



EXTENDING METER HOURS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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CREATED FOR
DOWNTOWN COMMISSION BRIEFING



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DOWNTOWN MOBILITY

- In 2015 parking surveys were conducted for parking in the core downtown, which showed:
 - ✓ Almost 100% of metered spaces were occupied during the day.
 - ✓ Over 85% of spaces were occupied at night.
 - ✓ Two of the most popular suggestions were to raise hourly meter rates and install wayfinding.
- Less turnover means:
 - ✓ Congestion, with vehicles circulating
 - ✓ Under utilization of private parking facilities
- Best management practices calls for space occupancy to remain under 85% of capacity.





RATIONALE

- Access is improved when motorists are encouraged to limit their stays or park in garages.
 - ✓ Creates turnover
 - ✓ Available spaces ultimately eases traffic congestion, less circulation
 - ✓ More opportunity for local businesses
- Conform with management best practices, to keep parking space occupancy under 85% of capacity.
- Extending meter hours will:
 - ✓ Improve parking availability
 - ✓ Entice more rapid space turnover





STAKEHOLDER PROCESS

Between December 2015 and January 2016, ATD met with various downtown stakeholders to discuss the proposed Wednesday evening hour extension. Meetings included conversations with:

- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Austin Alliance
- UT Parking & Transportation
- Austin Hotel & Lodging Association
- Red River Cultural District
- ATX Safer Streets
- Stratus Properties
- ACL Live
- W Hotel
- AMLI Downtown
- Austin Restaurant Association
- Building Owners & Managers Assoc.
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Assoc.
- Old Austin Neighborhood Assoc.
- LAZ Parking
- ABM Parking
- SP+ Parking
- Austin Music People
- Ridescout





STAFF PROPOSAL

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is proposing to extend meter hours for City-owned, on-street parking spaces in the downtown area.

§ 12-3-5 - TIME LIMITS ON PAID PARKING.

(B) Paid parking time limits for spaces located within the area bounded by Lady Bird Lake, IH-35, 10th Street, and Lamar Boulevard are in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 6:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on **Wednesday**, Thursday and Friday; and 11:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, unless otherwise posted.

