

Neighborhood Parking Joint Task Force Stakeholder Meeting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

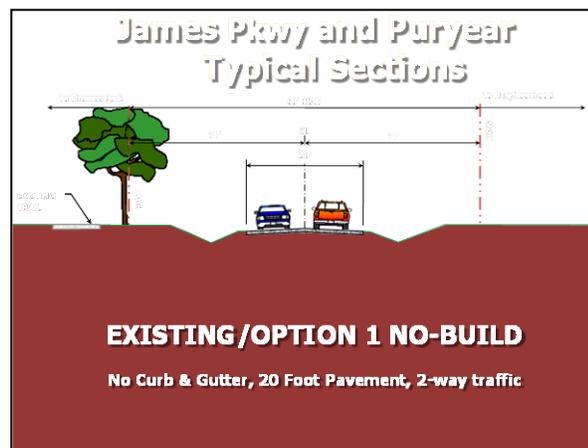
What is the Neighborhood Parking Joint Task Force?

A Joint Neighborhood Parking Task Force of the College Station City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission was formed through City Council Resolution on January 30, 2012. The Task Force was created to address community concerns of neighborhood parking issues and emergency access. Neighborhood parking issues affect the City's Neighborhood Integrity, which was identified as a goal under City Council's Strategic Plan.



How Did We Get Here?

Many established residential streets in the City are designed to old standards as “yield streets”, which consists of narrow pavement, often with no curb and gutter. These streets allow for two-way traffic, but do not contain additional space for on-street parking to occur. These neighborhoods were created at a time when cars were not as abundant, with narrow streets, small lots, and limited off-street parking. Yield streets contribute greatly to existing neighborhoods’ character when they work well; however, many of these streets are in neighborhoods with high percentages of renter-occupancy and also high numbers of vehicles. The yield street design may fail when utilized with high-density on-street parking. A number of neighborhoods are experiencing overcrowding and emergency access concerns due to an increase in on-street parking.



Up to this point, a limited number of tools have been used to alleviate on-street parking problems, which include Neighborhood Plans, code enforcement, and parking removal.

What is the Neighborhood Parking Joint Task Force Doing to Address These Issues?

Since its formation, the Task Force and City Staff have met four times to discuss and develop a set of tools to address parking problems. The Task Force has identified neighborhood parking issues within three neighborhood contexts: established neighborhoods with existing problems, established neighborhoods with emerging problems, and future neighborhoods with potential problems, and has discussed what measures should be taken in order to resolve these problems.

Why are We Here Today?

A set of City Initiated Tools and a set of Development-oriented Tools are being presented here today to gain insight and comment from the community.

What are the Next Steps?

City staff will be compiling community input in order to create options that can be tested. Once all of the options have been analyzed the Task Force will formulate recommendations, which will be presented at a public hearing later this year. Final Council action is anticipated to be later in 2012.

Who Do I Call for More Information?

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