



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 15, 2016 Agenda Item 6

### **Work Session**

Presentation of Parking Study of Old Takoma

### **Recommended Council Action**

Discuss the Findings and Preliminary Recommendations.

### **Context with Key Issues**

A city-wide study of parking issues is underway, and includes an examination of meters, handicap parking, residential permit zones, enforcement, City Code and regulations, and parking hot spots. The study kicked off with an online survey administered in Fall 2015, garnering nearly 300 responses from residents, visitors, and businesses. Part of the study is covered by a technical assistance grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) to examine parking pressures in the Old Takoma area and advise on creative solutions. Findings and preliminary recommendations from the technical assistance will be presented to Council regarding on-street parking management for commercial and residential parking.

City staff will hold an Open House on Monday, October 3, 2016 to gather additional public input on parking in Takoma Park and generate a report with recommendations to present to City Council later in 2016.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government; Advance Economic Development Efforts

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

The City's sustainability goals include encouraging and promoting the use of transit and active transportation that reduces dependency on automobiles for traveling to and through Takoma Park.

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

The City's existing on- and off-street parking programs entail various costs associated with administration, maintenance, and enforcement. These costs include staff time, vehicles, and various contracts. Meanwhile, residential parking permit fees, meter fees, land leases to businesses, and tickets for violations generate revenue for the City.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Parking Management Study Project Page: <https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/parking-study/>