

## **Central City Parking Master Plan**

### **General Comments**

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**The following written verbatim comment was submitted via email:**

#### **Comment 1:**

I am opposed in general to parking meters. I have not seen any definitive information on the benefits they provide, other than increasing parking space turnover, and I suspect they play a big role in the 'nuisance factor' that drives people AWAY from patronizing downtown/midtown businesses toward suburban business where parking is no hassle and always free.

From some past informal exchanges, I got the impression that in midtown at least, the parking meters cost as much to enforce and gather money from as they generate. If this is true, they add nothing to the city's coffers; I don't think they add anything for merchants or residents either. I would like to see justification before parking meters are expanded, and would like to see consideration for REMOVAL of parking meters in midtown, starting with the J-K corridor. The on-street spaces could continue to be 2 hour restricted as they are now. The only parking meters I am supportive of are 10 hour commuter meters, which I believe should be located only on angled parking streets, with no more than 1/2 of the spaces on any block long term.

Please add to your numerous suggested INCREASE in the parking meter covered areas my strong feeling That we need FEWER parking meters! I am adamantly opposed to extending meters on the portion of K Street, presently UNMETERED where my property is located at 2420 K Street. The lack of meters in this section of K is an example of a system that is simple, works well, and is customer friendly. We always find parking in front of our building for our customers, in spite of the lack of parking meters, and the spaces turn over very frequently.

Thanks for your consideration!