

Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Implementation Act

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District Department of Transportation

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- Bill 18-153 introduced to establish curbside loading zone program. Proposed legislation will:
 - Establish loading zone meter fees
 - Determine space for loading zones
 - Develop a payment process
 - Implement enforcement plan

Meter Fees

- Identifying other city-based programs
 - San Francisco, California
 - Houston, Texas
 - NewYork , NewYork
 - Chicago, Illinois
 - Seattle, Washington



General Findings

- Loading zones are identified by curb markings for unloading and loading
- Duel use loading zones for freight and passenger loading
- Metered spaces are standard for commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles
- Various fees for commercial vehicles v. passenger vehicle in few cases (flat v. graduated)



General Findings (cont'd)

- Time limit typically 30 minutes for unloading/loading purposes
- Requirement for annual permit/decal process for carriers (Spokane)
- Uniform Signage





Approach (cont'd)

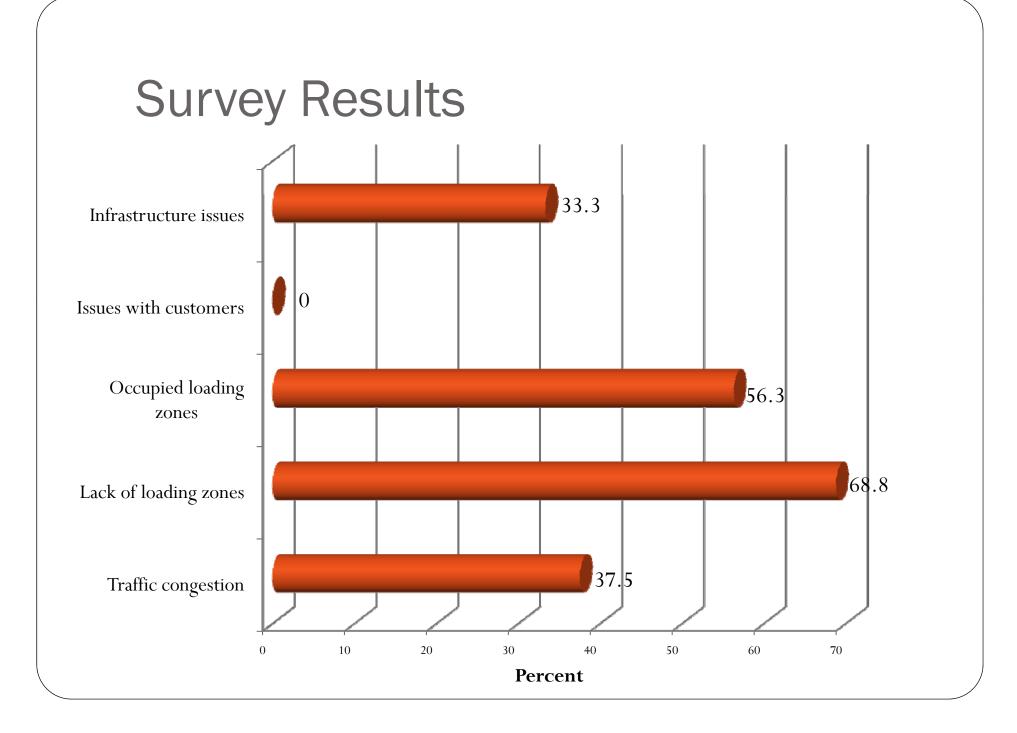
- Various methods of collecting fees
 - Muti-space meter
 - Pay-by phone
 - Park Magic



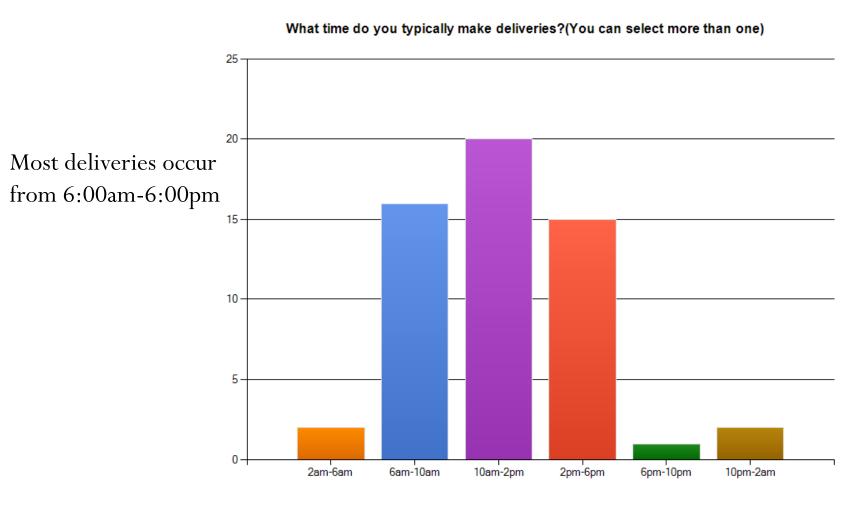
- Additional technology being considered
- Setting meter rates by zones; graduated rates is an option
- Meter all loading zones through phased approach
 - Central Business District
 - Ust Street/Columbia Heights
 - Capitol Hill/SW
- Enforcement plan

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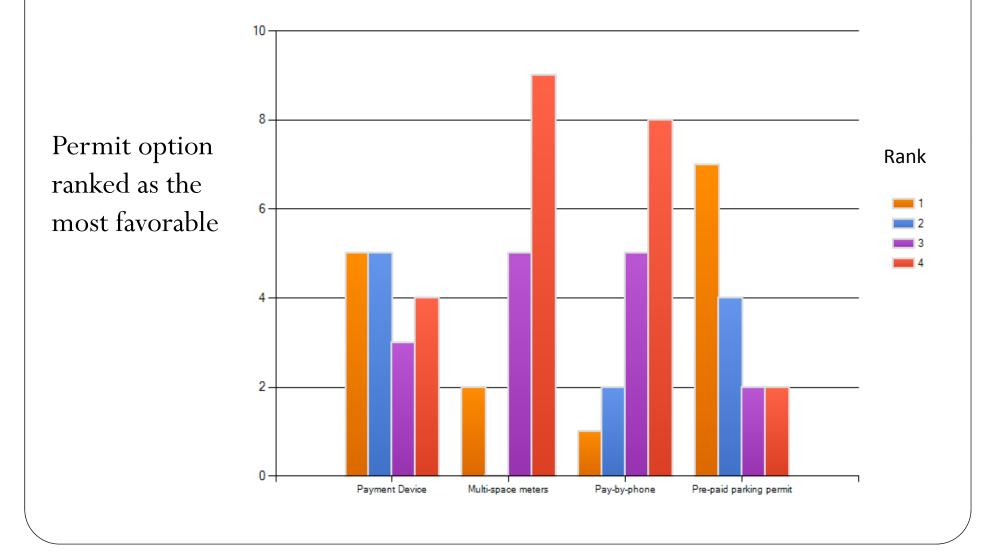
- Incorporating feedback from stakeholders
 - BIDs(Business Improvement Districts)
 - Freight stakeholders
 - Other business interests
- Additional data collection efforts
 - Identification of loading zones in phased areas
 - Freight stakeholder survey
 - Focus Groups (FedEx, UPS, Guernsey Products, Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, ATA)



Survey Results (cont'd)







Program recommendations

- Increase size of loading zones
- Identify underutilized loading zones and convert to metered parking spaces
- Establish consist time frame fro loading zones
- Establish payment process
 - Multispace meter
 - Permit

Permit option

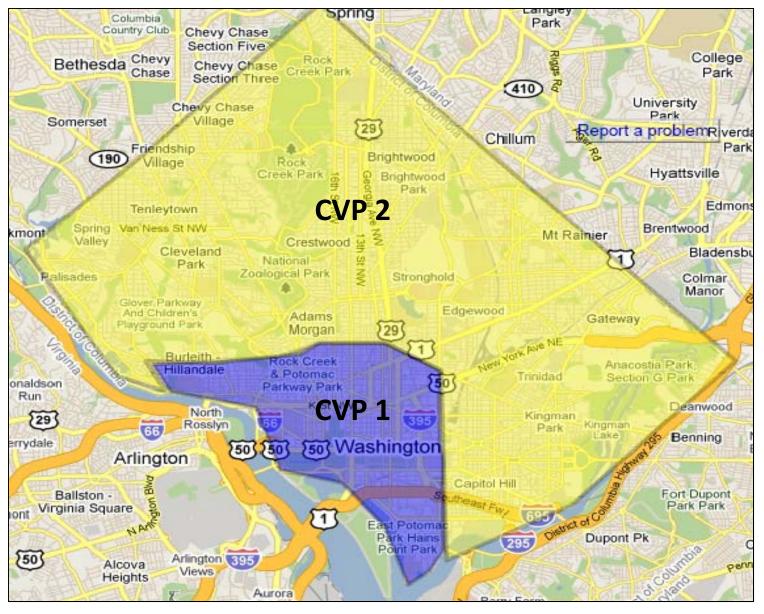
Multispace meter

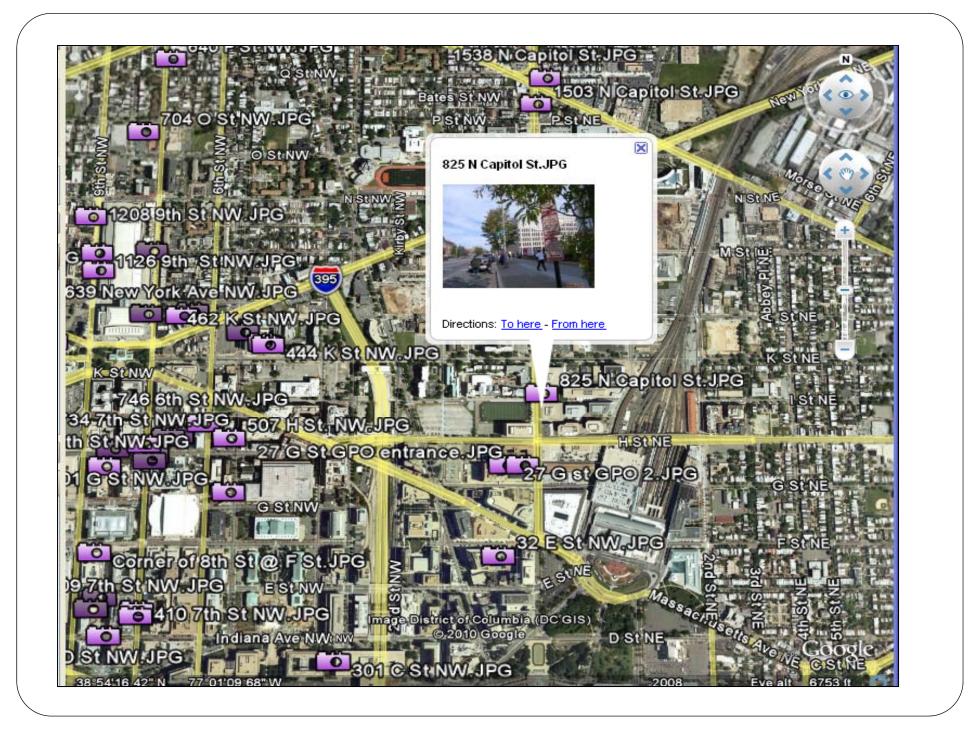
• Carrier will park and pay via a multispace meter when available (similar to current K St. operation)

Permit system

- Class A: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 2 hours.
- Class B: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 1 hour.
- Class C: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 30 minutes.
- Day Pass: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 2 hours (valid for 1 day; loading zone only)
- Allowance for carriers to park in regular metered parking spaces from 10:00am-2:00pm

Commercial Vehicle Parking Zones





Loading Zone Signage

COG performed field surveys to collect data on loading zones in select areas



Implementation plan

- DDOT will begin the management plan on three corridors in 3 areas in the District:
 - Central Business District (I St.)
 - Adams Morgan (Columbia Rd.)
 - Capitol Hill (Pennsylvania Ave.)
- 60 day pilot
- Performance measures
 - Occupancy rate of loading zones
 - Violations for double parking and over staying
 - Amount of time each vehicle uses loading zone
 - Reductions in delivery times for carriers
 - Reduction in travel time along corridor

Next Steps

- Internal Review/revision period
 - January 2010
- Submission to Rulemaking process
 - February 2010
- Projected pilot start date
 - June 2010

Questions?

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