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Boise Parking Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Laura Cooper, Joan Petit, Sherifa Roach, Allan Rudwick, Matthew Schwartz, and JoAnn Gilles

Staff: Rae-Leigh Stark and Eric Hesse (PBOT), Owen Ronchelli (RWC)

Rae-Leigh Stark started the meeting with introductions and reviewing the agenda.

Update on Zone V Parking Permit Program

Rae-Leigh Stark presented an update on the Zone V Parking Permit Program. A total of 107 resident permits and 2 employee permits. Of those permits, 18 have been purchased in the buffer. Rae-Leigh then presented an update on parking enforcement and a communications strategy that's slated to begin soon. All of this will help strengthen enforcement before Parking Enforcement has a larger workforce in February to help enforce the Zone V permit area. The Task Force had a lot of concerns related to limited parking enforcement not being adequate for the success of the permit program. PBOT stated they are committed to staffing up and enforcement of this district is a top priority.

Upcoming Program Evaluation

Rae-Leigh Stark presented the plan for evaluation of the permit area that will happen on March 12. In addition to what's in place, the Task Force asked to add the following:

- Look at past data to see if there are repeat offenders.
- Focus on spillover from the permit area up to Russell.
- Collect data the same day as a Wonder Ballroom event, or conduct data on two separate days to make sure to capture event data from the Wonder Ballroom

Boise Parking Management Plan and Evolution of Zone V

The Eliot parking task force has been working with PBOT to address spillover issues caused by event parking from the Moda center. At the same time, the Boise Parking SAC has been working with PBOT to create a parking management plan, as requested by the Boise Neighborhood Association.

Since the start of these project, development has increased on Vancouver/Williams. With more development slated in the next couple of years and more events expected at the Moda Center (WNBA), the Eliot neighborhood is working with PBOT to evaluate the Zone V permit program this spring and will consider expanding the permit area and time frame to year-round. This paired with

discussions amongst the Boise SAC and workgroups to consider extending the boundary south for the Boise parking district area has led to the potential to expand the Boise Parking Management area to include the Eliot neighborhood.

Task Force members discussed the proposal and reviewed a map of the new study area. Most Task Force members expressed support for combining the areas into one parking management district. Many agreed that there is a lot of unison between the two groups and parking issues.

Most of the concerns that were shared reflected concern that Eliot is just an add-on and the focus of the district will be Mississippi and Vancouver/Williams. Rae-Leigh shared that the items requiring on-going parking management input will not happen all at one and that they'll follow schedules that correspond with already established schedules (e.g. the Blazers basketball season, PBOT Capital Improvement Plan budget, PBOT Fee Schedule), so it will be the primary focus at the appropriate time.

The Eliot task force concluded it should be added to the Boise parking district area. The Boise Parking Management Plan will now be referred to as the Boise Eliot Parking Management Plan.

Draft Action Plan Implementation Timeline (0-6 Months)

Once the Boise Eliot Parking Management Plan is approved (early 2025), a new representative SAC will be formed to oversee implementation of the action plan. This SAC will include representatives from both neighborhoods. Soon after that, PBOT will place standardized time limits signage on the Vancouver/Williams and Mississippi commercial corridors and will work with businesses and organizations to add case-by-case longer time limit signs. As signs are installed, PBOT will begin outreach efforts on the Boise Eliot Parking Management Plan and residential permit options so that if residents are feeling constrained, they can reach out to PBOT.

In Spring 2025, PBOT will evaluate making changes to the Zone V Permit Program.

By mid-year 2025, PBOT will have enough enforcement officers to enforce the new area, including more enforcement officers hired for evening shifts.

Draft Action Plan Implementation Timeline (6 Months – 2 Years)

Around six months after signs are installed in the commercial corridors, PBOT will conduct another round of data collection across the corridor. If conditions do not improve, a residential permit program and meters may be considered by PBOT and the future SAC. PBOT will conduct additional outreach when data collection is occurring. The soonest the corridor could see meters is two years after beginning implementation of the Boise Eliot Parking Management Plan. If meters are chosen, PBOT will use continual data collection and outreach efforts to examine any spillover effects into the neighborhood, noted by the area in blue on the study area map.

Parking studies will occur annually or every other year to see current constraint levels and turnover rates and determine if more parking management tools are required.

Project Next Steps

Rae-Leigh Stark covered the rest of the Boise SAC Project Timeline.

In January, PBOT will engage in a last round of outreach via neighborhood presentations, one-on-ones, and focus groups. There will be a joint Boise SAC/Eliot TF meeting January 21, and an open house for the Boise Parking Management Plan January 26.

In February, the Boise Sac and Eliot TF will review the draft plan in a joint meeting February 25. The finalized plan will be voted on by the city council Spring 2025 (tentative).

Public Comment/Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30. Public comment occurred throughout the meeting and focused primarily on enforcement issues.