



# AUSTIN MOBILITY

## EXTENDING METER HOURS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
BRIEFING



Making mobility better, together.



# DOWNTOWN MOBILITY

- Free parking only benefits a few commuters.
- Best management practices call for space occupancy to remain under 85% of capacity.
  - ✓ Goal is to have 1 to 2 spaces available at all times
  - ✓ Limits traffic circulating looking for available parking
- In 2015 and 2016 space utilization surveys were conducted for parking in the core downtown, which showed:
  - ✓ In key areas, near activity centers of downtown core, over 85% of spaces were occupied on Wednesday night.
- Wednesday Night Surveys are being conducted again to confirm earlier findings.





# RATIONALE

- Extending meter hours will improve mobility by:
  - ✓ Creating incentive for space turnover
  - ✓ Cutting down on traffic congestion
  - ✓ Providing more opportunities for customers of local businesses
  - ✓ Encouraging the use of underutilized off-street parking facilities
- Stakeholder parking surveys conducted between December 2015 and January 2016:
  - ✓ Two most popular suggestions were to install wayfinding elements and to raise meter rates.
  - ✓ Approximately – (19) Stakeholder Organizations
  - ✓ DAA sent a letter on January 16<sup>th</sup> of 2016 requesting implementation of Wednesday evening “extended hours”





# STAKEHOLDERS

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





# DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEE PARKING

- In May 2016, Waller Creek Center Garage Facility came online with providing employee and musician parking.
- ✓ Approximately 200 Spaces
- ✓ Available 6pm to 5am
- ✓ \$35 per month
- ✓ On-site security
- One Texas Center Garage anticipated to be online for similar purpose this year.





# 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.

