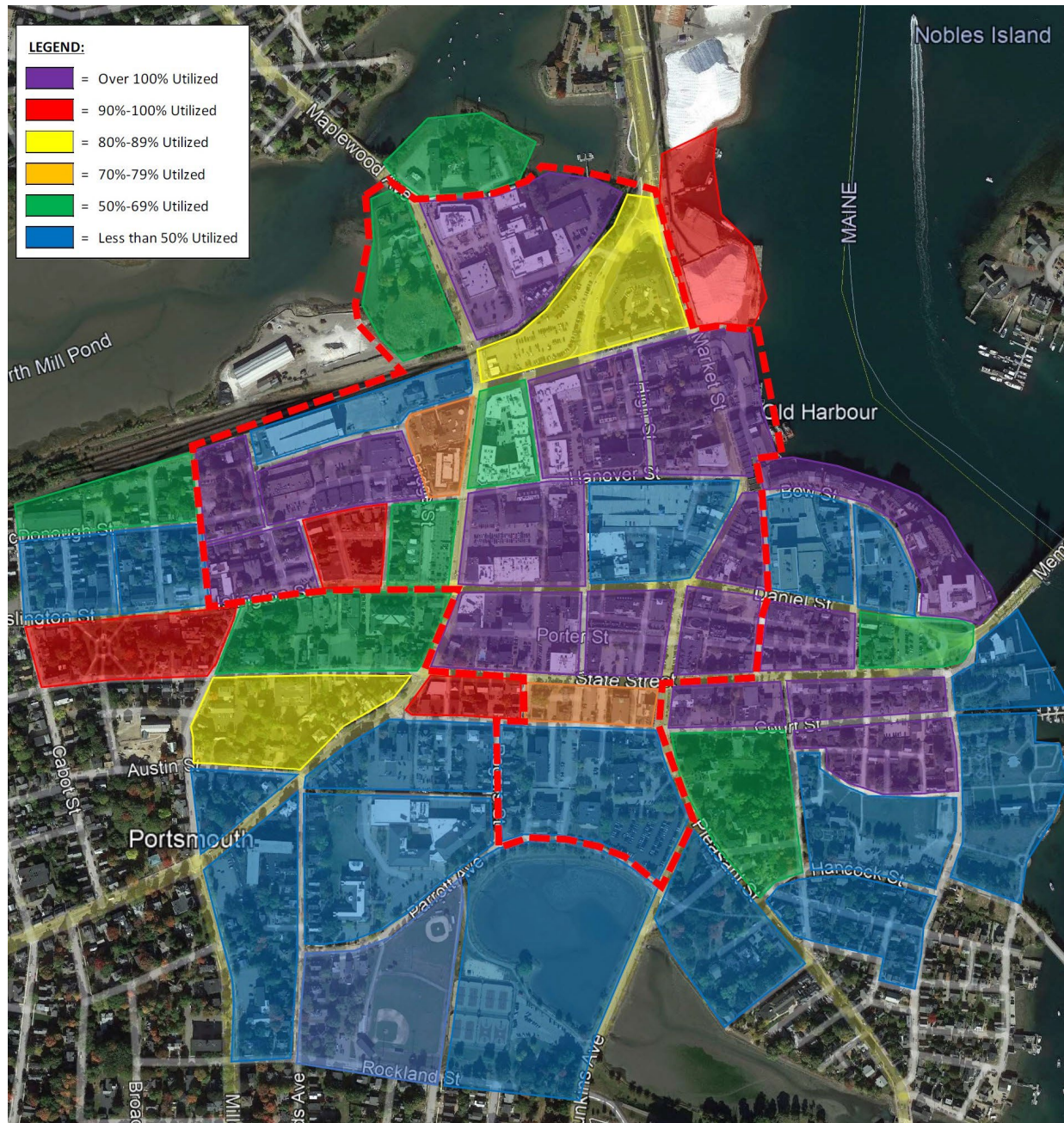


- ✓ Current parking requirements are appropriate
- ✓ Code allows relief to meet 'market needs'
- ✓ Code could be revised to better promote sustainable practices (e.g., car-share, bicycles, etc.)

Ordinances/ SOPs Review of Findings

- Zone A/B meter program was not balancing utilization
- Significant confusion reported by constituents between public parking facilities and private commercial parking lots
- Public parking facilities running at high (80-85%) utilization at peak hours relative to commercial facilities (55-63%)
- Majority of available public on-street parking (~525 spaces) is located in residential neighborhoods and not subject to regulation
- No universal mechanism for reporting real-time availability and/or directing drivers to open spaces
- Regional electric vehicles sales projected to outstrip the number of available public EV chargers by a 40:1 ratio in the next 20 years

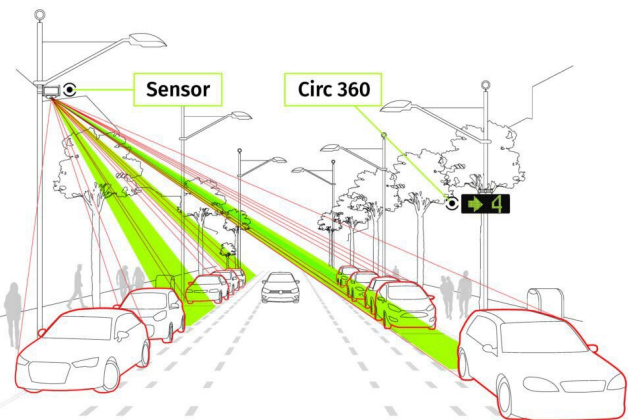
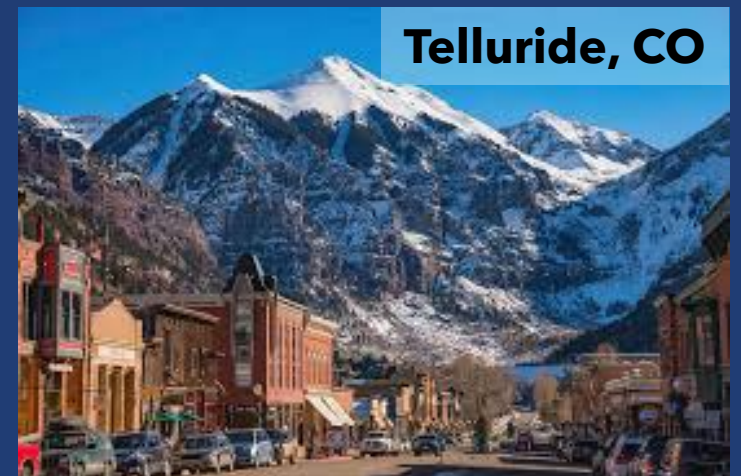
2034 Future Conditions Findings



PEAK HOUR FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND (BY LAND USE)

- Parking occupancy vs parking demand
- Includes ~ 121KSF vacant commercial space AND ~ 694KSF of future development
- Study Area: 6,472 spaces - 6,276 cars = +196 spaces (97% utilization)
- "Red Zone": 4,259 spaces - 4,832 cars = -573 spaces (113% utilization)

Proposed Initiatives



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OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Investigate/ invest in parking occupancy & guidance technology
- Revise ordinances regulating signage/ branding of private commercial lots
- Establish formal process for periodic 'stress testing' of Parking Fund (and adjust rates if needed)

(ZONING) POLICY REVISIONS

- Revise sections of code specific to shared parking and other sustainable alternatives to improve clarity
- Pilot car-share to service Portsmouth to promote it as relief from parking requirements for residential
- Periodically review requirements relative to market conditions

Proposed Initiatives

NEW PROGRAMS

- Establish mechanisms to regulate on-street parking in neighborhoods abutting Downtown
- Consider metering Parrott Lot to promote turnover
- Start planning alternative locations for the Downtown Employee Parking program

NEW SUPPLY

- Continue to seek out public/ private opportunities where available
- Start site search/ feasibility process for new facility
- Look for interim park-and-ride solutions

ALTERNATIVES

- Evaluate current private shuttle programs for inefficiencies
- Identify and promote 'park-and-bike' options
- Include "intercept" parking facilities in planning process

Thank You for the Opportunity

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- Reese King-Hill, Analyst - DESMAN
- Jerry Salzman, Associate Vice President - DESMAN
- Holly Parker, Principal - SLR
- David Sullivan, Principal - SLR



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