AUSTIN STREET

Presentation to Community Board 6
February 14th, 2018
Nowhere to park

Congestion

Unsafe pedestrian conditions

Competition at the curb
2 Hour Metered Parking till 7pm Exc Sun
2 Hour Metered Parking till 10pm Exc Sun
Taxi Stand
Truck Loading 7am-7pm Exc Sun
Private Off-Street Garage/Lot

Approximately 12,760 feet of parkable space (638 metered spaces)
Only 100 feet of dedicated truck access (4 spaces)
Approximately 932 off-street spaces
WHAT WE HEARD

What are the biggest problems according to residents and local businesses?

General Public
- Buses
- Traffic Lane
- Double Parking
- Conflicts
- Congestion
- Circling
- Not Enough Parking
- Crosswalks
- Queens Blvd

Businesses
- Customer Parking
- Speeds
- Congestion Slow
- Double Parking
- Meters
- Traffic Problems

General Public Surveys Completed: 79
Business Surveys Completed: 67
WHAT WE SAW - TRUCKS

What did our data collection show us?

• Trucks double park and illegally park because the curb is full
• Truck activity is higher during the morning and midday
WHAT WE SAW – PARKING BEHAVIOR

What did our data collection show us?

• Occupancy at the curb is high
• Many vehicles are staying parked far past the posted 2 hour limits
  • Removing high-demand spaces from the corridor
WHAT WE SAW – PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

What did our data collection show us?

• Long blocks of Austin St mean pedestrian crossings are few and far between

• Pedestrians cross where and when they can
### Problems

**What isn’t working?**

- Congestion caused by many separate behaviors
- Competing users vying for the same curb space
- No open parking spaces
- Lack of safe places to cross Austin St as a pedestrian

### Objectives

**What do we want to accomplish?**

- Ease congestion
- Balance curb space for different users
- Open up parking spaces
- Provide safer crossings
Proposed Interventions
SET ASIDE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR DELIVERIES

- 12 new dedicated on-street loading zones
- 7am – 11am
- Mon – Fri
- Approximately 60’ long
- 30 Minute Limit Trial

36 spaces
Set aside for trucks until 11am

Encourages trucks to make deliveries early in the morning during off-peak hours

AM Period (7am – 11am)

New Loading Zone
Existing Loading Zone
7am-7pm Exc Sun

Approximate Extents
SET ASIDE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR DELIVERIES

- 8 new dedicated on-street loading zones
- 7am – 1pm
- Mon – Fri
- Approximately 60’ long
- 30 Minute Limit Trial

Maximizes curb space available for trucks loading or unloading during peak delivery hours

Midday Period (11am-1pm)

24 spaces
Set aside for trucks between 11am - 1pm

New Loading Zone
Existing Loading Zone
7am-7pm Exc Sun

Approximate Extents
SET ASIDE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR DELIVERIES

- 3 new dedicated on-street loading zones
- 7am – 4pm
- Mon – Fri
- Approximately 60’ long
- 30 Minute Limit Trial

9 spaces
Set aside for trucks between 1pm – 4pm

Reduces the likelihood of trucks double-parking during peak travel times

Afternoon Period (1pm-4pm)

New Loading Zone
Existing Loading Zone
7am-7pm Exc Sun

Approximate Extents
SET ASIDE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR DELIVERIES

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Facilitating commercial access along restaurant row

- Move angled parking to the west side of the street
- Define commercial loading zone for restaurants along the east side

Improve commercial access to the curb and potentially increase overall parking capacity
OPTIMIZE STREET DESIGN ON 70\textsuperscript{TH} RD

Existing Conditions – Facing south towards Austin St
EVALUATE ENHANCED CROSSWALKS

Safer crossings for pedestrians

• We want to provide safer pedestrian crossings on Austin St even when there isn’t a traffic light or stop

• Community feedback helped identify the following intersections for potential installation:
  • Austin St & 70th Ave
  • Austin St & 72nd Ave
  • Austin St & 72nd Rd
  • Austin St & 71st Rd
EXPAND CURRENT EVENING METER HOURS

Existing Regulations

- Mix of meters that shut off at 7pm and 10pm
- Little turnover on blocks that need it the most
- We want to provide more available parking spaces when more people want to park

Provides greater accessibility to the curb during evening hours of congestion
EXPAND CURRENT EVENING METER HOURS

Option 1

- Expand entertainment regulations across Austin Street and core side streets
- Create standard regulation for entire Austin Street commercial core

Improves customer confidence by making parking more convenient and predictable
EXPAND CURRENT EVENING METER HOURS

Option 2

- Target only core blockfaces based on land use, demand, nightlife activity.

Provides additional parking opportunities near theaters, restaurants, and shopping

Graphic Representation

- 7pm End Time
- 10pm End Time
- Taxi Stand
OPTIONAL LONGER TIME LIMITS

“Plus” Time

- Provide the option to stay longer than the posted limits
- Progressive pricing encourages shorter stays, increasing the availability of parking spaces

41 vehicles observed parking for 6 hours or more along Austin St in a single day

*Conceptual Pricing
PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Set aside commercial space for deliveries
2. Angled parking changes on 70th Rd (restaurant row)
3. Evaluate enhanced pedestrian crossings
4. Expand the existing evening meter hours to surrounding blockfaces
5. Provide the option for longer time limits while increasing parking availability
NEXT STEPS

• DOT requesting community feedback on:
  • Meter hour options
  • Plus time concepts
• Discuss with stakeholders and businesses
• Detailed street design analysis for angled parking and enhanced crosswalks
• DOT is committed to consistent monitoring and evaluation
Thank you
Questions?