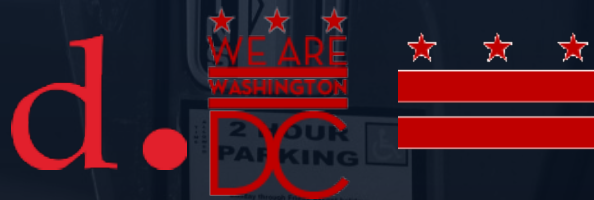


# parkdc

## Penn Quarter/Chinatown

### Multimodal Value Pricing Pilot and Curbside Management - Salient Features



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# Outline

- › parkDC: Penn Quarter/Chinatown program overview
- › Technology Assessment/System Design
- › Impacts of Price Changes
- › Wrap Up

# PARKDC: PENN QUARTER/ CHINATOWN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# parkDC: Penn Quarter/Chinatown Study Area

*The pilot test is only being applied to this initial study area. If DDOT finds a system that works, they will consider extending to other areas of the District.*

114 block faces

~1000 metered spaces

30 loading zones

6 bikeshare stations

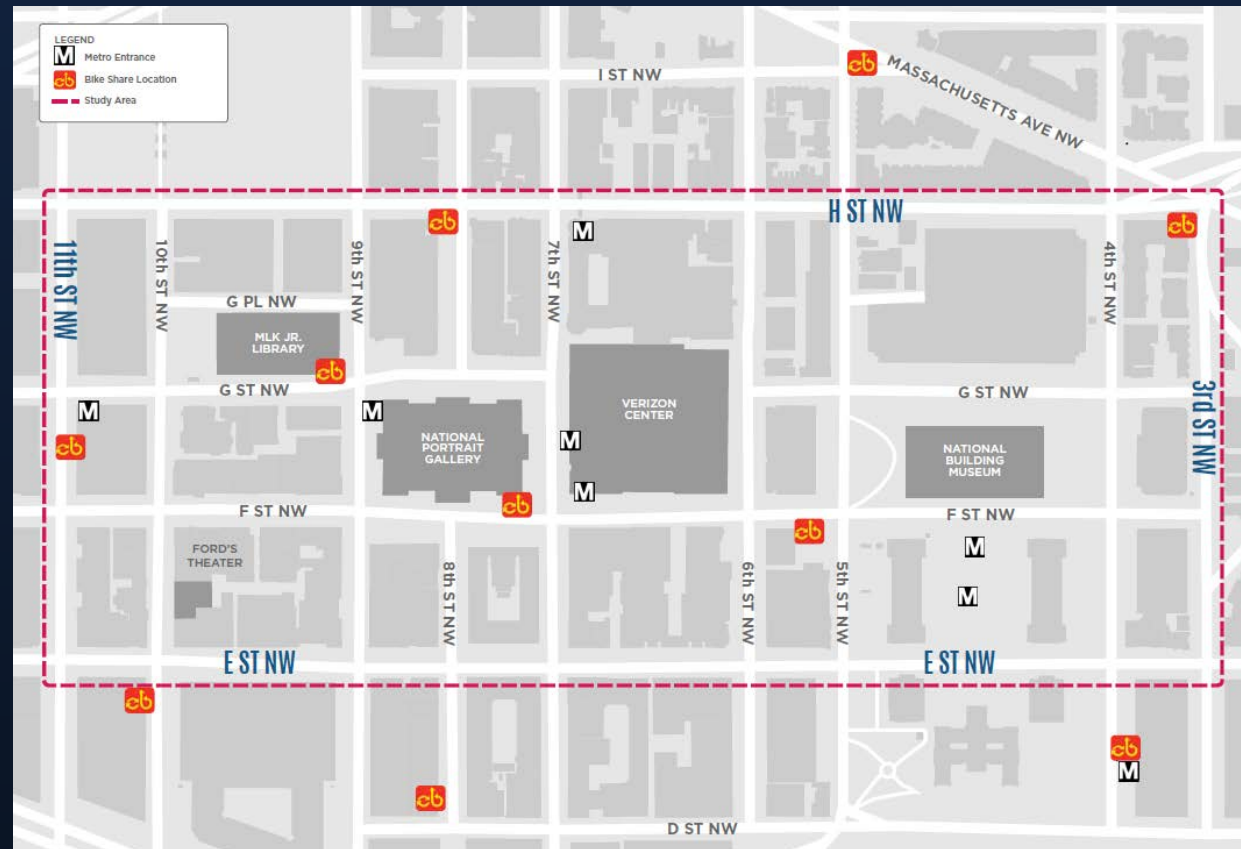
2 car sharing spaces

3 major Metro stations

WMATA bus stops

Freeway-arterial Interaction

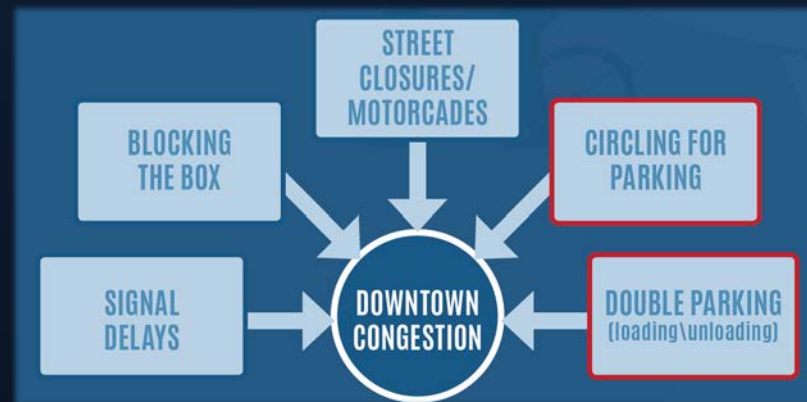
Different land uses



# parkDC: Penn Quarter/Chinatown Project Goals

- › Improved customer experience
- › Reduced time to find parking:
  - Increased parking availability
  - More reliable parking information for drivers
- › Potential to reduce congestion, increase safety, encourage use of other modes
- › Improved turnover of high-demand parking spaces
- › Incentives (lower prices, longer time limits) on low-demand parking spaces

***Asset lite approach***  
***Multimodal demand pricing***



# Local Examples of Demand-Based Pricing



**I-495 HOT Lanes  
(Opened November 2012)**

<http://www.aaroads.com/guide.php?page=i0495oava>



**95 Express Lanes  
(Opened December 2014)**

<http://www.95expresslanes.com/album/50>



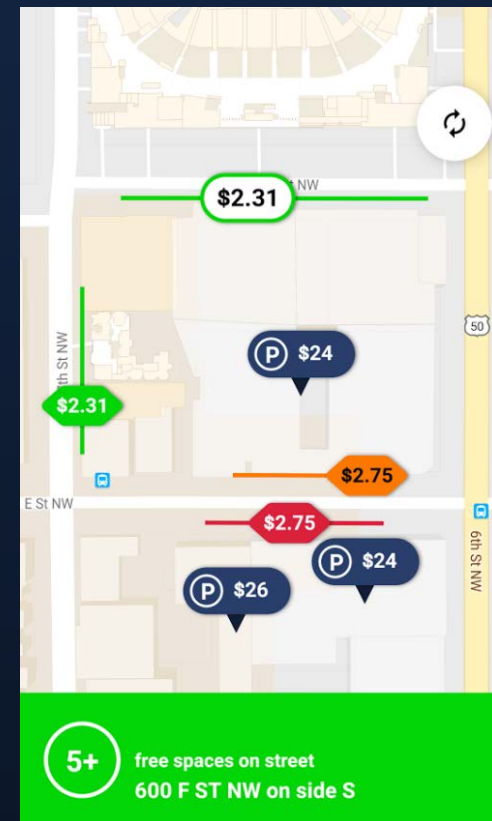
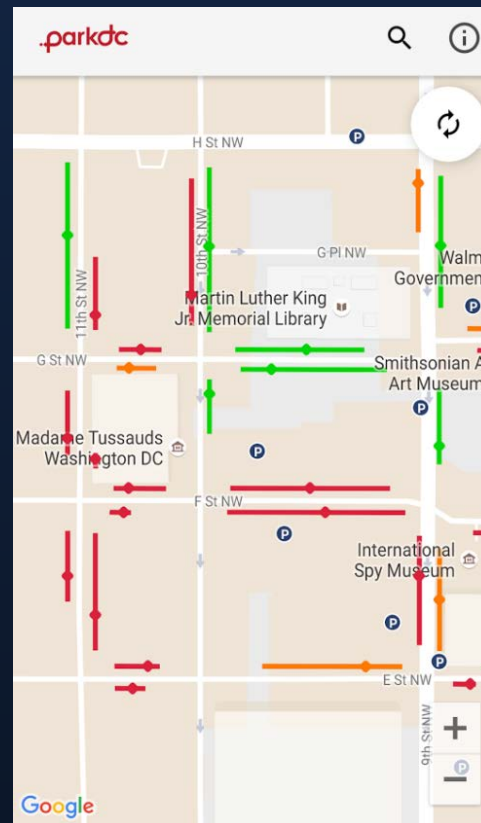
## WMATA Metrorail Time of Day Pricing

Monday-Thursday		Friday	Saturday		
5:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Peak	5:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Peak	7:00 a.m. – Midnight	Off-Peak
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Off-Peak	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Off-Peak	Midnight – 3:00 a.m.	Peak
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Peak	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Peak		
7:00 p.m. – Midnight	Off-Peak	7:00 p.m. – Midnight	Off-Peak	Sunday	
		Midnight – 3:00 a.m.	Peak	7:00 a.m. – Midnight	Off-Peak



# Provide parking information

- › Information on real-time parking availability to customers via web and apps (Arrived Fall 2016!)
- › Open data feed so multiple app providers can use
- › Work with parking garages to share their data, too



# Key Project Milestones

1. Transition to pay-by-space parking
2. Design system to minimize assets
3. Provide new parking communication and signage
4. Implement demand based parking pricing changes
5. Provide parking information
6. Conduct surveys and impact assessments



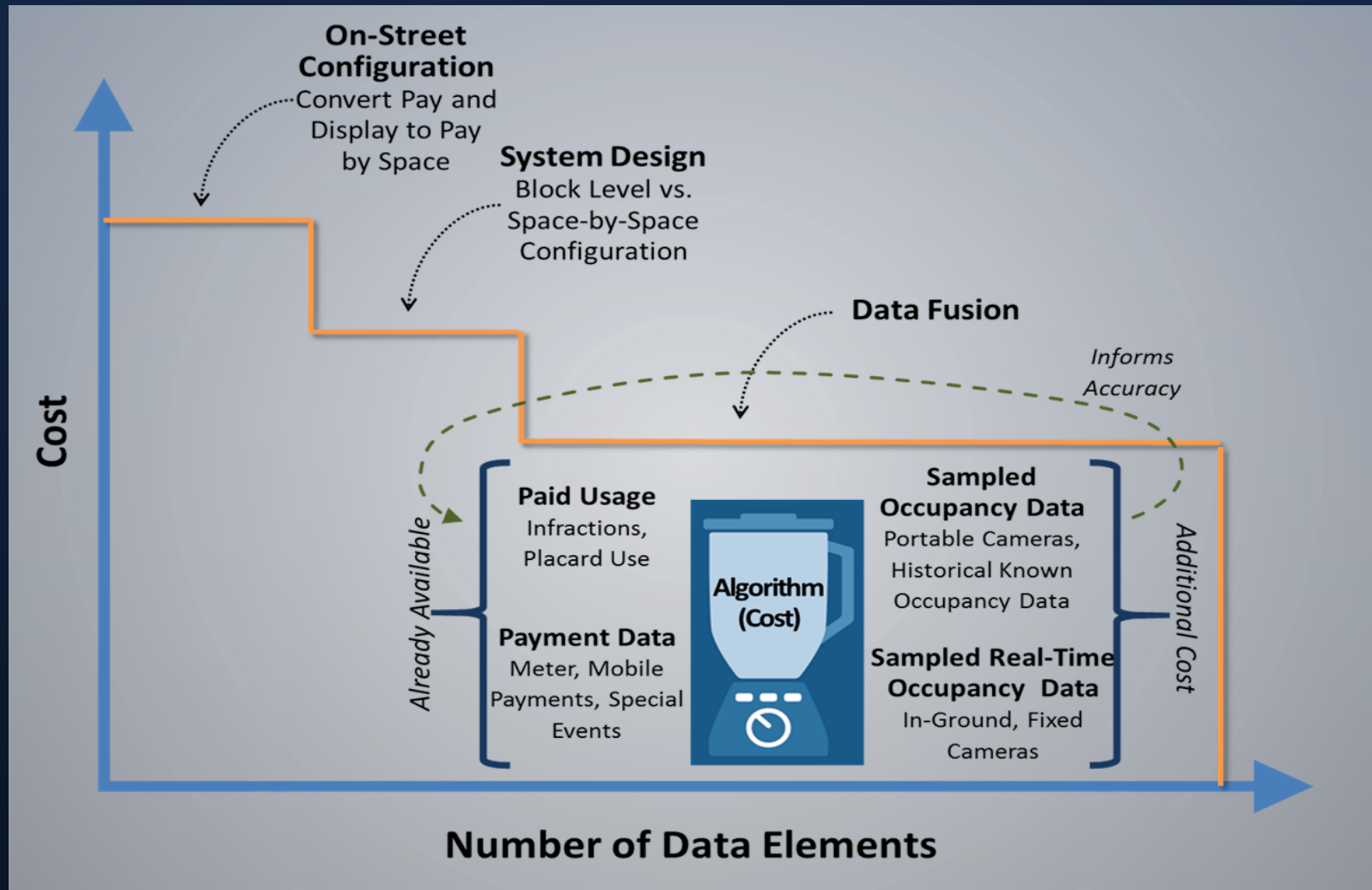
# 1. Transition to pay-by-space parking

- › Completed end of October 2015
- › Improves the customer experience  
*No more returning to your car to display a receipt!*
- › DDOT collected data to determine if pay-by-space affects the number of available parking spaces  
*It does not!*



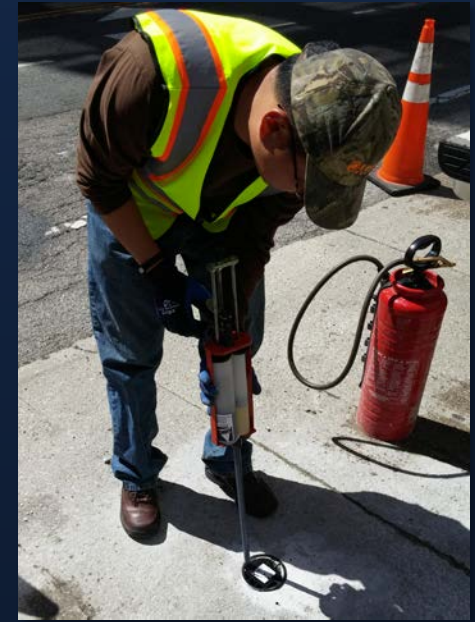
# TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT/SYSTEM DESIGN

# Asset Lite Concept

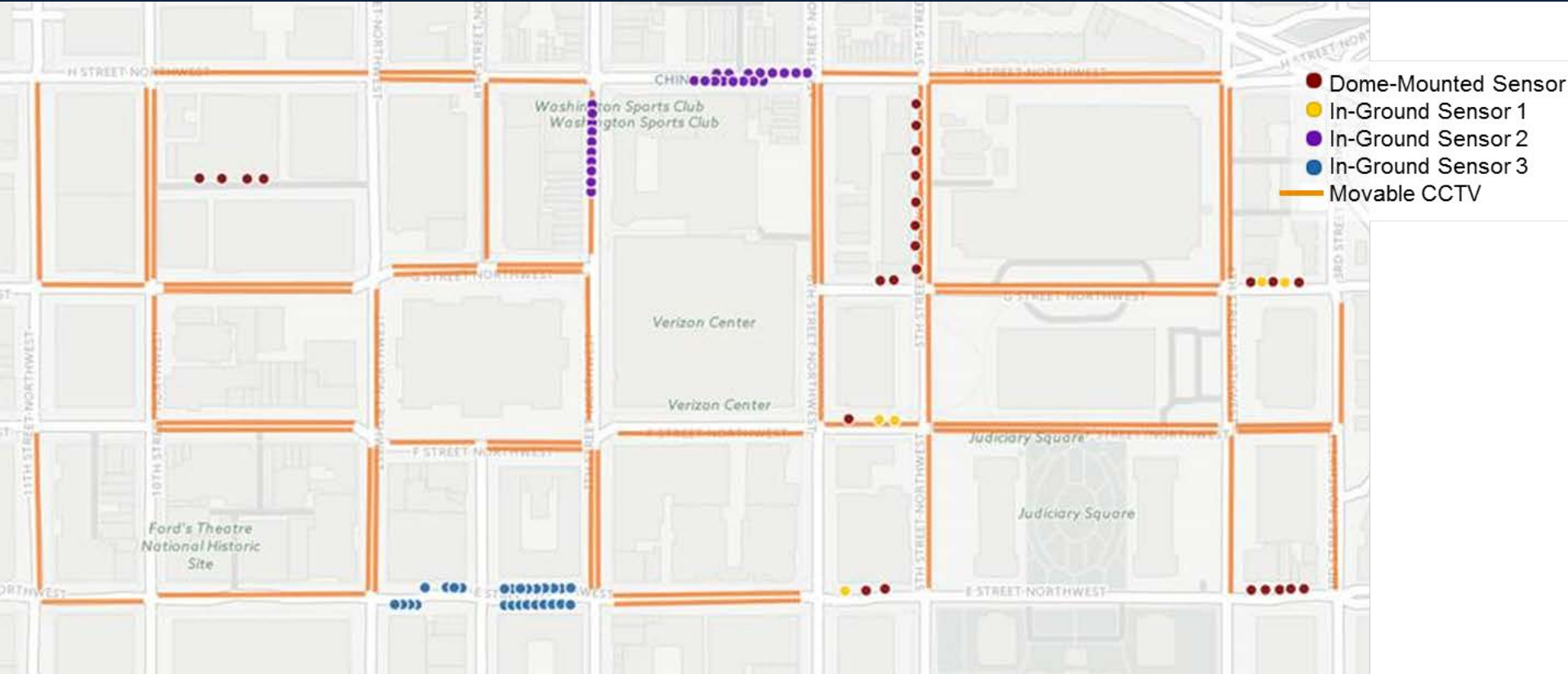


## 2. Design system to minimize assets

- › Technology assessment:
  - Portable cameras throughout 2015
  - Different sensor technologies
- › 500 sensors were installed in March of 2016
  - $2.2E^{269}$  possible combinations
- › Part of the pilot test is determining the minimum number of sensors required if the program is expanded



# Testing Occupancy Detection Equipment Establishing Occupancy





# In-Ground Sensor Locations and Communication Equipment



## Legend

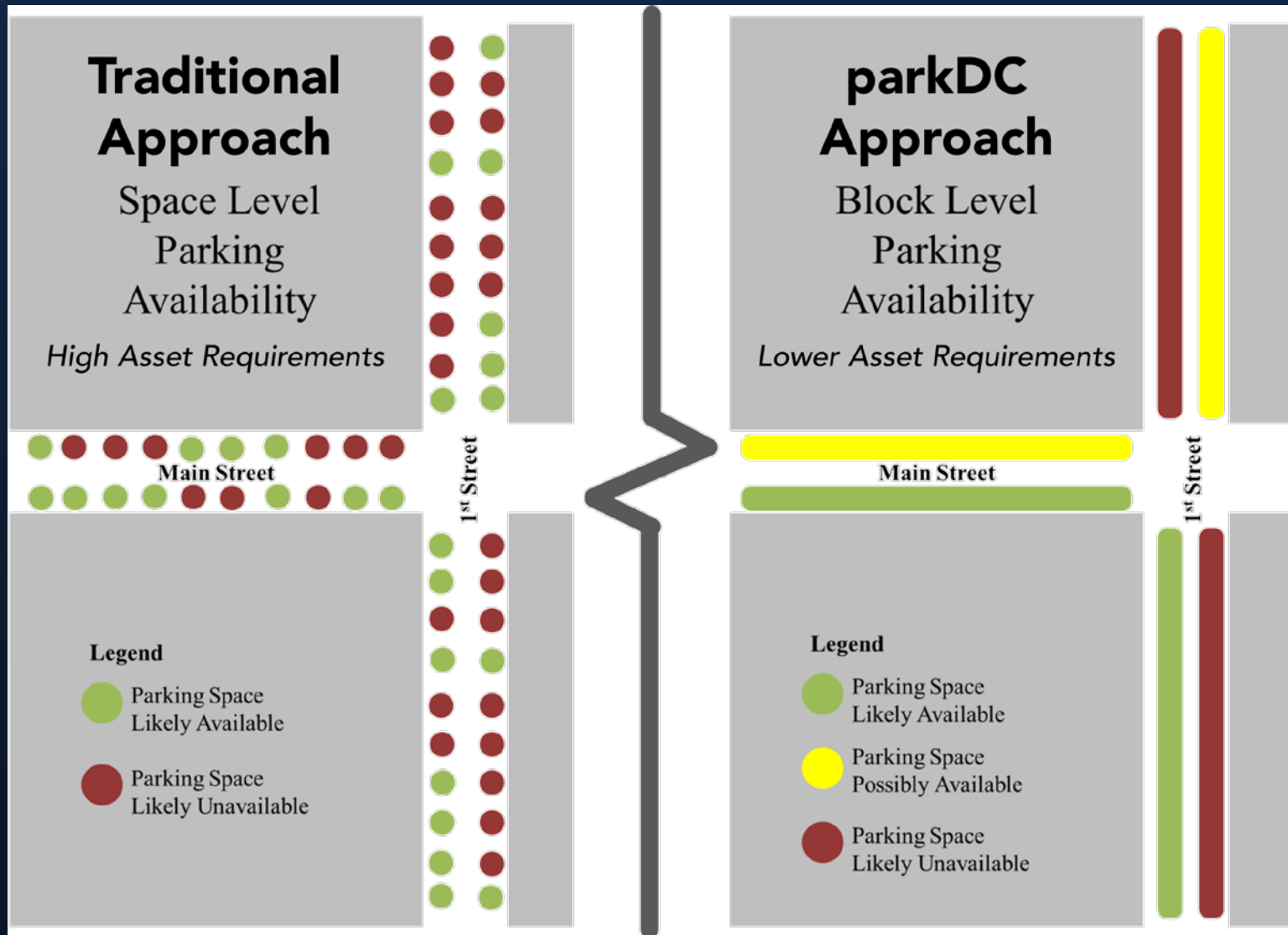
▲ Sensor Communication Equipment

● No Sensor Installed

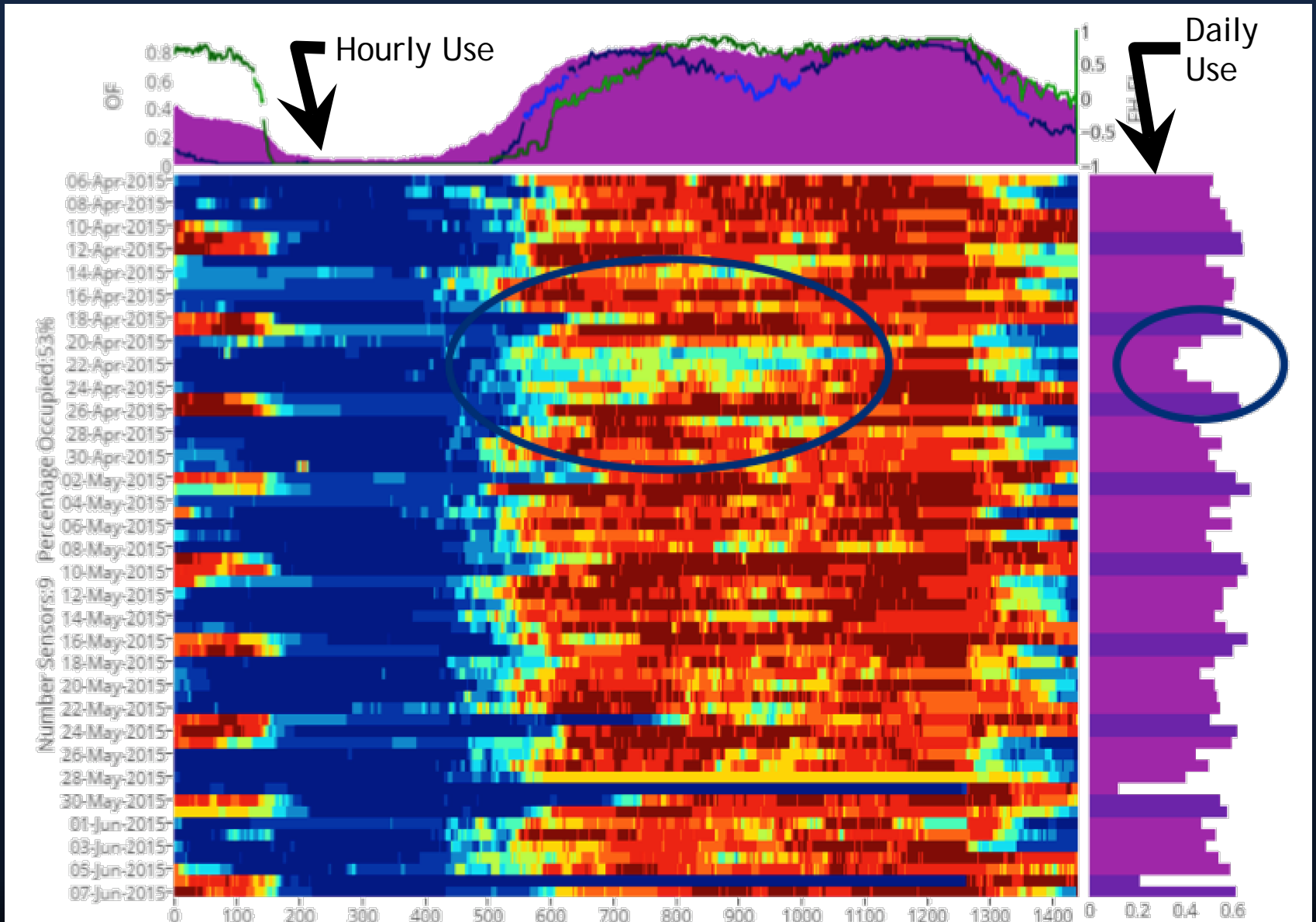
● Sensor Installed



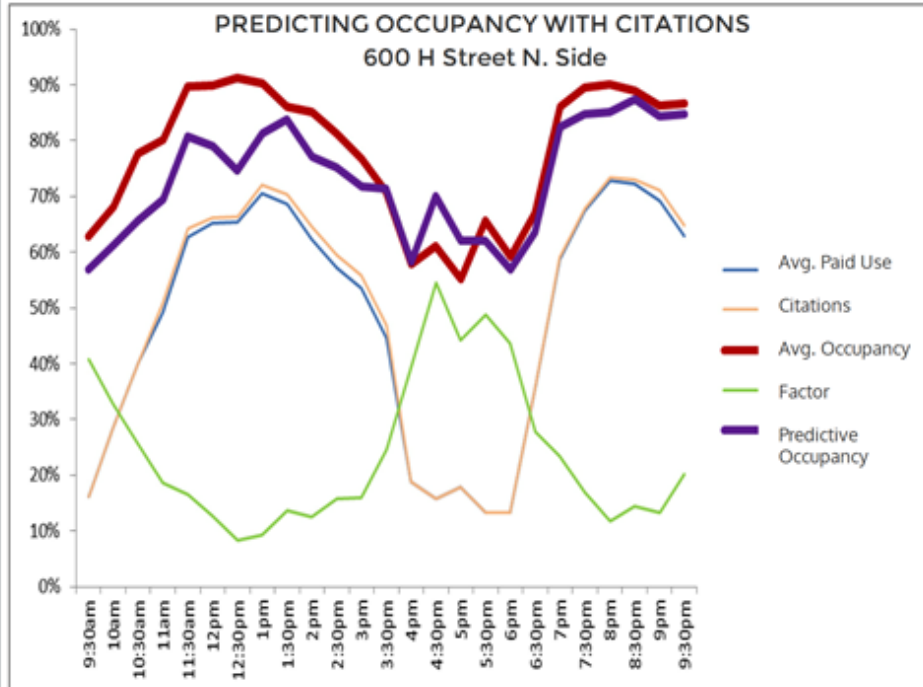
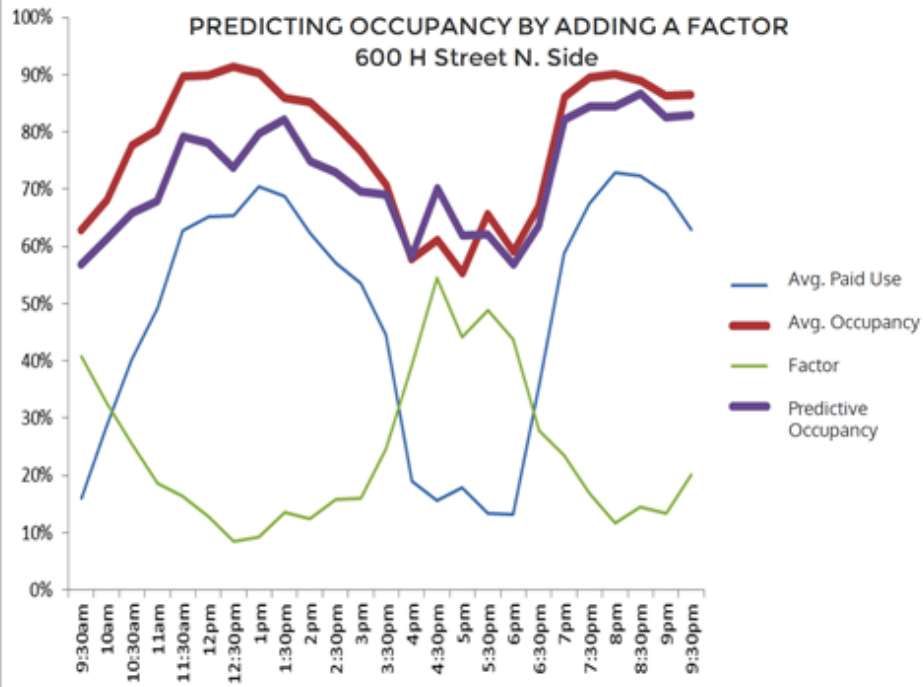
# Block Level vs. Space-by-Space Configuration



# Deviations in a Parking Space

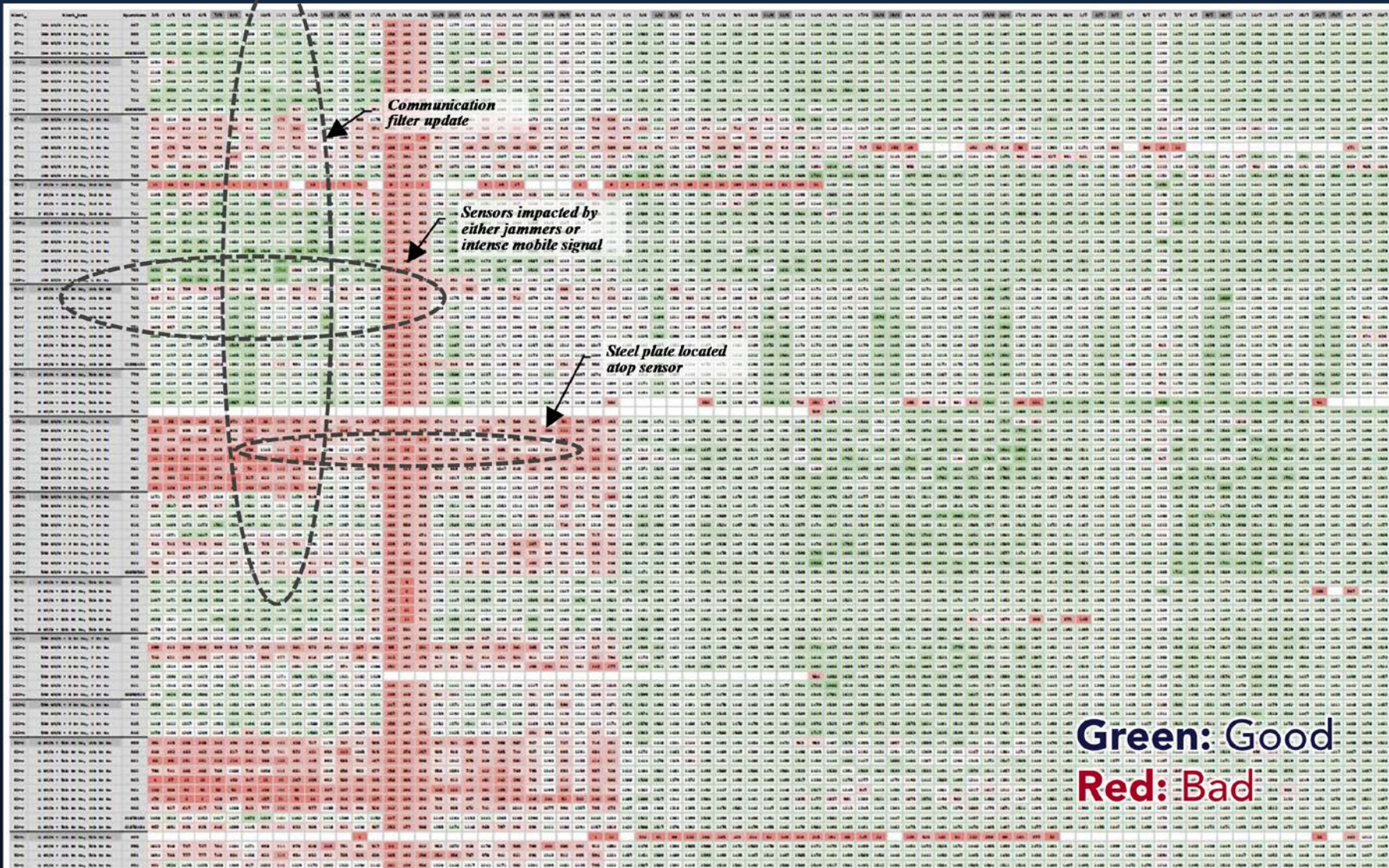


# Use of Citations to Help Improve Occupancy Predictions



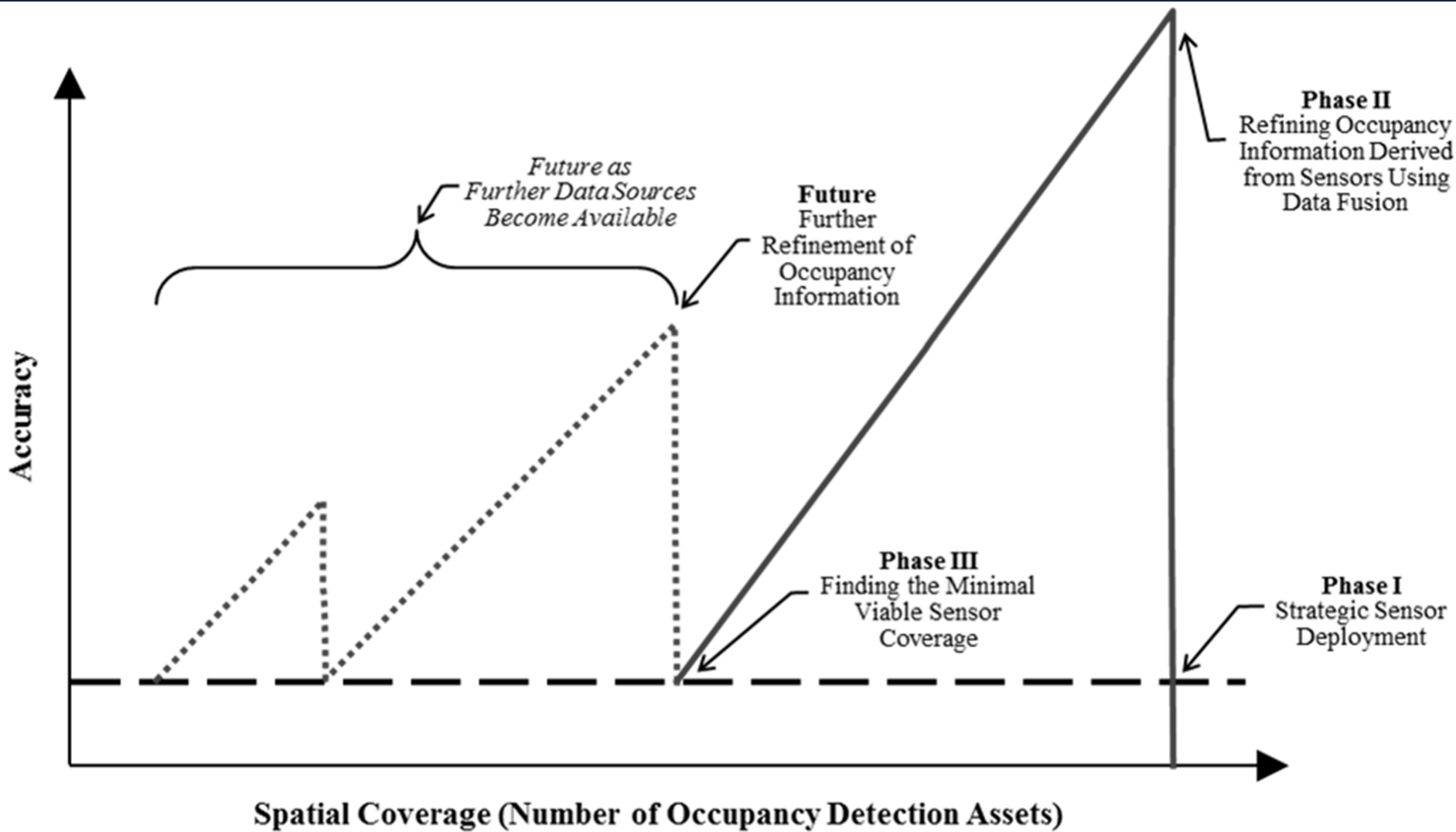


# Heart beat of In-Ground Sensors





# Data Fusion Framework



# Business Rule Summary

*Make traveling and parking easier by reducing congestion through a shift in parking demand, increasing availability, and providing drivers with tools to find available parking spaces.*

## Operations

- › Three weekday time bands, one Saturday time band
- › Rates may vary by blockface
- › Red Top pricing will adjust with blockface pricing, but meter data will not be included in analysis
- › Rate changes provided to DDOT 10 days before public announcement
- › Public announcement will occur 30 days prior to rate change

## Pricing

- › Rate changes are once per quarterly (every three months)
- › Charge the hourly rate necessary to achieve the right level or parking availability
- › Explore time limit increases when rate decreases alone aren't sufficient
- › Rate adjustments will be no more than \$1.50 up or down



# IMPACTS OF PRICING CHANGE

# 1. What We Did

## Round 1 Pricing Scheme

(61% same, 13% decrease & 26% increase)



AM Period  
(7 AM – 11 AM)

Decrease	15
Same Rate	57
Increase	19

Mid-Day Period  
(11 AM – 4 PM)

Decrease	2
Same Rate	45
Increase	44



PM Period  
(4 PM – 10 PM)

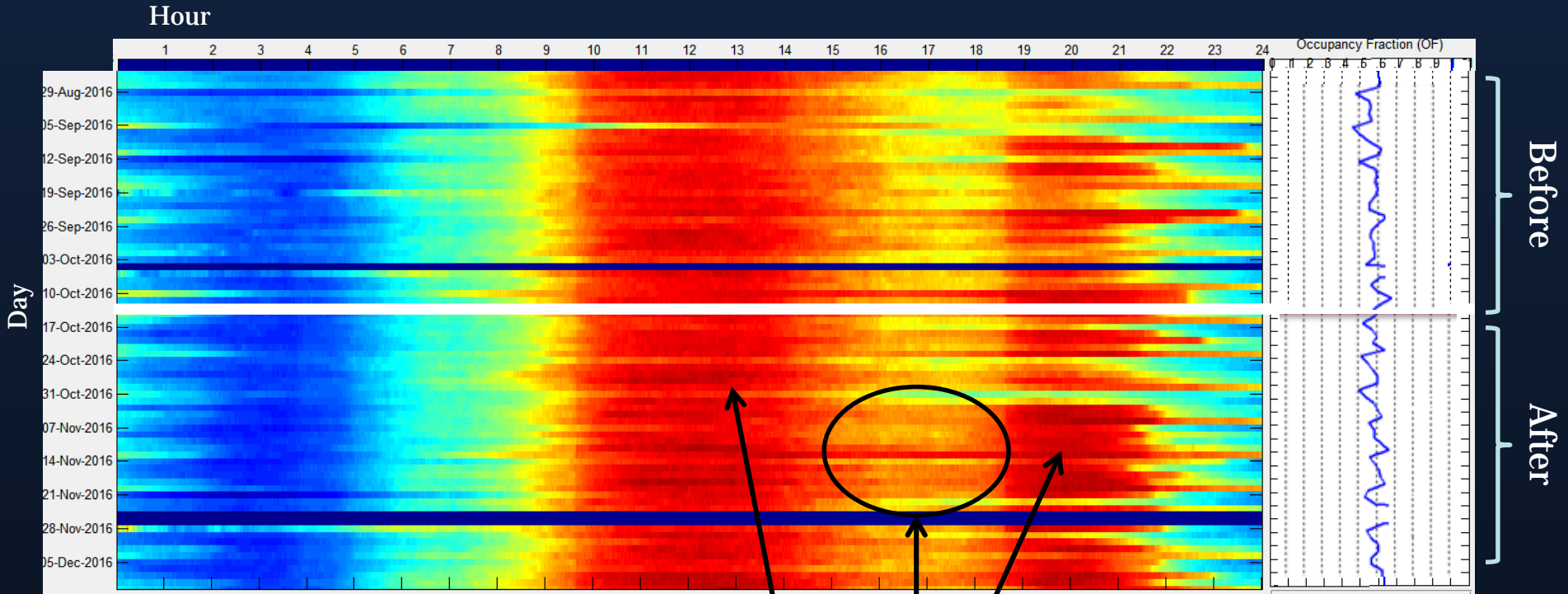
Decrease	15
Same Rate	54
Increase	22

Saturdays  
(7 AM - 10 PM)

Decrease	15
Same Rate	67
Increase	9

# Occupancy Overall Increased

- > Looking at all blocks together, see an overall increase in occupancy (more red in chart below)
- > Caveats: SafeTrack and the start of the Caps season likely played a role as well

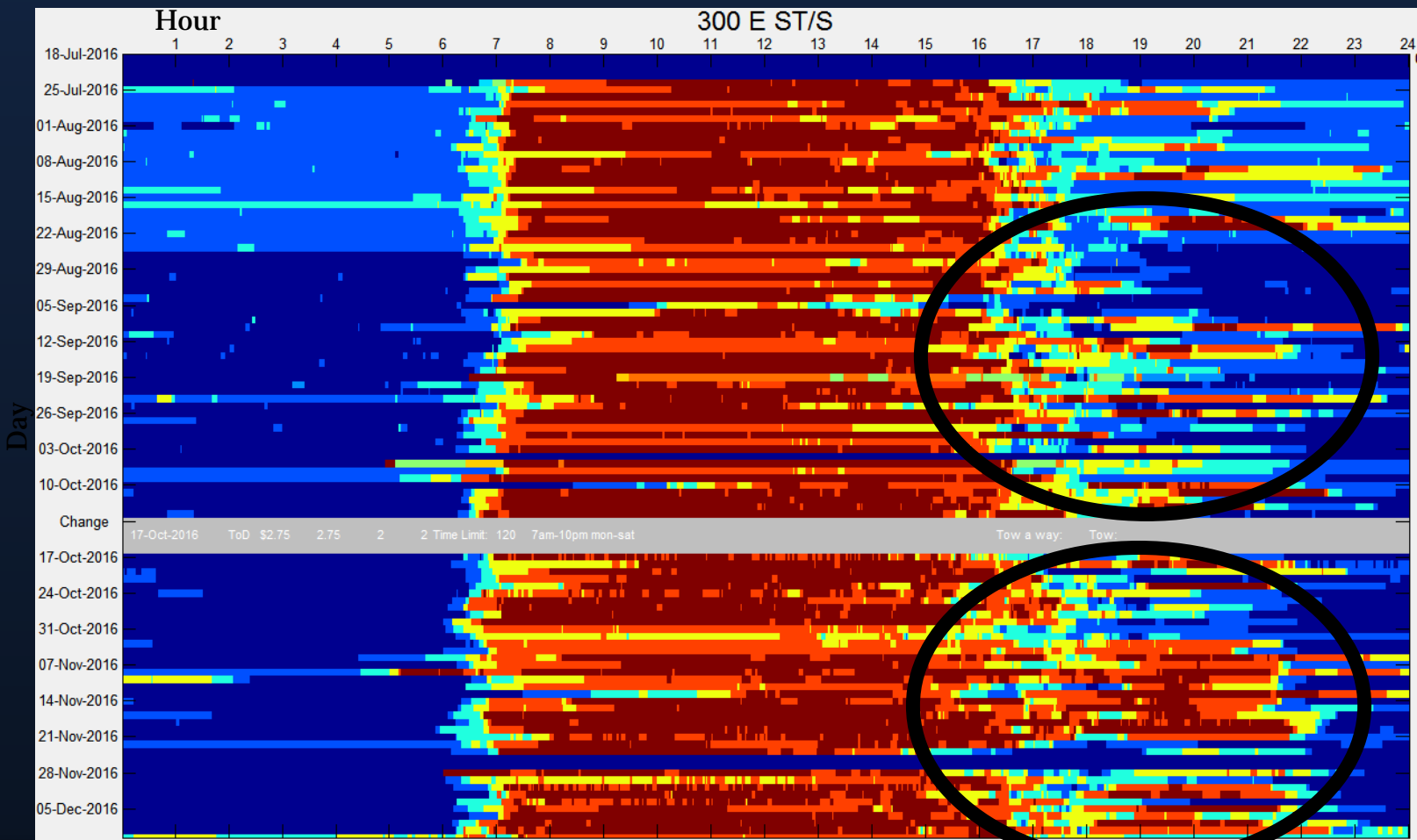


Dark blue is 0% occupancy and Dark red is 100% occupancy.

**Increased  
occupancy**

# Some Blocks are Working: 300 E St. South Side

Rates were reduced during weekday PM timeband (4PM -10 PM) in Round 1; Occupancy increased (highlighted); Pricing will remain unchanged in Round 2

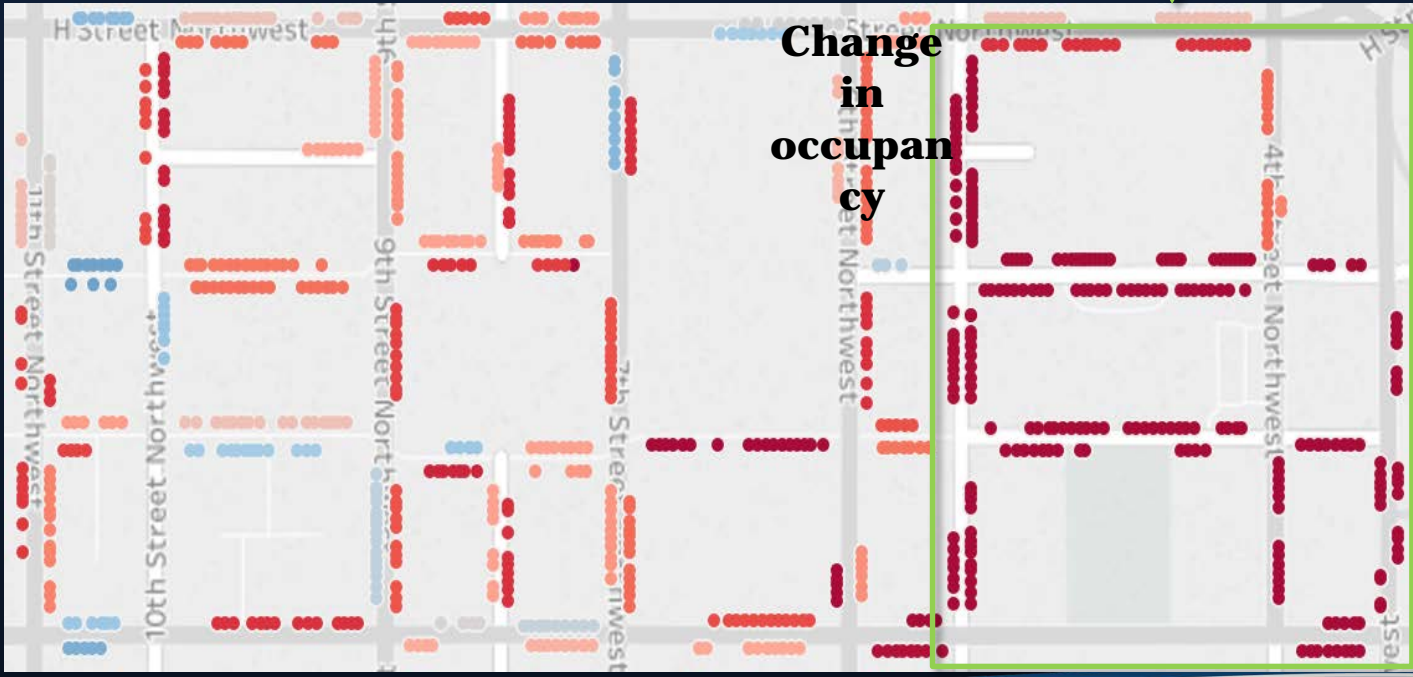


## Round 1 prices

## Some blocks are working



Occupancy increased during the evening and weekend hours in eastern area where prices were lowered



### Mon-Fri, 4pm-11pm

Prices:

- Purple: \$2.00
- Blue: \$2.30
- Orange: \$2.75

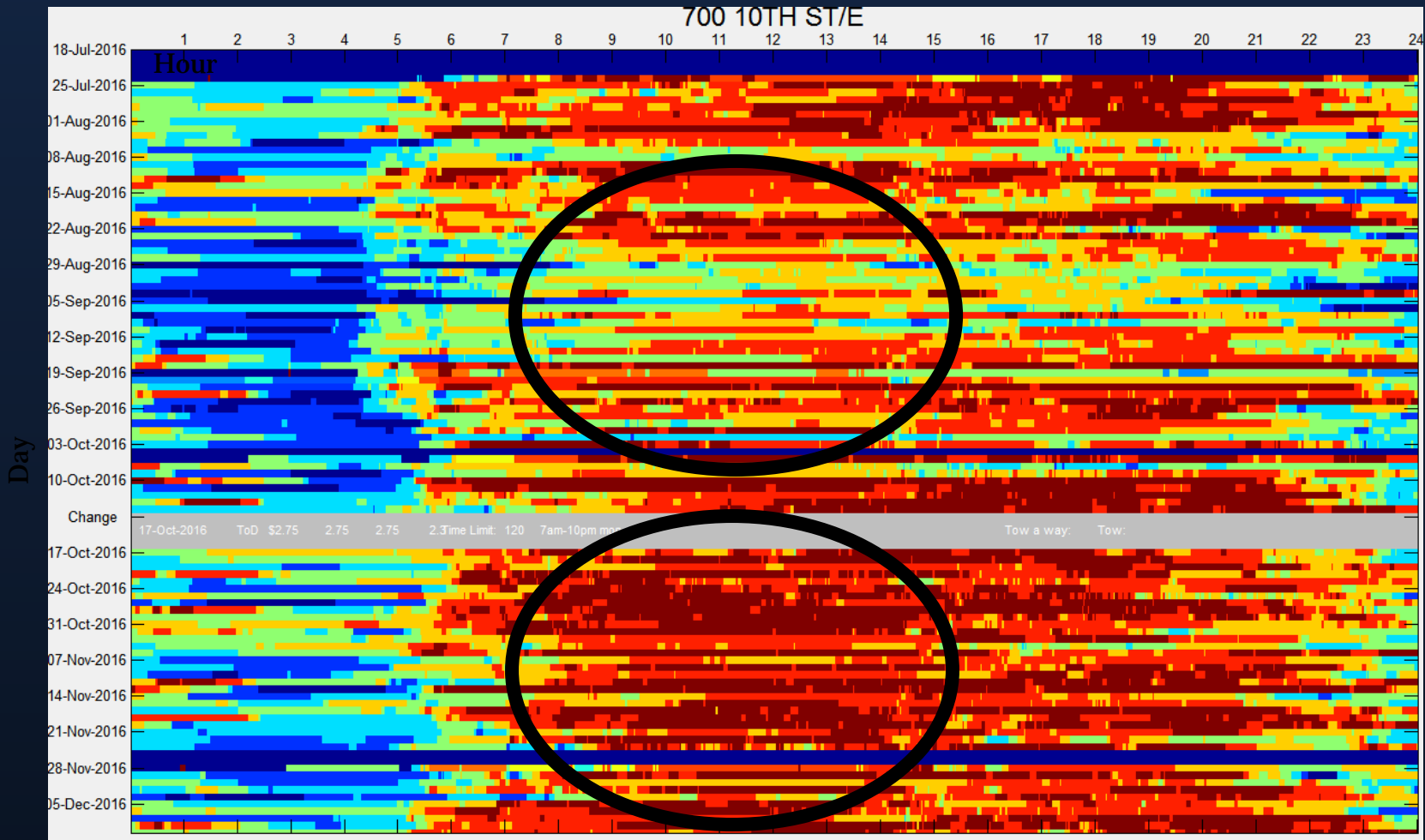
Occupancy

- Dark blue: 10% or more *decrease* in occupancy
- Dark red: 10% or more *increase* in occupancy



# Some Still Need Work: 700 10<sup>th</sup> St. East Side

Rates were increased for weekday mid-day timeband (11 AM – 4 PM) during Round 1; Occupancy increased; Proposed price increase again in Round 2

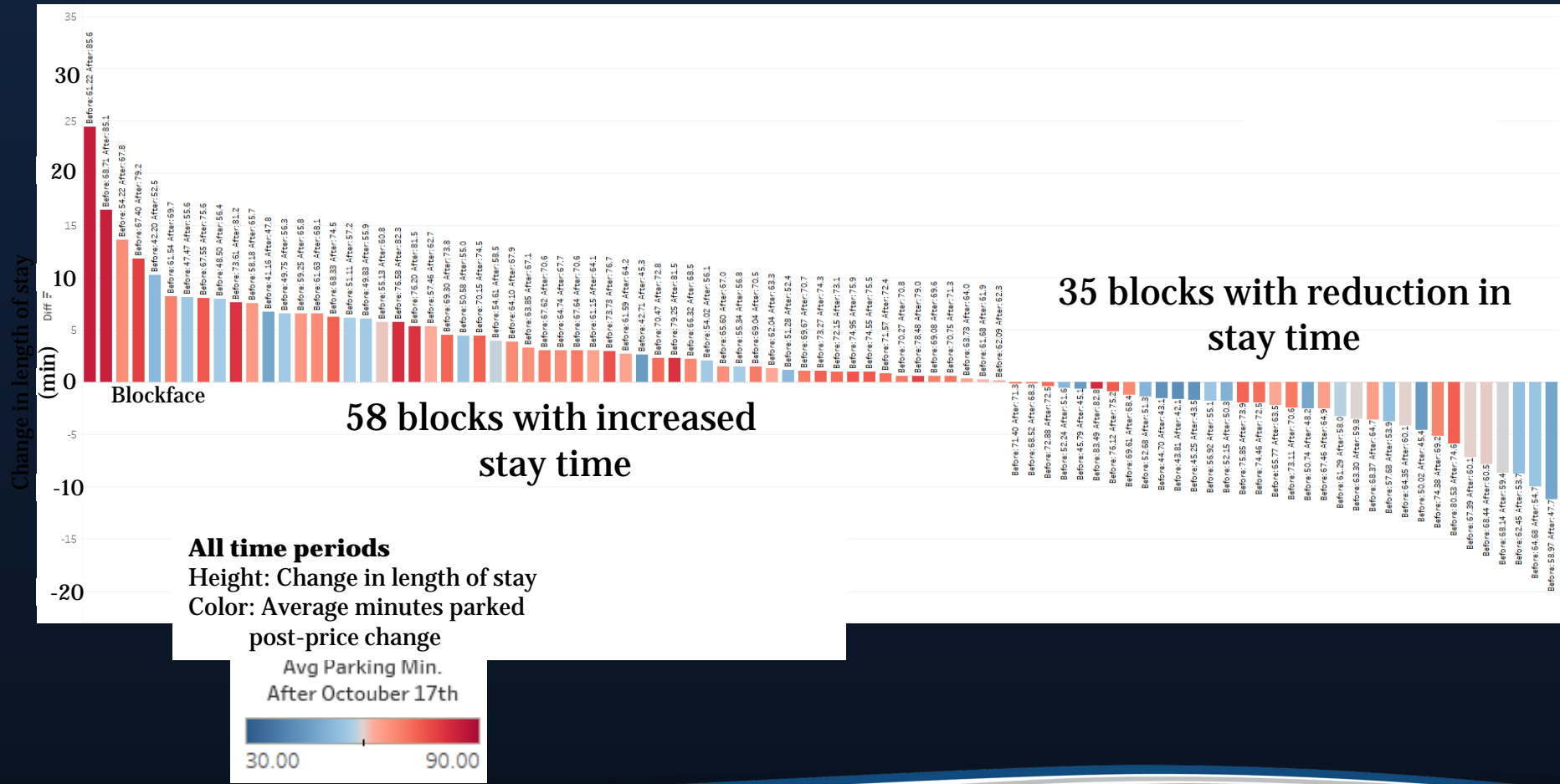




# Length of stay increased marginally overall

2 minutes change in average length of stay (comparing 7 weeks before & after change)

- Before Round 1: 63 min
- After Round 1: 65 min

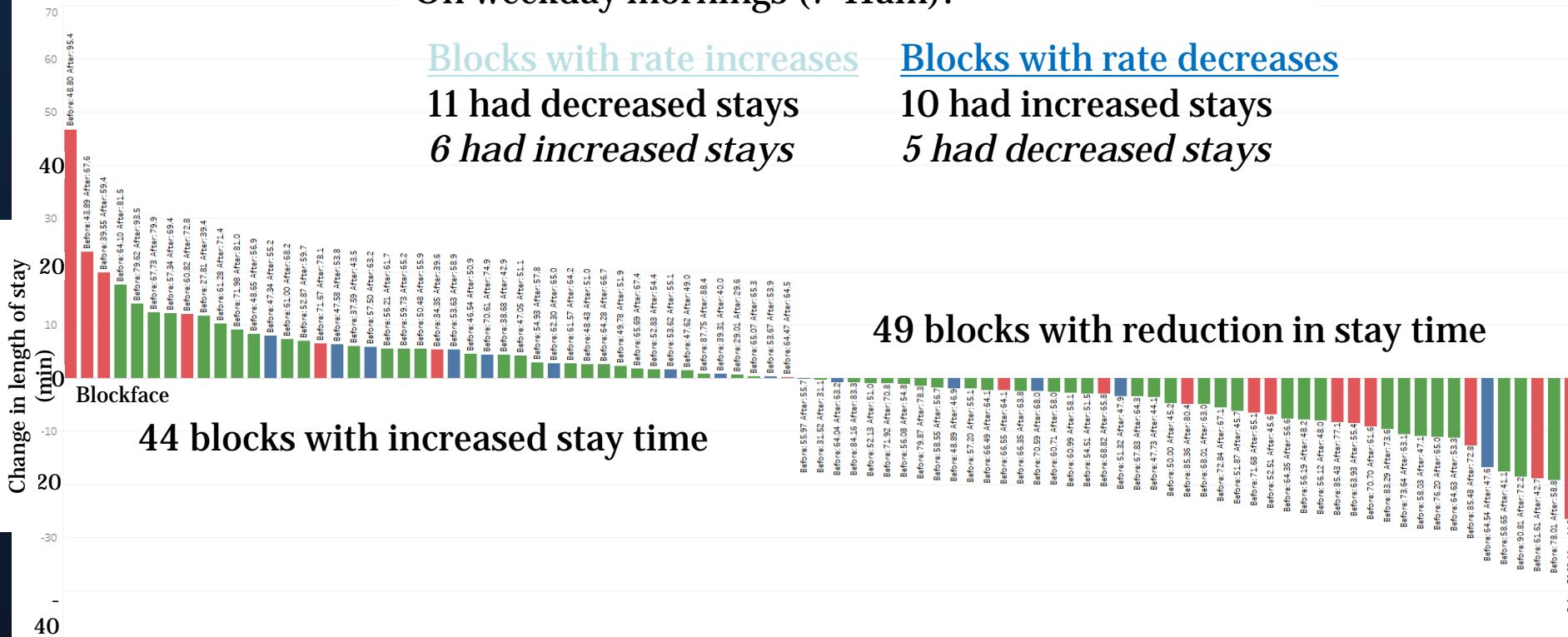


# Results were mixed in the higher demand periods

On weekday mornings (7-11am):

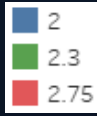
Blocks with rate increases  
 11 had decreased stays  
 6 had increased stays

Blocks with rate decreases  
 10 had increased stays  
 5 had decreased stays



**Mon-Fri 7am-11am**

Height shows change in length of stay since Round 1 price change  
 Color shows Round 1 price:



3. What Comes Next

# Round 2 Price Structure

**No blocks jump two price bands** – all blocks move one step up, one step down, or stay steady at their Round 1 prices.

**Nearly everything moves consistent with round 1:**

- No blocks that increased to \$2.75 go back down to \$2.30
- With 2 exceptions in the evening period, no blocks that decreased to \$2 go back up to \$2.30

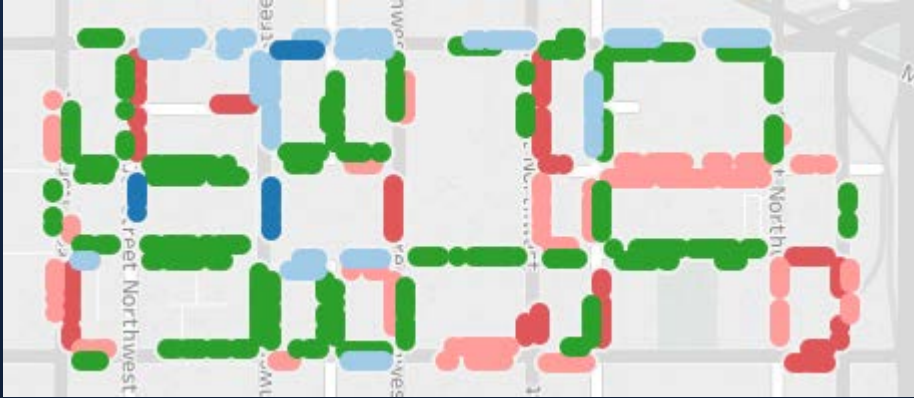
Percent of block-faces at each price

Price	7am – 11am	11am – 4pm	4pm – 10pm	Saturday
\$1.50	3%	0%	2%	3%
\$2.00	16%	3%	12%	14%
\$2.30	43%	28%	25%	51%
\$2.75	23%	29%	38%	32%
\$3.25	14%	40%	23%	0%

From	To	7am – 11am		11am – 4pm		4pm – 10pm		Saturday	
		Parking Spaces	Block-faces	Parking Spaces	Block-faces	Parking Spaces	Block-faces	Parking Spaces	Block-faces
\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50	26	3	0	0	26	2	28	3
\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	100	12	20	2	134	11	163	12
\$ 2.00	\$ 2.30	0	0	0	0	52	2	0	0
\$ 2.30	\$ 2.00	44	3	20	1	0	0	22	1
\$ 2.30	\$ 2.30	412	40	254	26	218	21	456	47
\$ 2.30	\$ 2.75	155	16	231	19	289	34	172	21
\$ 2.75	\$ 2.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75	39	5	69	8	9	1	58	9
\$ 2.75	\$ 3.25	123	13	305	37	171	21	0	0

### 3. What Comes Next

# Round 2 Pricing Scheme



**AM Period**  
(7 AM – 11 AM)

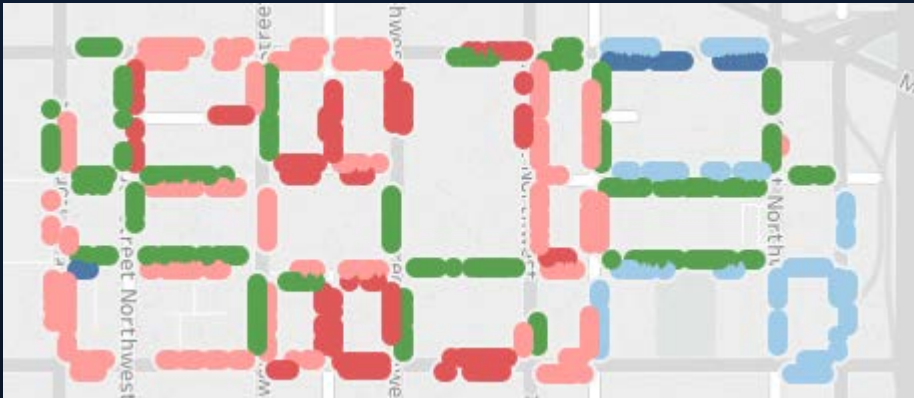
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\$1.50	3
\$2.00	15
\$2.30	40
\$2.75	21
\$3.25	13



**Mid-Day Period**  
(11 AM – 4 PM)

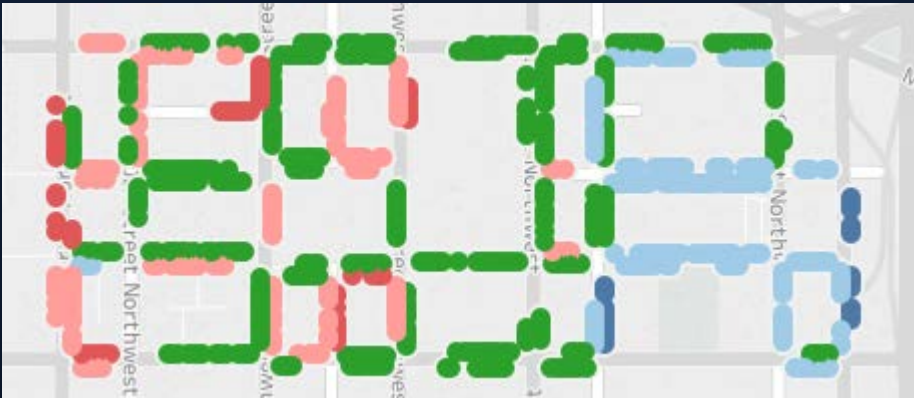
\$1.50	0
\$2.00	3
\$2.30	26
\$2.75	27
\$3.25	37



**PM Period**  
(4 PM – 10 PM)

\*500 E ST/N not operating in this period

\$1.50	2
\$2.00	11
\$2.30	23
\$2.75	35
\$3.25	21



**Saturdays**  
(7 AM - 10 PM)

\$1.50	3
\$2.00	13
\$2.30	47
\$2.75	21
\$3.25	9

# SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

# Key Project Activities and Timeline...

- Q3 2014** > Kick off project
- Q1 2015** > Prepare project documentation  
> Develop new signage
- Q2&3 2015** > Install “asset lite” parking occupancy detection  
> Test new systems  
> Transition to pay by space
- Q4 2015** > Perform baseline conditions assessment
- Q1 2016** > Install parking occupancy sensor equipment
- Q2 2016** > Develop pricing algorithm  
> Install new signage
- Q3 2016** > Implement demand-based parking pricing changes  
> Provide real-time parking availability information
- Quarterly** > Adjust pricing
- Q3 2017** > Perform “after” conditions assessment
- Q4 2017** > Complete comprehensive impact assessment



# QUESTIONS

# Mobile Application

## THE .parkdc APP



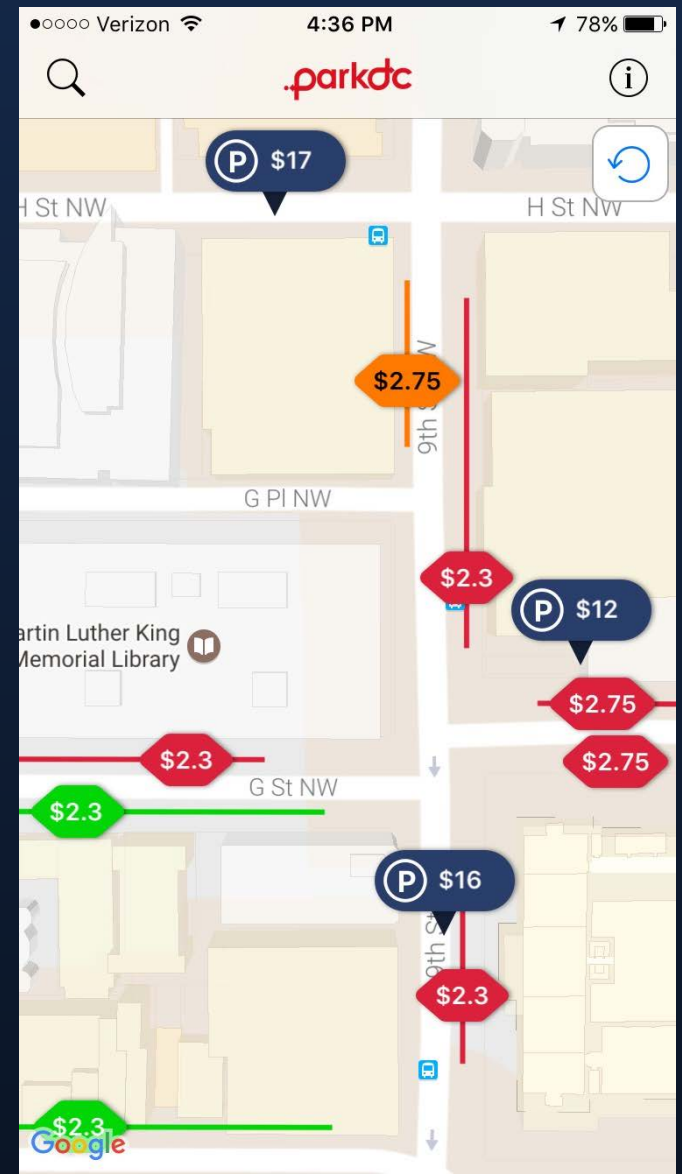
**CHECK BEFORE YOU GO!**

**REAL-TIME PARKING PRICING AND AVAILABILITY IN PENN QUARTER / CHINATOWN AREA.**



**CURRENTLY ONLY CONTAINS INFORMATION FOR PENN QUARTER/CHINATOWN.**

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**

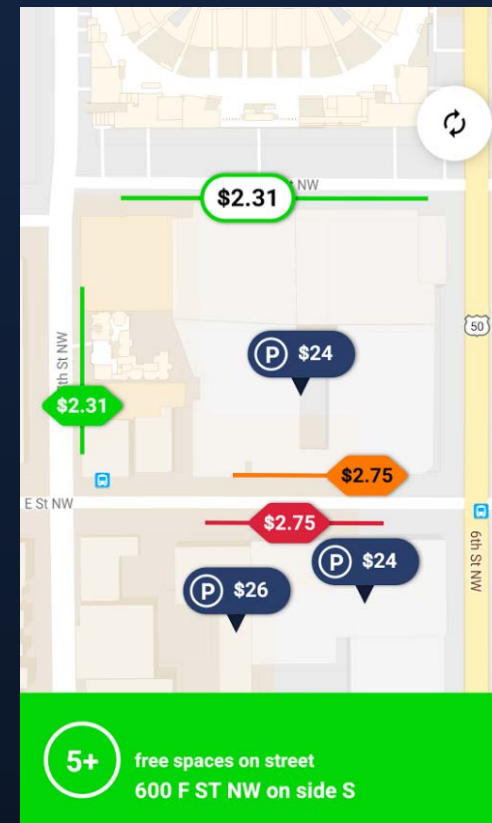
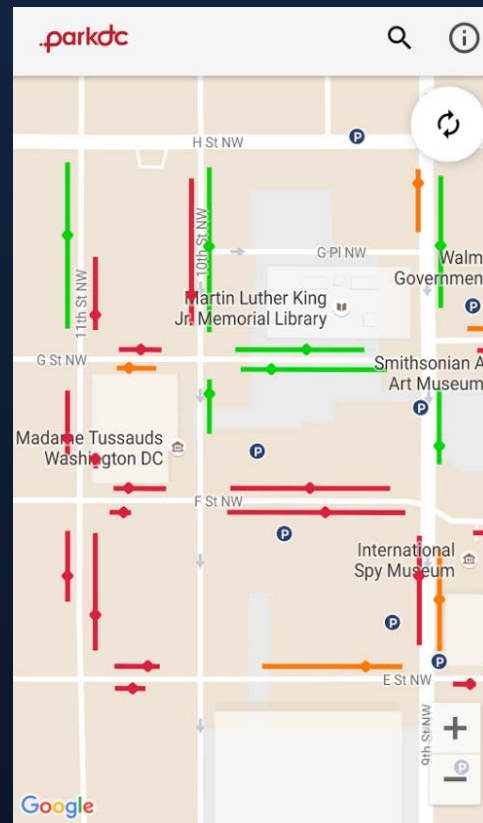


# Preliminary Results after First Price Change

- › Average occupancy remained similar
  - Reflective of conservative initial price change
  - Occupancy increased significantly on a number of blocks with rate increases
  - The greatest increases in occupancy were on blocks where rates were reduced or held
  - Shifts to underutilized spaces were evident during evenings and Saturdays
  - DDOT attempting to identify effects of Metro SafeTrack and Verizon Center events
  
- › Average stay remained similar
  - Stays generally reduced on blocks with rate increases
  - Stays in eastern portion of pilot with price decreases increased significantly, offsetting reduced stays elsewhere

## 5. Provide parking information

- Information on real-time parking availability and pricing to customers via web and apps (Arrived Fall 2016!)



## 6. Conduct surveys and impact assessments

- › Survey of business owners/operators, customers, and delivery drivers
- › Time to find parking analysis
- › Placard usage review
- › Cruising for parking evaluation
- › Study of traffic volumes, Capital bikeshare data, and Metro Rail and Metrobus ridership to determine effects (if any)
- › Assess technology impacts

# First Price Change Recommendation

- Scenario 2 recommended for first price change (\$2/Hour, \$2.30/Hour, \$2.75/Hour)
  - Most simplistic price change
  - Easiest to communicate
  - Fewest price changes (up or down)

s1	
Close to Dec..	10
Close to Incr..	4
Decrease Le..	15
Increase Lev..	19
Same	43

s2	
Close to Incr..	20
Decrease Le..	2
Increase Lev..	44
Same	25

s3	
Close to Dec..	2
Close to Incr..	5
Decrease Le..	15
Increase Lev..	22
Same	47

sWeekend	
Close to Dec..	6
Close to Incr..	10
Decrease Le..	15
Increase Lev..	9
Same	51

Week	
Close to Dec..	1
Close to Incr..	10
Decrease Le..	5
Increase Lev..	16
Same	59

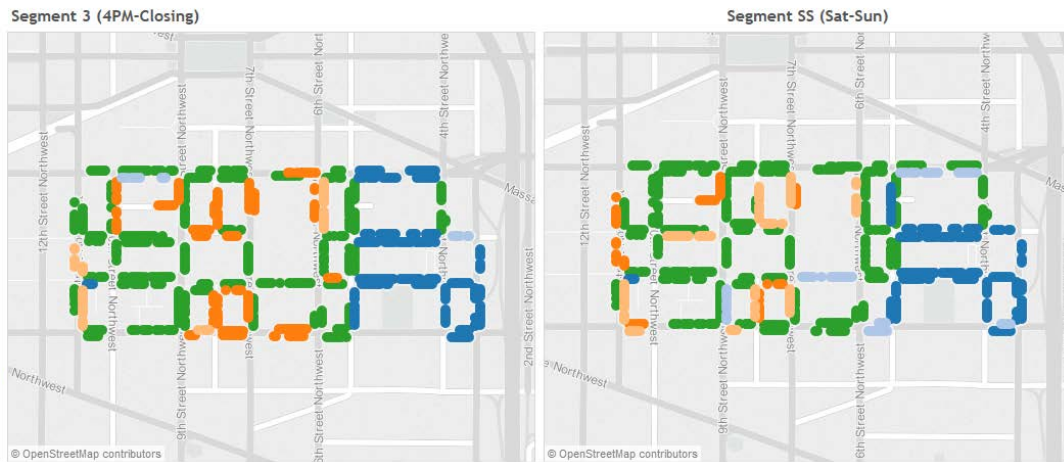
Low Threshold  
0.33

Low Threshold x2  
-1

High Threshold  
0.33

High Threshold x2  
1

Show Close Threshold  
 True  
 False



s1	
Decrease L..	15
Increase Le..	19
Same	57

s2	
Decrease Le..	2
Increase Lev..	44
Same	45

s3	
Decrease Le..	15
Increase Lev..	22
Same	54

sWeekend	
Decrease Le..	15
Increase Lev..	9
Same	67

Week	
Decrease Le..	5
Increase Lev..	16
Same	70

If close to decrease and increase remain the same rate

Everything that is  $\pm 0.05$  to the threshold is considered close to increase or decrease.

- Close to Decrease Level 1
- Close to Increase Level 1
- Decrease Level 1
- Decrease Level 2
- Increase Level 1
- Increase Level 2
- Same