

# Work Session

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	4
<b>Meeting Date</b>	October 20, 2014
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Discussion of Parking in Neighborhoods Adjacent to Commercial Areas
<b>Background</b>	<p>Residents in areas neighboring the Old Takoma/Takoma DC commercial districts have expressed concerns about the parking demands of existing businesses and the anticipated parking demands of businesses slated to open later this year.</p> <p>To facilitate a discussion of their concerns, information on current parking practices in established parking permit areas, the capacity and availability of existing parking lots, on street parking capacity, and enforcement activity, etc. has been compiled by staff and incorporated into the accompanying presentation. Following the presentation of this information, the Council is scheduled to discuss the matter and will be asked to identify how it would like to proceed.</p> <p>Additional information will be presented during the scheduled work session.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>“To create and maintain a livable community that is vibrant, healthy, and safe for all of its residents.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>City of Takoma Park Strategic Plan (FY2010-FY2015)</i></p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	TBD
<b>Attachments</b>	<p>DRAFT - Parking Analysis (October 2014)</p> <p>The accompanying presentation will be updated on Monday, October 20 to reflect additional information being collected by the Police Department and provided to the Council prior to the worksession.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	To listen to the presentation and discuss identified parking options
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

# Parking in Neighborhoods Adjacent to Commercial Areas

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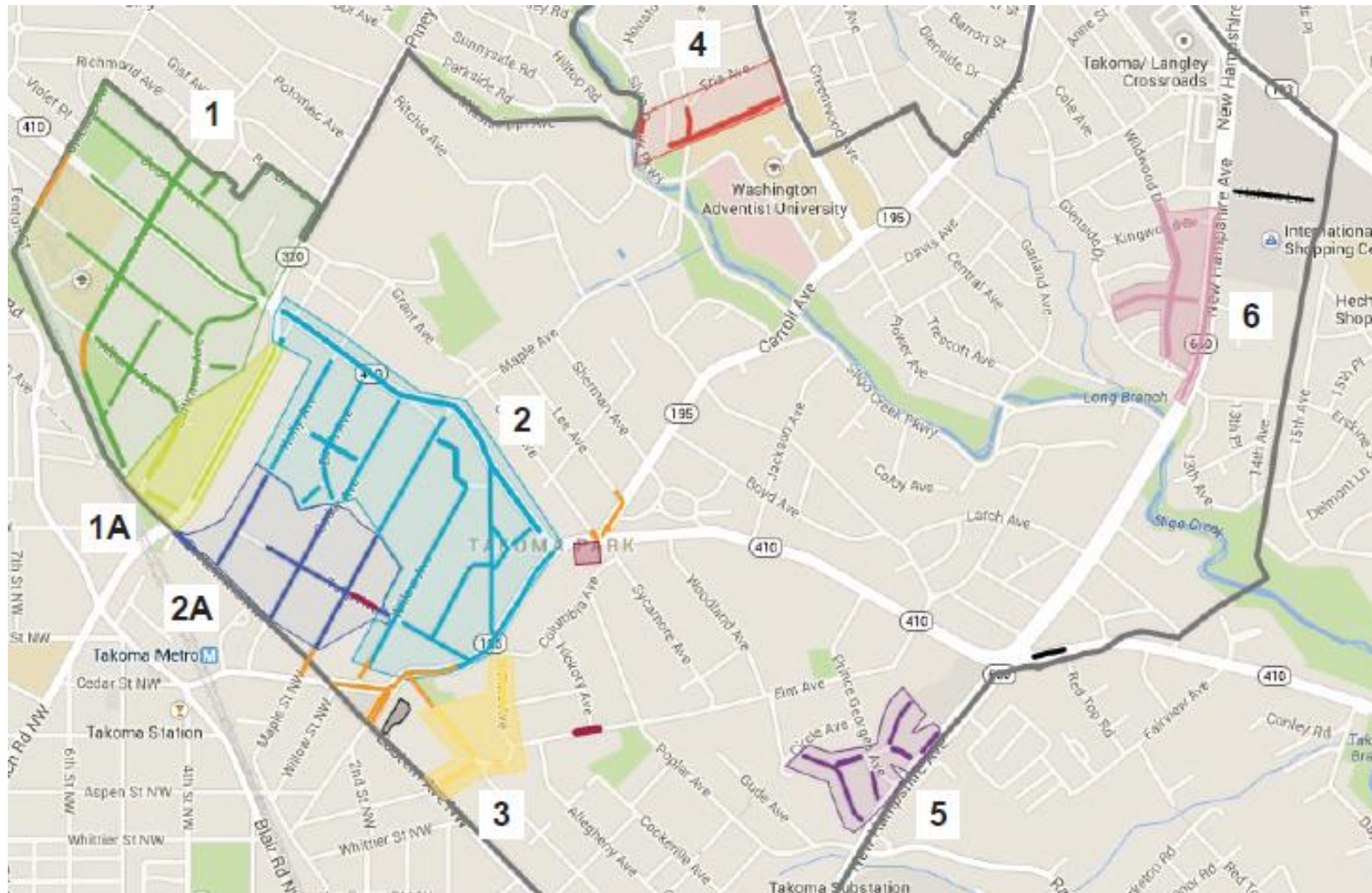


# Parking Discussion

- Citywide Parking Overview
- Parking Permits and Tickets
- Parking in the Commercial District
- Observations
- Recommendation and Options
- Next Steps
  - *Council questions*



# Citywide Parking



## KEY:

### Zones 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, and 4:

- Permit Parking M-F, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Zone 6:

- Permit Parking Daily, 7:00 pm - 8:00 am

### Zone 5:

- Permit Parking M-F, 7:00 pm - 7:00 am

### Additional Restrictions:

- Metered Parking (Orange Lines)
- Elm Avenue (Red Line): No Parking School Days 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Tulip Avenue (Red Line): 1-hr Parking
- East West Highway (Black Line): No Parking Weekdays 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Holton Lane (Black Line): 1-hr Parking

### Parking Meters:

- 105 meters in Old Town, Junction, Montgomery College
- Junction Pay Station – 34 public meters



# Permits

- Current parking permit law (Code Ch. 13.20.030)
  - *The Code sets forth petition process for requests to establish a permit parking area.*
  - *The Code establishes factors for consideration in designating a permit parking area.*
  - *The administrative regulation prohibits single block requests unless adjacent to an existing area.*
  - *The regulation requires petition to be signed by 66% of households in the area.*
- Parking permit data
  - *Number of residential permits currently issued - 622*
  - *Number of business permits currently issued – 10*



# Tickets

## ■ Current ticketing law:

- *Any police officer or parking enforcement official of the City finding a vehicle parked or standing in violation of a parking regulation is authorized to deliver a parking ticket*

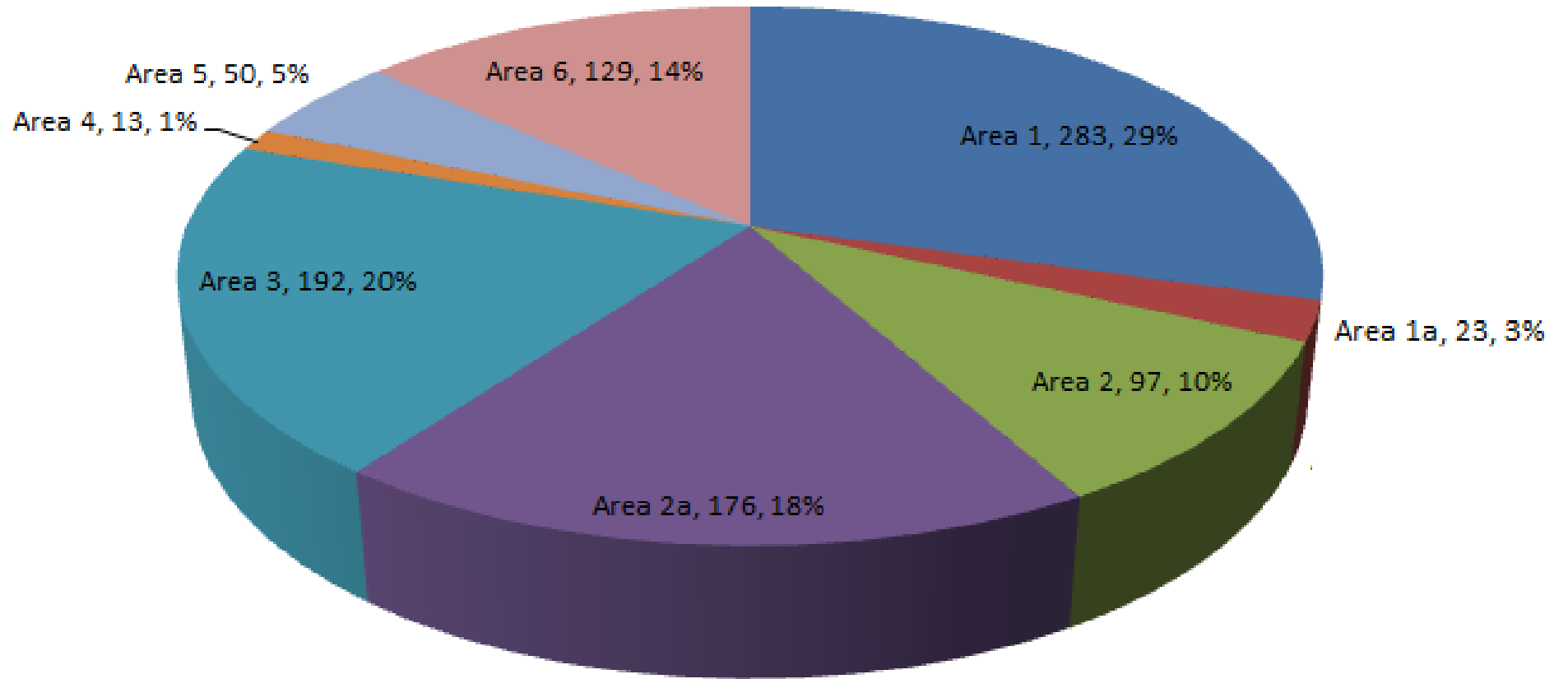
Description	Fine	Penalty
Parking meter regulation	\$40.00	\$40.00
Impeding traffic	\$45.00	\$45.00
Residential permit parking violation	\$40.00	\$40.00
Violation of official sign	\$45.00	\$45.00
Within 15' of fire hydrant or bus stop	\$50.00	\$50.00
Within 5' of a driveway	\$45.00	\$45.00
Handicapped parking	\$255.00	\$255.00



# Parking Tickets Issued

## Residential Parking Tickets Issued

Chart Area



# Parking in Commercial District





# Parking in Commercial District

## New Commercial Businesses in last year

Republic, 6939 Carroll Ave  
MAD Fitness, 7302 Carroll Ave  
Body Mind Spirit, 7040 Carroll Ave  
Dr. Samantha Rodman, 7040 Carroll Ave  
StretchZone, 6856 Eastern Ave, NW  
Education First Language Center, 6896 Laurel St, NW  
Evolve, 341 Cedar St, NW  
Takoma Wellness Center, 6925 Blair Rd, NW

## Coming Soon:

Busboys and Poets, 232 Carroll St, NW  
Spring Mill Bakery, 7300 Carroll Ave  
Vegaritos, 6904 4<sup>th</sup> St, NW



## Parking in Commercial District

- Potential parking lots available for evening use:
  - Willow St, NW, behind CVS - 80 spaces
  - Laurel and Aspen Sts, NW - 80 spaces
  - SDA Church on Eastern, NW - 160 spaces
  - Takoma Business Center on Carroll Ave - 200 spaces

