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**To:** Northwest Parking District Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)  
**From:** Stanley Ong, Parking Program Specialist  
**Date:** February 12, 2025  
**Subject:** NW Parking District Meter Changes

In October 2024, Rick Williams Consulting conducted an on-street parking assessment of the NW Parking District. As part of the parking assessment, the consultant staff recommended to increase the number of short-term 2-hour stalls to support ground floor commercial spaces, especially along commercial corridors where higher levels of turnover are desired. Additionally, the consultant staff recommended to extend meter enforcement hours to correspond with higher occupancy periods.

## **Increase the number of short-term 2-hour stalls**

At the January 2025 NW Parking District Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting, committee members voiced concerns about the recommendation to convert 4-hour stalls to 2-hour stalls. Committee members stated that it appears that the desired average parking duration of 2 hours or less is already occurring since the average parking duration in 4-hour metered stalls is 1:54 hours.

The consultant staff completed additional analysis of parking durations on NW 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> avenues to see how the parking durations are distributed. It appears that the majority of people (80.5%) are parking for less than 1 hour (689 trips) or 2 hours (221 trips) in the 4-hour stalls (1,130 total trips in 4-hour stalls).

Based on the additional analysis, the consultant staff no longer recommends converting 4-hour stalls on the commercial corridors to 2 hours at this time. However, the consultant staff recommends continuing to look at this as part of future parking assessments as longer parking durations are enabled by the 4-hour time limit.

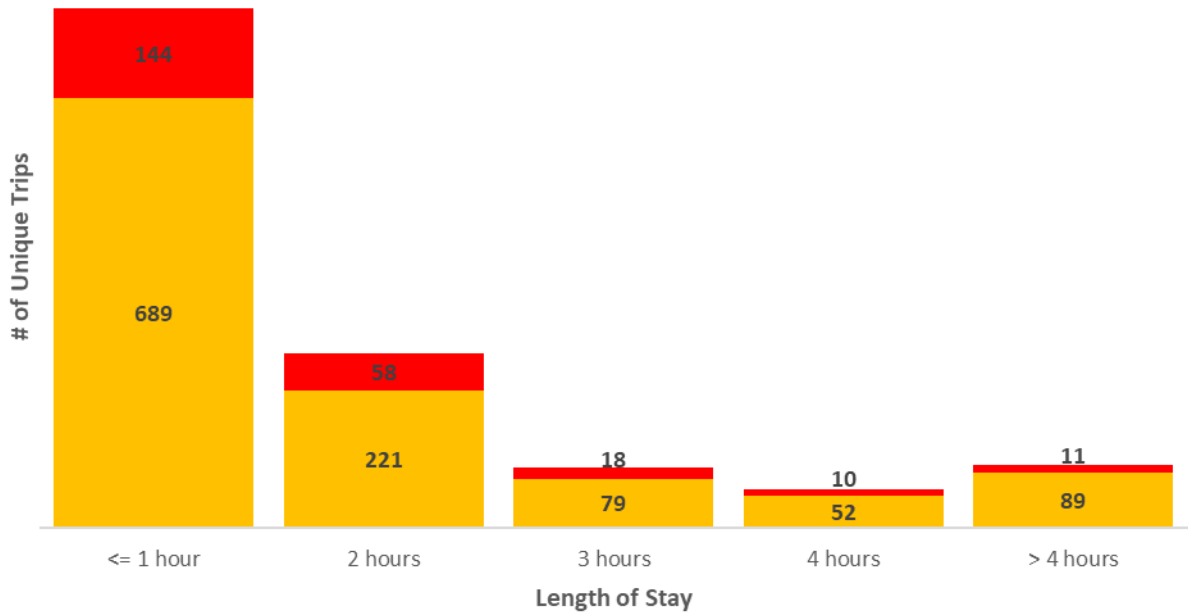


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### City of Portland - NW District - 21st and 23rd Avenues Corridor

2 Hour vs. 4 Hour Stalls: 2024 weekday user length of stay frequencies

■ 4-Hour Timestay Users - 1,130 trips ■ 2-Hour Timestay Users - 241 trips



### Extend hours of meter enforcement

Additional forms of parking management should be considered when parking occupancy exceeds 70%. On-street parking occupancy exceeded 70% in the evening hours until the conclusion of the assessment at 9 p.m. Furthermore, the 6, 7, and 8 p.m. hours saw the greatest amount of vehicles parking without a permit.

### City of Portland - NW District - Demand by User Type

2024: All Users - Hourly Weekday Observations

■ Non-permit Users ■ Residential ■ Business ■ Other Permits

