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1.0 Executive Summary

1.1. Introduction

The primary goal of this Downtown Parking and Mobility Management Plan is to be a guide for decision makers on topics such as governance, customer service, planning, technology, enforcement, as well as parking facility and systems management. Specific project objectives include providing strategies and tools to:

- Identify governance and management structures that will work best for Jackson that will also contribute to the successful implementation of other community goals
- Position parking as a contributor to the vitality of Downtown
- Provide recommendations on establishing positive and proactive customer relations
- Explore the range of parking management strategies that can be used by the Town’s management staff to address the conditions of limited parking availability and traffic congestion during peak demand periods and generally to promote increased community vitality
- Identify management strategies and technologies that can improve the customer experience, while also controlling operating costs and enhancing system financial performance
- Position parking management within the larger “mobility management” context in a way that promotes a balanced system of parking and multi-modal transportation alternatives

The recommendations in the Plan were developed to serve as a roadmap for the development of a comprehensive and strategic approach to parking and mobility management in Jackson. It should be noted that in order to achieve these goals, there will be times where trade-offs will need to be made between competing objectives/resources.

1.2. Process

The development of this Plan began took place over two years (2018-19) and included the following key steps to arrive at the recommendations:

- Development of Program **Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles** to serve as a Framework for the Management Plan (**Chapter 3**)
- Data collection in the summer of 2018 to assess **Existing Conditions** (see **Chapter 4**)
- Extensive **Community Outreach**, including multiple focus groups, discussions with a technical advisory committee, an Open House, and an online survey (see **Chapter 5**).

The following recommendations were developed based on an understanding of existing conditions, constraints and community priorities that emerged from the outreach process, and key issues identified by the project Technical Advisory Committee.

1.3. Community Priorities

Feedback received from the stakeholder outreach process supports the following “big-picture” themes:

1. **Focus on Management Strategies that Preserve Jackson’s Character:** The most consistent theme expressed through the outreach process was that limited parking availability and traffic congestion along with continued growth threatens to erode Jackson’s character if not addressed and managed in a way that preserves the welcoming, small town atmosphere. Parking



management strategies need to ensure that Jackson is welcoming to all, including visitors, residents, the disabled, the elderly, families, and RV drivers alike.

- 2. Consistent, Integrated Approach to Parking Management:** On-street regulations, off-street public parking options, and enforcement should work together to ensure that employees and long-term parkers understand clearly where to park so that short-term parkers (visitors and customers) and those with disabilities and the elderly are able to quickly and easily find parking near their destination. Enforcement should support this approach by focusing on identifying, citing, and collecting fines primarily from repeat offenders.
- 3. Targeted Communication and Straightforward Signage and Wayfinding:** There is broad consensus and data that the peak summer season is the primary time in which there is limited parking availability. An effective communication program to identify where employees should park during the peak season, combined with clear and straightforward signage to direct visitors to convenient parking areas where they can expect to find parking may help to alleviate visitor frustration and traffic associated with drivers circulating in search of parking.
- 4. Focus on Enhancing the Pedestrian Experience in Downtown:** Many community members expressed a strong desire to ensure that pedestrians feel safe and welcome in Downtown from the time they park their car until they arrive at their destination. Crosswalk enhancements, regular maintenance, additional lighting, and pedestrian-focused navigation aids will all help to improve the pedestrian experience and ensure that as Jackson grows, Downtown continues to feel inviting and welcoming to all.

1.4. Recommendations

Short-Term Action Items (0-2 Years)

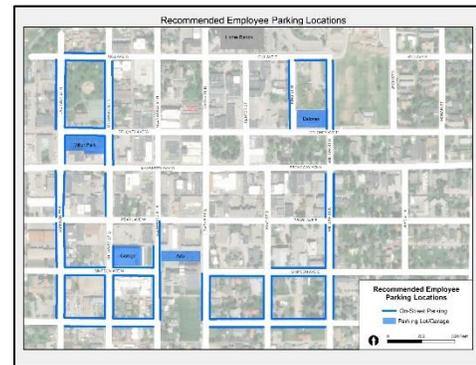
The following action items can be accomplished without the creation of a new full-time parking manager and support staff positions. Several will require additional dedicated enforcement staff time, capital expenditures, and staff time for implementation.

- **1.1 Extend Enforcement Hours to 7:00 PM**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased on-street turnover, particularly during the late afternoon period. Potential for increase in number of vehicles served per day per stall as employees will be further discouraged from parking within the 3-hour parking zone.
- **1.2 Implement Escalating Fine Structure for Repeat Violators** while waiving fee for first time violators
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Deterrent against repeat violators, reduction in instances of “moving to evade enforcement” by long-term parkers and improved on-street parking turnover.
- **1.3 Convert Home Ranch to 4-Hour Visitor Parking (Peak Season Only) with Additional Wayfinding**



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- *Intended Outcomes:* Increase in the number of vehicles served per day within Home Ranch, reduction in occupancies during the day (making it easier for visitors to find parking within the lot), and potentially a decrease in traffic circulating in Downtown in search of parking.
- **1.4 Convert Taxi2Fly Parking to Employee Parking**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased parking availability within the existing City parking garage that can be used by employees as well as customers and visitors.
- **1.5 Develop Employee Parking Maps & Communication Program to clarify recommended employee parking locations**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increase in the utilization of the parking garage and non-time limited on-street parking areas on the edge of Downtown by employees.
- **1.6 Add 15-Minute Stall Near Each High-Turnover Business in the Downtown Core Upon Request**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased customer satisfaction, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking.
- **1.7 Invest in Real-Time Space Availability in Select Public Lots**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased employee and customer satisfaction due to the ease of finding available off-street parking, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking. This option also provides city staff with on-going parking utilization data for planning purposes and would reduce future parking data collection costs.
- **1.8 Initiate Annual Data Collection Program to Monitor Performance**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Transparency in the development and implementation of parking management strategies; facilitation of a data-driven approach to parking management.
- **1.9 Engage with Providers of Shared Mobility Solutions**
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Improved control over how and when new mobility options are considered and approved for Jackson.



Medium Term Action Items (2-5 Years)

- **2.1 Hire a Parking and Mobility Manager and required support staff**
 - *Trigger:* Prior to proceeding with any medium-term action items.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Develop a clearly defined organizational structure to facilitate the streamlined implementation of an active parking and mobility management program. A “vertically integrated” city department model is recommended initially for the Town of Jackson.



- **2.2 Implement Seasonal On-Street Paid Parking within the Short-Term Parking Zone**
 - *Trigger:* Very limited on-street parking availability during the peak season ($\geq 85\%$ occupancy for 3+ hours) within at least 400 contiguous on-street stalls.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Maintenance of high on-street turnover, reduction in instances of moving to evade by long-term parkers, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking, increased utilization of off-street public parking lots.
- **2.3 Consider Implementing a Parking Benefits District**
 - *Trigger:* Implementation of on-street paid-parking.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Transparency in the use of paid parking revenues, dedicated revenue for safety, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and parking improvement projects.
- **2.4 Convert Additional Public Lots to Short-Term Visitor Parking**
 - *Trigger:* Very limited off-street visitor parking availability during the peak season within all public time-limited off-street lots ($\geq 85\%$ occupancy for 3+ hours).
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increase in the number of vehicles served per day within each converted lot, reduction in occupancies during the day (making it easier for visitors to find parking within the lot), and potentially a decrease in traffic circulating in Downtown in search of parking.
- **2.5 Develop Off-Street Shared Parking Program for Peak Season Employee Parking**
 - *Trigger:* Conversion of two or more public lots to short-term visitor parking.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased employee parking supply within a short walk of Downtown.

Long Term Action Items (5 Years +)

- **3.1 Expand On-Street Time Limited Zone**
 - *Trigger:* High short-term parking demand on adjacent blocks ($\geq 85\%$ occupancy for 3+ hours on block faces proposed for conversion).
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased turnover on each converted block face.
- **3.2 Implement Residential Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Time-Limited Zones**
 - *Trigger:* Implementation of time-limited parking or paid parking in residential areas where residents need to park on street.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased turnover on each converted block face in residential areas while addressing the parking needs of residents.
- **3.3 Implement Employee Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Certain Time-Limited or Paid Parking Zones**
 - *Trigger:* Net decrease of 200 or more unlimited parking stalls in and around Downtown.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Mitigation of impacts to employees caused by other strategies, increased employee utilization of alternative modes.



- **3.4 Implement High-Frequency Downtown Trolley Service**
 - *Trigger:* Adequate funding. On-Street paid parking could be one funding source.
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Additional option for accessing Downtown without a vehicle.

- **3.5 Construct New Parking Garage or a One-Level “Parking Lid” over an Existing Surface Parking Lot**
 - *Trigger:* Very limited parking availability across entire Downtown ($\geq 85\%$ average occupancy for 3+ hours across entire Downtown on- and off-street parking supply).
 - *Intended Outcomes:* Increased Downtown parking supply.



2.0 Introduction

2.1. Background

The Town of Jackson recognizes the role of parking in promoting access and mobility in its community. This “Phase II” study which focuses on developing a downtown parking management plan, follows a study completed in 2017 (“Phase I Study”) that focused on the areas outside of Downtown Jackson (specifically Character Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6), examining parking dynamics and strategies related to residential, non-downtown commercial, and park-and-ride parking.

The Phase One study’s purpose and objectives included:

- Examining existing utilization and demand characteristics of on and off-street parking for residential, commercial, and park-and-ride land uses outside of Downtown Jackson.
- Present a range of alternative approaches to managing and maintaining parking and transportation resources into the future to inform officials as they determine the desired direction for policy implementation.
- Inform the Town’s 2017 zoning code update by providing recommendations pertaining to residential and commercial measured parking demands outside of Downtown Jackson.
- Position the Town for future success in providing and managing parking with a clear set of supply, demand-management, policy, and program strategies and solutions.

Analysis and recommended considerations included in the Phase I parking study report were presented under a framework of ten policy considerations adopted by the Town Council on June 27, 2017. These 10 policy questions are based on the parking issues identified by the public, staff, and Kimley-Horn in May and June 2017.

1. What level of vehicle parking demand are we planning for?
2. What level of bicycle parking demand are we planning for?
3. What is an acceptable distance from a parking space to a destination?
4. Should parking policy vary by season?
5. Who is on-street parking for?
6. What is the public role in providing off-street parking (e.g. parking garages, on street)?
7. How should Park n’ Ride facilities be used?
8. What level of safety are we trying to achieve through parking policies?
9. How should on-street and off-street public parking be funded?
10. How should parking be managed?

Coordinated combinations of answers to these policy questions comprise the alternative approaches presented in this report for review and consideration by the Town of Jackson.

2.2. Background Documents

Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan

In addition to the Phase I Parking Study noted above, the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan envisions increased residential density throughout parts of Jackson to provide workforce housing opportunities, in addition to areas of greater residential and commercial density that are more pedestrian-oriented and place a diminished emphasis on providing large reservoirs of parking.



Jackson/Teton Integrated Transportation Plan

The Jackson/Teton Integrated Transportation Plan was developed by a team consisting of Charlier Associates, Inc./Logan Simpson Design Inc. and Fehr & Peers in 2015. This plan was envisioned to be a “blueprint for implementing the transportation provisions of the Town/County Comprehensive Plan”.

Town of Jackson Community Streets Plan

Jackson’s Community Streets Plan builds upon recommendations of the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan to implement the community vision for future development of the transportation system. The plan serves as an adaptable guide and “toolkit” of preferred street right-of-way design solutions that shall be implemented to create a multimodal transportation system that works for people driving cars, riding transit, traveling by bike or on foot.

2.3. Phase II Study (Parking Management Plan) Objectives

The primary goal of this Downtown Parking and Mobility Management Plan is to be a guide for decision makers on topics such as governance, customer service, planning, technology, enforcement, as well as parking facility and systems management. Specific project objectives include providing strategies and tools to:

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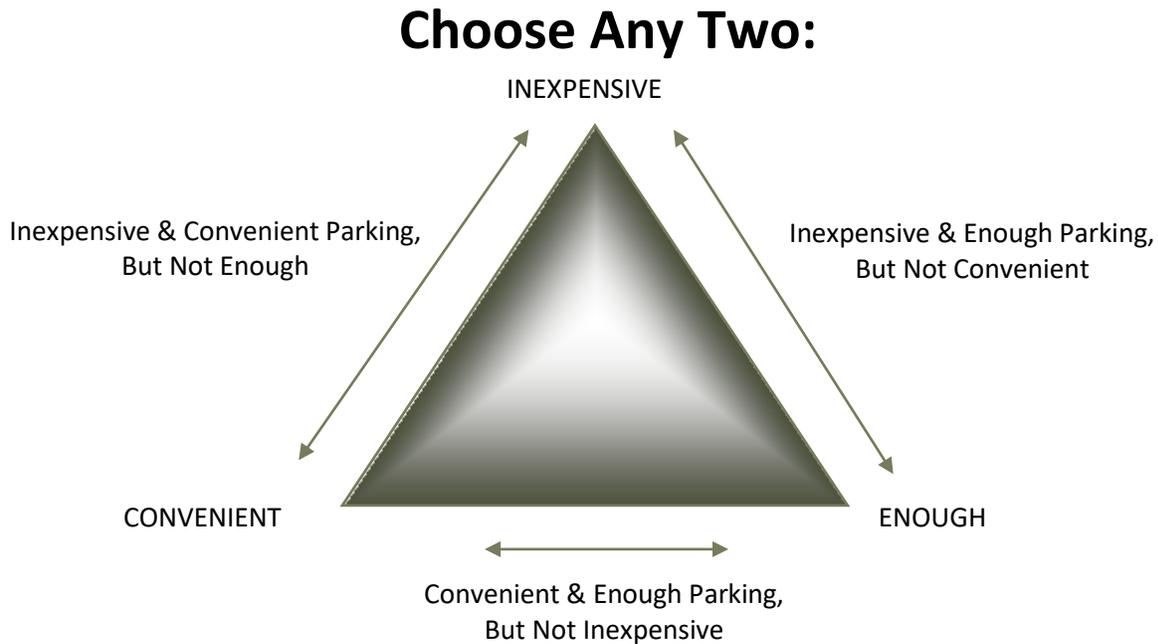
The “Parking Experience”

There is one element common to every study and every downtown: parking is always a source of frustration and contention. Parking can be a truly *emotional* issue because it affects people so directly. Few other areas involve the interrelated issues of personal safety/security, finance, convenience, wayfinding, accessibility, and customer service. Because parking creates the first and last impression for those visiting Downtown Jackson by car, it is important to consider how to best manage the overall “parking experience.”



Figure 1 depicts an interesting truism about parking:

Figure 1: Parking Triangle



Everyone wants three things when it comes to parking:

1. They want there to be plenty of it;
2. They want it to be very convenient; and
3. They want it to be inexpensive (and preferably free).



Unfortunately, you can provide any two, but not all three of these elements simultaneously. This ushers in the need for a policy decision:

- If you choose to provide **inexpensive and convenient** parking, you will likely not be providing enough parking. This option may be acceptable if you want to use the lack of spaces as part of a demand management strategy to encourage the use of transportation alternatives.
- If you choose to provide **inexpensive and enough** parking, it will not be very convenient. With this choice, you may be adopting a strategy that utilizes less expensive remote parking supported with shuttle operations (at least for employees).
- If you choose to provide **convenient and enough** parking, it will not be cheap. This often-preferred approach typically means you have chosen to develop structured parking. The national average cost to construct a surface lot parking ranges from \$5,000 to \$8,000 per space. Above grade parking structures average between \$18,000 to \$30,000 per space. Below grade parking can range between 1.5 to 2 times the cost or more of above grade structures depending upon soil conditions and other factors. Another consideration that is often overlooked is that operating, utility, maintenance, and security costs are significantly higher with structured parking.

In urban environments, the choice is most often made to have “**convenient and enough**” parking. This strategic decision and the significant capital investment it requires creates the need to assure that these investments are well managed and responsive to the communities they serve.

The resource “*20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Management*”¹ provides guidance for establishing the basis for a sound and well-managed parking system combined into an integrated programmatic approach. These characteristics provide a solid foundation for communities who are working to manage parking in a way that balances convenience, availability, and cost. The ultimate goal is a system that provides professional management, understands the role it plays in contributing to the larger objectives of the downtown, and is responsive to the community’s needs.

2.4. Key Focus Areas

The Town of Jackson is considering the development of a comprehensive parking management program as a strategy to support on-going community planning initiatives. This initial framework plan provides a roadmap for the development of a comprehensive and strategic approach to parking and mobility management in Jackson. The development of such a program would typically require the following ten elements:

1. **A Sense of Purpose and Direction relative to Parking and Mobility Policy** – This parking management framework plan should complement and build on 2017’s parking data collection and parking planning work and other parking, transportation policy, and planning work recently completed by the Town (including the 2015 Integrated Transportation Plan).
2. **Program Organization and a Strong and Capable Program Leader** – The recruitment and hiring of a parking/mobility manager (and required support staff) with experience managing a municipal parking program is a key first step. This report also discusses parking system operating

¹ Toolkit Reference: See Appendix A



- methodologies. Program organization is a key foundational element and a vital initial step to creating an effective and sustainable parking and mobility management program.
3. **A Strong Customer Service Orientation** – One of the key leadership elements that needs to be infused into the program from the beginning is a strong customer service focus. This applies not only to staff training but also to facilities maintenance and investments in new technologies. Parking can play a key role in improving the perception and the experience of Downtown overall. Collaboration and partnerships with the Town of Jackson, the Chamber of Commerce, and the downtown merchants will be an important component of this initiative.
 4. **A Focus on “Mastering the Fundamentals” of Parking Management** – This focus area is about gaining an in-depth understanding of the many complex and challenging aspects that are somewhat unique to parking. The Resource “20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Management” (Toolkit Item # 1) provides a strong framework built around specific program categories. This resource provides the basis for a comprehensive program development approach and can assist the Jackson parking program as it strives to become one of the best small municipal programs in the country.
 5. **Establish parking as a separate “enterprise fund” for any future parking revenues** – Long-term, parking has the potential to grow into a self-sustaining enterprise fund if all parking related revenue streams (if implemented) are dedicated to support the fund. There are strategies for reinvesting a percentage of net parking revenues (after expenses and recommended set asides) back to the general fund or back to the downtown district through a mechanism referred to as a “parking benefit district”.
 6. **Leverage under-utilized private parking resources** – As a potential tool to cost-effectively increase the public parking supply, the Town can work with owners of private parking owners in the downtown area to develop creative opportunities to manage private lots as shared parking resources. This can be accomplished by providing high-quality parking management services and revenue sharing arrangements with local businesses, property owners, and institutions.
 7. **Investment in New Technology** – Leveraging new technology will be a critical element in achieving many of the stated goals of this project including:
 - a. Enhanced customer friendly programs and services
 - b. Improved operational efficiency
 - c. Enhanced system financial performance
 - d. Improved system management
 8. **Development of a strong parking maintenance program** – A strong parking maintenance program would have regularly scheduled facility condition appraisals, the creation of parking facility maintenance reserves, and a prioritized facility restoration and maintenance schedule. While there is currently only one structured parking facility in downtown Jackson, this element may grow in importance with future investments in Jackson’s parking system.
 9. **Over time, expand the parking program’s mission to adopt a broader focus on comprehensive mobility management** – Development of transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, promotion of transportation alternatives, support for shared mobility and active transportation, and the development of complementary parking policies will be important in this area.



10. **Parking Planning** – Development of a robust and effective parking planning function or at a minimum, the inclusion of parking management in larger community planning initiatives and on-going discussions relative to new or proposed development projects is highly recommended. Also work closely with Planning to address parking requirements (zoning code), shared parking opportunities, and ADA parking issues.

2.5. Summary

The importance of parking as one of the most visible and often controversial elements of a downtown's infrastructure is often underestimated. Parking, when well-managed, can be a key component in retaining existing businesses, supporting investment and redevelopment, and sustaining healthy and vibrant downtowns. This Downtown Parking and Mobility Management Plan is intended to serve as a roadmap for the development of a comprehensive and strategic approach to parking and mobility management in Jackson.



3.0 Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles

The purpose a program’s Mission and Vision is to clearly and concisely establish the core function of the program (Mission) and chart a course for the future (Vision). These foundational elements provide a base on which to build an overall strategic framework for the program². While the following Mission and Vision statements primarily apply to Downtown, as this is where the bulk of the parking management issues will occur, these parking management principles should be applied town-wide and be in alignment with larger community and parking/mobility goals.

3.1. Mission Statement:

The Jackson parking program supports Jackson’s thriving Downtown and strategic planning goals with effective parking policies, planning, and programs, enhancing the parking experience for the Town’s customers and stakeholders.

3.2. Vision Statement

The Jackson parking program will develop a quality, customer-oriented parking and mobility management system, responding to the current and future needs of parkers through active planning, management, coordination, and communications.

² A program has been created by the International Parking and Mobility Institute referred to as the “Accredited Parking Organization” or “APO” (See report Toolkit Items 2 and 3 for a copy of the program overview and criteria matrix). This program was partially created to begin codifying “industry standards” related to parking operations and management and provides a good set of parking program development guidelines that could be guide for Jackson in terms of program scope.



3.3. Guiding Principles

The purpose of Guiding Principles is to establish a strategic framework upon which to build a comprehensive Parking Management Program.



While the Mission and Vision establish the program’s foundation and aspirations, these Guiding Principles are strategic in nature, responsive to the needs of the community and aligned with the larger community’s planning goals.

These parking program Guiding Principles will encourage the use of parking and other transportation resources to support and facilitate priority planning goals and serve prioritized user groups. They will also serve as a foundation for near and long-term decision-making relating to parking management and development in the downtown.

Guiding Principle Categories:

1. Organization/Leadership
2. Planning /Urban Design
3. Effective Management/Accountability
4. Customer Service Orientation
5. Communications/Branding /Community Education
6. Leveraging Technology
7. Accountability/Financial Management
8. Integrated Mobility Management
9. Sustainability

A statement better defining each of the nine draft guiding principles is provided on the following pages.

Guiding Principle #1 – Organization/Leadership

The parking management program will be “vertically-integrated” with responsibility for:

- Managing on-street parking
- Managing Town-owned off-street parking
- Coordination with privately owned off-street parking



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- Parking enforcement/citation management and adjudication (Note: citation adjudication should be done by a separate agency or entity than that which issues the citations.)
- Parking planning and development
- Transportation demand management

Consolidating the various parking functions under a single entity will establish a consolidated system that is action-oriented, responsive, and accountable with improved coordination and operating efficiencies.

Recruiting a strong leader is a key element for success. The organization leader must have strong vision and communications skills, specialized parking and planning expertise, and be capable of educating other community leaders, stakeholders and private sector partners on the importance and relevance of a strong parking management organization. Strong general management and financial program development skills are also required.

This approach would be a major departure from what previous Councils have been willing to invest in in the past. The principle of “vertical integration” would argue for a parking program that would take on parking enforcement as part of a comprehensive parking program, thus shifting the enforcement function from the Police. This would require the hiring several new positions.

Guiding Principle #2 – Planning / Visioning/ Policy/ Urban Design

The Jackson parking management system shall have an active and comprehensive planning function.

The Jackson parking management system will be included in all strategic development and transportation planning efforts. The parking management system will work with planning staff to review and evaluate parking zoning requirements, the development of parking design standards that promote good urban design principles related to parking structures and mixed-use projects, and the creation of transit-oriented development parking standards.

Effective parking planning will mean an improved understanding of parking supply/demand conditions on an on-going basis, and ultimately the development of parking infrastructure that will enhance and better support the community strategic goals and urban design.

The vision of an enhanced planning and policy development function will be pursued on multiple levels.

Parking management strategies and programs should support and compliment other access modes to better facilitate the accessibility and user-friendliness of downtown Jackson as a preferred regional destination. Resources shall be effectively planned and managed to promote and support multiple access modes into and around the downtown. Primary access modes include automobile, transit, bike/motorcycle and pedestrian users.

Event parking management is another component of a comprehensive parking management function that requires active planning. It is the layering of lots of smaller functions, such as special events planning and management, that helps inform the need for a new more comprehensive approach to parking management and begins to illustrate the levels of complexity and importance of the parking management function.

Well-defined parking facility design criteria, parking related streetscape enhancements, and effective integration of signage and wayfinding elements are all areas that this principle will promote. Parking



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management will work toward developing a parking system that continues to be self-supporting and sets aside funds for maintenance reserves and future capital asset funding.

Guiding Principle #3 – Effective Parking Management/Accountability

The Jackson parking management system will strive to be a forward thinking, “best-in-class” parking program.

The Jackson parking management system should anticipate future patron needs in the context of anticipated growth and other planning initiatives and seek to integrate supportive parking and multi-modal access strategies as appropriate.

Evaluation of other parking management best practices and new technologies should occur on an on-going basis. Effective facility maintenance, infrastructure reinvestment, and other system management fundamentals will be routinely addressed. Emphasis will be placed on enhancing parking facility appearance, maintenance, safety and security, regardless of facility ownership. The parking management system will promote standards to encourage comprehensive and pro-active facility maintenance and security plans.

Facility maintenance reserves and other maintenance best practices will be encouraged in the Town-owned facilities. Publicly available parking facilities marketed through the Jackson parking management system will agree to a community-developed set of parking facility standards. Participating facilities will be routinely monitored by the new parking management program.

Parking facilities will incorporate public art and creative level identification/theming to enhance the parking experience for their patrons and make parking facilities more navigable and inviting.

Guiding Principle #4 – Customer Service Orientation

Parking will promote the Town of Jackson as a desirable destination for shopping, dining, recreation, and employment by making parking a positive element of the overall community experience.

The Jackson parking management system will strive to develop and coordinate private and publicly owned parking facilities that are clean, convenient and safe.

Parking enforcement staff will present a friendly and professional appearance and receive on-going customer service and community ambassador training.

Ongoing goals of the parking management organization will include: Responsiveness to community needs, openness to fresh ideas, and active participation in community planning and events.

One major goal of the Jackson parking management system is to create a parking program that will be easy for the visitor to understand and to access. This will be accomplished through the use of common branding and marketing, an integrated signage plan, a web-based information clearing house, special events programs, etc.

Management of the on-street parking system will be enhanced over time through investments in new technology and customer friendly parking enforcement policies.

The Jackson parking management system should aim high and strive to achieve a Best-In-Class parking program. All aspects of the parking system should reflect an understanding of what the customer desires in terms of a positive and memorable experience. After a few years, it is recommended that the Jackson Parking program work toward achieving "accreditation" through the International Parking



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Institute's "Accredited Parking Organization" (APO) program (more information on the IPI's APO program will be provided).

Special programs to address retail enhancement initiatives, shared-use parking, employee parking, special/large events parking, etc. will be developed. These programs will be developed in a collaborative manner and designed to support larger community goals and objectives.

Guiding Principle #5 – Communications/Branding/Marketing and Community Education

Parking management programs and facilities will be developed to function as a positive, marketable asset for the Town of Jackson.

Parking management strategies and programs will be cross-marketed to promote the Town as a unique and visitor-friendly regional destination. Parking availability shall be well publicized to enhance the perception of parking as a positive element of the community experience. Reinvestment of parking resources back into the downtown will be promoted. The Jackson parking management system will develop an effective branding program.

In addition to web-based information, the Jackson parking management system will develop educational materials on topics such as: parking development trends, parking safety tips, etc. The organization will also promote discussion with parking facility owners/operators on topics such as facility condition assessments, maintenance program development, parking management best practices, etc.

Town parking programs and information shall be well promoted and marketed. The Jackson parking management system will work closely with the Planning department, Chamber of Commerce, and other community agencies/stakeholders to promote, educate, and market parking programs.

Guiding Principle #6 – Leveraging Technology

The Jackson parking management system will adopt technology solutions to enhance customer service and parking information options.

A key goal is to make parking less of an impediment to visiting the downtown and more of an amenity.

Technology will be leveraged to streamline and simplify access to parking and will be a key parking management strategy. Another key technology related goal is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the new parking management staff and programs.

Guiding Principle #7 – Accountability / Financial Management

The parking system will strive, over time, to be financially self-supporting and accountable to stakeholders. In terms of accountability, it is assumed that a new parking management program (based on these "guiding principles") will communicate with community stakeholders on an on-going basis. Accountability refers to ensuring that agreed upon plans and strategies developed in collaboration with community stakeholders are implemented as discussed.

Parking management will work toward developing a parking system that is self-supporting and sets aside funds for maintenance reserves and future capital asset funding.

By aligning any future parking revenue streams from on-street parking (potential metered parking), off-street parking, enforcement, (and potentially special assessment fees and fee-in-lieu programs), it is possible to develop a parking system that self-funds all operating and maintenance expenses, facility maintenance reserves, planning studies, and future capital program allocations. A consolidated parking



revenue and expense statement should be developed to document all parking related income streams and expenditures to give a true accounting of parking finances.

Guiding Principle #8 – Integrated Mobility Management

The Jackson parking management system will support a “Park Once” philosophy and a balance of travel modes, including bus, vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian, to meet community-wide access goals. Parking strategies and initiatives will be coordinated and aligned with the Jackson and Teton County Land Use and Transportation Plans. A park-once strategy is an approach to promoting walkable communities through which strategically located parking facilities are provided within safe walking distance and easy access of a variety of destinations. Park-once strategies let residents, workers, and visitors “park once,” leaving their car behind and using other means (e.g., walking, community shuttles, shared mobility options such as bicycle rentals) to get to their desired destination(s) within the community.

The parking program will be a supporter and potentially a funding partner for a variety of transportation demand management programs and transportation alternatives that promote improved community access and a more sustainable parking and transportation program.

Guiding Principle #9 – Sustainability

The Town of Jackson will pursue initiatives to promote more sustainable and efficient operations.

While initial program funding may have to come from Town general funds for program staffing and initial capital equipment acquisitions, implementation of paid on-street parking, if pursued as a parking management strategy, will provide the program with a new source of revenue capable of providing a sustainable funding source to get the new program up and running.

“Green” strategies that can result in more efficient use of parking facilities and provide other benefits, including reduced congestion and pollution, improved transportation choices, more efficient land-use, and improved streetscape aesthetics.



4.0 Existing Conditions

The Study Area for Jackson’s Downtown Parking Management Plan is shown in **Figure 2**. This Section summarizes the results and findings of the data collection effort completed in August 2018. A more detailed analysis of Existing Conditions is included in **Appendix A: Existing Conditions Report**.

4.1. Study Overview

Parking counts were conducted over two days in the peak season to represent one peak season weekday and one peak season weekend day:

- Thursday, August 23, 2018
- Saturday, August 25, 2018

The on-street study area was divided into three areas:

- **Town Square Zone:** Consisting of 96 stalls surrounding the Town Square.
- **Downtown Core Zone:** Consisting of the entire 3-Hour and 15-Minute parking zone in Downtown outside of the Town Square Zone.
- **Downtown Edge Zone:** Consisting of 24 block faces adjacent to the 3-Hour Downtown Core Zone with unrestricted on-street parking.

On-street counts were completed using three different methods within each study area:

- **Town Square Zone:** *Turnover Study*. License plates recorded every 30 minutes from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM to allow for calculation of average duration of stay.
- **Downtown Core Zone:** *Occupancy Study & Unique Vehicle Analysis*. License plates recorded every 2 hours from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM to obtain occupancy snapshots and unique vehicles. Average duration of stay was not calculated from this data.
- **Downtown Edge Zone:** *Occupancy Counts Only*. Vehicle counts only (no license plates) were recorded every 2 hours from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Off-street counts were completed at the same time as the 2-hour on-street counts. Vehicle counts only (no license plates) were recorded in each of the 5 primary public lots in Downtown from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM including:

- Home Ranch Lot
- Deloney Lot
- Miller Park Lot
- Center for the Arts Lot
- Parking Garage



Jackson Parking Occupancy - Study Areas

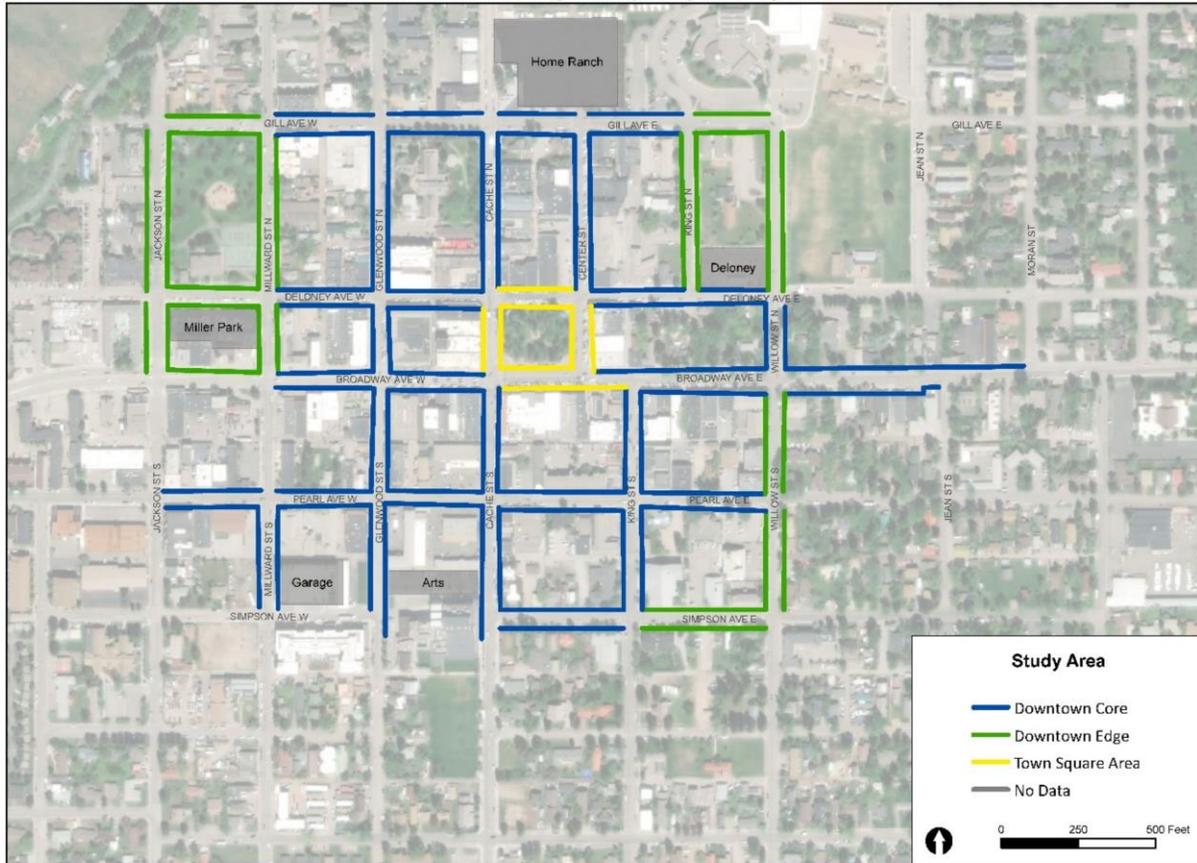


Figure 2: Downtown Study Area

4.2. Inventory

As part of the data collection effort, an inventory was completed to document number of stalls by type within each Study Area. In total, the Downtown Parking Management Plan Study Area consisted of 1,078 on-street parking stalls and 664 public off-street parking stalls.

On-street parking management recommendations for Downtown will focus on the 715 3-Hour stalls, the 52 15-Minute stalls, and the 10 ADA stalls. The 72-hour stalls were included to assess available capacity on the edges of the 3-Hour Zone.

Under existing conditions, drivers may park all day in any of the unrestricted stalls within the public off-street lots in Downtown. In each of the four surface lots, no overnight parking is allowed. Within the Parking Garage, drivers may leave their vehicle for up to 48 hours.



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Table 1: On-Street Inventory

Type	"Town Square" Zone	"Downtown Core" Zone	"Downtown Edge" Zone	On-Street Total
3-Hour	94	621	-	715
15-Min	-	52	-	52
ADA	2	8	-	10
72-Hour Limit	-	18	283	301
	96	699	283	1,078

Table 2: Off-Street Inventory

Type	Home Ranch	Deloney	Arts	Miller Park	Garage	Off-Street Total
Daily	139	77	54	58	200	528
ADA	6	4	3	3	8	24
EV	1	1	-	4	1	7
Oversize	23	-	-	-	-	23
Military	1	1	-	-	1	3
Tour Bus	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hybrid	7	-	-	-	-	7
Ride to Fly	-	-	-	-	70	70
	179	83	57	65	280	664

4.3. Key Observations

On-Street Parking

Occupancy

- On-street parking demands are higher on weekdays compared to weekends; the peak hours within the study area are **Weekdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM** and **Weekdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**.
- Parking around Town Square is very constrained, with very limited parking availability all day on both weekdays and Saturdays.
- Parking availability increases with distance from Town Square. Parking management strategies that help to spread demand more evenly across Downtown would allow users to more easily find parking around Town Square.
- On **Weekdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, the entire 715-stall 3-Hour Zone is approaching the effective capacity threshold of 85%. Even when only including the 621 3-Hour stalls outside of the Town Square Zone, the occupancy at 6:00 PM is 82%.
- Parking is readily available within the 15-Minute zones, indicating these stalls are functioning as intended. A review of the total supply of 15-Minute stalls may be warranted.



Turnover (Town Square Only)

- More than 50% of vehicles parking on the Town Square park for less than an hour.
- Approximately 1/3 of vehicles parking on the Town Square park for less than 30 minutes.
- **Note:** Stays of greater than 3 hours are not equivalent to a violation, as this number includes vehicles parking outside of enforcement hours (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM).
- The number of vehicles served per stall on the Town Square is very high, indicating that time restrictions and enforcement are effectively encouraging long-term parkers to park in unrestricted areas or off-street lots.
- Although the turnover rate is high, the very high occupancies likely make it very difficult to find parking in this area, potentially leading to traffic associated with drivers searching for parking.
- Within the “Town Square” Zone, the average duration of stay for Teton County license plates (WY-22) was not observed to be higher than the general average.
- On weekends, vehicles with license plates from Wyoming (outside Teton County) and Idaho stayed longer on average compared to vehicles with license plates from other areas. Part of this longer average duration of stay may be associated with the Farmer’s Market, where many vehicles (likely including vehicles of vendors) were observed to have parked from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Compliance with Regulations

- The violation rate is very low on weekdays, indicating high compliance with time restrictions on the Town Square.
- On Saturdays, the violation rate on the Town Square is higher compared to weekdays. Many vehicles were observed parking for the full duration of the Farmer’s Market (8:00 AM to 12:00 PM), typically departing by around 12:30 PM. This indicates that at least some vendors choose to ignore the 3-Hour limit during this time (enforced starting at 9:00 AM), overstaying by up to around 30 minutes on average. Should the Town make any changes to time limits in Downtown (reducing to 2-hours, for example), careful consideration should be given to whether or not exceptions should be granted to these vendors on Saturdays.
- Within the full 715-stall 3-Hour Zone, 53 vehicles out of 2,383 observations (2.2%) on Thursday and 75 vehicles out of 2,197 observations (3.4%) on Saturday were noted to have exceeded the 3-Hour time limit between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Although this sample likely underestimates the actual violation rate, it provides an indication that the violation rate is not significantly higher outside of the “Town Square” Zone.
- On Thursday, August 23rd, 2018, data provided by the Jackson Police Department indicates that 8 citations were issued for “overtime parking” violations. If there were 53 overtime violations during this period, the capture rate was 15% on this date. Typical guidelines indicate that parking enforcement should target capturing approximately at least 8% of all overstay violations, suggesting that Jackson’s capture rate is within acceptable range.

License Plate Observations

- Teton County plates were observed less frequently on the Town Square compared to the entire downtown.



- On weekdays, 47% of all unique vehicles recorded were from Wyoming, compared to approximately 39% on weekends.

Vehicle Movements within the 3-Hour Zone

- A higher percentage of vehicles with Teton County plates were observed to have parked more than once within the 3-Hour Zone over the course of the day (8:00 AM to 9:00 PM) when compared to other vehicles with other license plates on both weekdays and weekends.
- The percentage of vehicles parking more than once within the 3-Hour Zone is lower on Saturday compared to Thursday.

Public Off-Street Parking

- The off-street parking lots are well-used during the day, peaking in usage on **Weekdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**
- During the midday peak hour, approximately 60 daily parking stalls (48-hour limit) are available within the Parking Garage.
- The unrestricted daily parking in the off-street parking lots exceeds effective capacity during the midday peak, reaching 88% occupancy on **Weekdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.** Only the Parking Garage has additional capacity during this time for general users.

4.4. Performance Metrics

To allow for regular comparisons of system performance between years, eight performance metrics are summarized in **Table 3**. While these performance metrics oversimplify many of the observations, measuring changes in each of these metrics between years can allow for a high-level indicator of effectiveness of various management strategies that may be implemented within the goal of influencing parking behavior in Downtown Jackson.

Footnotes document the specific sample size used in the calculation of each of the metrics.

Table 3: Summary of Key Performance Metrics

Performance Measure	Weekday	Weekend
Vehicles Served Per Day (8 AM – 9 PM)³	8.69	7.61
Vehicles Served Per Day (9 AM – 6 PM)⁴	6.61	5.53
Average Duration of Stay (8 AM – 9 PM)⁵	1 Hour 21 Minutes	1 Hour 32 Minutes
Violation Rate⁶	3.1%	8.5%
Peak Occupancy⁷	*83%	*74%
Surplus Supply at Peak⁸	208 Stalls	326 Stalls
Block Faces with Constrained Parking at Peak⁹	32 Block Faces	32 Block Faces

*Peak Periods: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (Weekday); 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Weekend)

³ Based on 94 3-Hour stalls in the “Town Square” Zone

⁴ Based on 94 3-Hour stalls in the “Town Square” Zone

⁵ Based on 94 3-Hour stalls in the “Town Square” Zone

⁶ Based on 94 3-Hour stalls in the “Town Square” Zone

⁷ Based on a combination of 715 on-street 3-Hour stalls and 528 daily unrestricted public off-street stalls

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⁹ Out of 91 block faces where occupancy data was collected



4.5. Parking Enforcement

The following notes from a meeting with City staff associated with the current parking enforcement program¹⁰ summarizes current program operations and issues.

- Current LPR enforcement schedule begins between 9:00-9:30 am and concludes around 5:00 pm
- The enforcement route includes the entire 3-hour parking area and the Home Ranch parking lot
- A complete route takes approximately 35-45 minutes to complete without stopping to issue citations; a typical route is 60 minutes once citations are included
- Enforcement occurs 7 days a week, 365 days a year as staffing permits
- Approximately 5 complete routes are completed each day between mid-June and mid-August; the frequency is less during other times of year based upon staff availability
- Limitations/inefficiencies are currently related to software and hardware issues, as well as staff availability
- There is not a significant problem with the current system not being able to read plates correctly, although it does happen
- Currently there are 2 full time Community Service Officers (CSOs) assigned to parking enforcement
- CSOs are often pulled off parking enforcement to address other duties, including accidents, oversize vehicle complaints, other parking complaints, animal control, etc.
- 2 seasonal CSOs are hired between mid-June and mid-August to assist with parking enforcement
- Town is currently hiring a 20 hour a week CSO position to cover weekend parking enforcement
- CSOs typically issue 18-25 citations a day; historically it was 75 per day when a 2-hour maximum limit was in place with manual (walking and chalking) enforcement
- Parking tickets are not generally viewed as a revenue source
- Peak parking demand is typically seen between June 1 and October 1
- Tour bus parking is an issue, no buses currently utilize the signed tour bus facilities on King Street and small cars often use reserved RV/tour bus parking in Home Ranch lot
- Loading and unloading of commercial vehicles is not currently an enforcement issue
- Uber and taxi spaces are not currently an enforcement or demand issue

Two appendix documents have been provided as part of this report to support and enhance the parking enforcement program going forward. These include: Toolkit Item 4 - Parking Enforcement Program Audit Checklist and Toolkit Item 5 - Sample Parking Enforcement Operations Manual.

4.6. Conclusions

Within the “Town Square” Zone, the turnover rate is very high, the average duration of stay is low (compared to the 3-Hour time limit), and the violation rate is low. However, overall parking demands during the peak season are very high within Downtown Jackson, with only around 17% of all 3-Hour on-street stalls and daily public off-street stalls (208 stalls) available during the weekday peak period from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. During this peak period, 32 block faces in Downtown are at least 85% occupied, indicating that visitors and customers, particularly those unfamiliar with Jackson, may need to search across several blocks for parking.

¹⁰ Meeting attendees: Michelle Weber, Roger Schultz, Jerad Weston, Paul Anthony, and Tyler Sinclair



5.0 Community Outreach Process

5.1. Overview

From October 2018 through January 2019, the Jackson Downtown Parking Management Plan Project Team led an outreach campaign to engage the community and downtown stakeholders to help understand, frame, and prioritize the key challenges and potential improvements for the parking experience in Downtown Jackson.

This summary provides an overview of feedback received, highlights consistent themes – observed by the consultant team and self-reported by the community – and concludes with strategies for incorporating identified stakeholder priorities into the Downtown Parking Management Plan.

Elements of the outreach campaign included:

- In-Person Community Outreach Event Summaries
 - 1) Chamber of Commerce Meeting
 - 2) Informal Downtown Employee Discussion
 - 3) Informal Multimodal Advocacy Group Discussion
 - 4) Informal Downtown Business Owners Discussion
 - 5) Community Open House
- Feedback from Technical Steering Committee
- Online Survey Results (395 responses)
- Summary of Stakeholder Priorities and Key Themes
- Conclusion

A more detailed summary, including the full survey results, can be found in **Appendix B: Community Outreach Summary Report**.

5.2. Stakeholder Priorities and Key Themes

Community members and stakeholders expressed a wide variety of concerns, priority issues, and recommendations related to parking within Downtown Jackson during the campaign to collect feedback. The following section summarizes the First, Second, and Third Tier priorities that emerged to help organize the information gathered. However, during the development of the Downtown Parking Management Plan, all feedback received will be used to help craft recommendations.

Tier 1 Priorities

Tier 1 Priorities were expressed consistently through a variety of in-person meetings and within the online survey. Addressing these issues should serve a key priority of the Downtown Parking Management Plan.

Address Downtown Employee Parking

- Consider options to encourage employees to use the parking garage and other areas with available capacity outside of the Downtown core in order to free up parking for short-term parking needs.
- Both incentives (such as employee benefits for parking in the garage or using alternative modes of transportation) as well as increased enforcement should be considered.



Manage Parking Based on Time Stays

- Parking is readily available if able and willing to walk a few blocks; however, parking further away can be a challenge for the disabled, the elderly, families, and for quick trips.
- Parking should be managed to provide more areas for very quick trips (less than 30 minutes) and centralized, convenient parking for short-term stays (such as 2-hours or less). Those staying for longer periods of time should be directed to the edges of Downtown with improved wayfinding.

Pedestrian Enhancements

- Many community members expressed a strong desire to improve the downtown pedestrian environment including crosswalk treatments to improve safety, maintenance and visibility enhancements, and potential consideration for pedestrian-priority areas in Downtown.
- Making use of parking availability on the edges of Downtown will be more effective with safe, convenient, and clear pedestrian routing and wayfinding.

Tier 2 Priorities

Additional Public Parking Options

- While not all community members feel that Jackson currently has an inadequate parking supply (particularly in the off-season), increasing the public parking capacity (such as an additional parking garage on the edge of Downtown) should be pursued in the medium term as one option for addressing peak season parking constraints.
- Many community members also expressed interest in pursuing shared parking arrangements with private lot owners to increase the number of public parking options in Downtown.

Paid On-Street Parking

- Some community members suggested on-street paid parking as a method to manage parking in areas (and times) of highest demand. The approach, if used, should ensure that free parking is also available within a very short walk of Downtown, and options should be explored to make it easy for visitors to navigate and use (pre-paid options for residents, free parking for very short stays, validation programs, etc.)

Downtown Shuttle Service

- Rather than commuter-focused service with large buses covering long distances, many community members expressed interest in small-scale shuttle/transit service operated on very high frequencies as an option for making it easy to park just outside of Downtown and get to the core easily without a long wait or a long walk.

Bicycle Enhancements

- During the peak summer season when parking is most constrained, many community members indicated that bicycling (either from neighborhoods close to Downtown or from remote parking areas) could be a more attractive option if some streets were prioritized for pedestrians and bicyclists.



Manage RV and Tour Bus Parking

- RVs and Tour Buses will continue to need to find parking near Downtown, and appropriately managing where these larger vehicles should park should be a priority. Directing larger vehicles away from the Town Square while still allowing convenient parking options on the edge of Downtown should be prioritized.

Enhanced Enforcement

- With 3-hour time limits that end at 6 p.m., it is fairly easy for employees to move their vehicle once to evade a citation, likely contributing to parking congestion outside of the Town Square (moving to evade was not frequently observed on the Town Square). Further, on-street parking is effectively free and unlimited starting at 3 p.m. due to these regulations. Two-hour time limits should be considered in Downtown as a tool to further address employee parking.
- Escalating fines for repeat violators (as a tool to discourage employee parking in time-limited areas) should be explored, along with revised enforcement hours.

Tier 3 Priorities

Tier 3 priorities were expressed by at least two or more individuals during outreach activities and should serve as a reference as recommendations are developed. They are presented as community recommendations rather than key themes:

- **Last-Mile Mobility:** Should consider emerging mobility trends such as bike share or scooters to pair with satellite parking lots, along with safety improvements for bicyclists.
- **Revisit On-Street Parking Capacity:** Expand the size of no-parking zones at intersections to improve sight distance (or use bulb-outs).
- **Wayfinding/Signage/Technology:** Additional wayfinding and signage (for both pedestrians and motorists) as well as technology investments could make it easier to find parking quickly and easily.
- **Address Winter Parking Restrictions:** Existing winter regulations may be unnecessary and do not necessarily effectively serve the needs of Jackson residents. Suggested alternatives included alternating which side of the street winter restrictions are in effect (to allow for plowing both sides) or allowing long term parking in the garage.
- **Special Events Regulations:** Revised parking enforcement and regulations during special events should be explored, and alternative management strategies may be needed.
- **Revise Private Parking Requirements:** Private developers should be more responsible for providing parking.

5.3. Conclusions

When viewed comprehensively, feedback received from the stakeholder outreach process supports the following “big-picture” themes:

1. **Focus on Management Strategies that Preserve Jackson’s Character:** The most consistent theme expressed through the outreach process was that limited parking availability and traffic congestion along with continued growth threatens to erode Jackson’s character if not addressed



and managed in a way that preserves the welcoming, small town atmosphere. Parking management strategies need to ensure that Jackson is welcoming to all, including visitors, residents, the disabled, the elderly, families, and RV drivers alike. Yellowstone/GTNP are in the top 3 RV destinations in America and providing additional resources to address this need should be a priority.

- 2. Consistent, Integrated Approach to Parking Management:** On-street regulations, off-street public parking options, and enforcement should work together to ensure that employees and long-term parkers understand clearly where to park so that short-term parkers (visitors and customers) and those with disabilities and the elderly are able to quickly and easily find parking near their destination. Enforcement should support this approach by focusing on identifying, citing, and collecting fines from repeat offenders.
- 3. Targeted Communication and Straightforward Signage and Wayfinding:** There is broad consensus that the peak summer season is the primary time in which there is limited parking availability. An effective communication program to identify where employees should park during the peak season, combined with clear and straightforward signage to direct visitors to convenient parking areas where they can expect to find parking may help to alleviate visitor frustration and traffic associated with drivers circulating in search of parking.
- 4. Focus on Enhancing the Pedestrian Experience in Downtown:** Many community members expressed a strong desire to ensure that pedestrians feel safe and welcome in Downtown from the time they park their car until they arrive at their destination. Crosswalk enhancements, regular maintenance, additional lighting, and pedestrian-focused navigation aids will all help to improve the pedestrian experience and ensure that as Jackson grows, downtown continues to feel inviting and welcoming to all.



6.0 Recommendations

6.1. System Objectives

Based on parking management best practices and the feedback received through the stakeholder engagement process, the following system objectives are intended to be used as a tool to guide the development of parking management strategies. As strategies are implemented, these system objectives should be revisited periodically and updated as necessary to ensure that strategies are developed and implemented with the goal of working towards clearly defined and measurable objectives.

On-Street Parking in Downtown

- The most convenient on-street parking stalls in the Downtown commercial zone should be managed to serve the following uses in order of priority:
 1. C: Customer and Visitor Parking
 2. T: Transit and Pick-Up / Drop-Off
 3. D: Deliveries and Commerce
 4. E: Employee Parking
 5. R: Residents and Residential Guest Parking

Prohibited

RV: Recreational Vehicle Parking

On-Street Parking in Downtown-Adjacent Neighborhoods

- The most convenient on-street parking stalls in the neighborhoods adjacent to Downtown should be managed to serve the following uses in order of priority:
 1. R: Residents and Residential Guest Parking
 2. E: Employee Parking
 3. C: Customer and Visitor Parking
 4. T: Transit and Pick-Up / Drop-Off
 5. RV: Recreational Vehicle Parking
 6. D: Deliveries and Commerce

Downtown Public Off-Street Parking Along Highly-Traveled Roadways

- The most convenient off-street public parking in Downtown along the most highly traveled roadways should be managed to serve the following uses in order of priority:
 1. C: Customer and Visitor Parking
 2. RV: Recreational Vehicle Parking
 3. E: Employee Parking
 4. R: Residents and Residential Guest Parking
 5. T: Transit and Pick-Up / Drop-Off
 6. D: Deliveries and Commerce



Other Downtown Public Off-Street Parking Facilities and Off-Street Shared Parking Assets

- All remaining off-street public parking in Downtown (as well as publicly-licensed shared parking in private off-street lots) should be managed to serve the following users in order of priority:
 1. E: Employee Parking
 2. R: Residents and Residential Guest Parking
 3. C: Customer and Visitor Parking
 4. T: Transit and Pick-Up / Drop-Off
 5. D: Deliveries and Commerce
 6. RV: Recreational Vehicle Parking

6.2. Short Term Action Items (0-2 Years)

The following action items can be accomplished without the creation of new parking staff positions. Several will require additional dedicated enforcement staff time, capital expenditures, and staff time for implementation.

1.1 Extend Enforcement Hours

- **Action:** Extend hours of enforcement from 9 AM – 6 PM (Current) to 9 AM to 7 PM.
- **Reasoning:** With a 3-hour time limit, parking transitions to free and unlimited for anyone arriving after 3 PM under current conditions, including employees. Extending the hours of enforcement will help to discourage on-street vehicle storage for long-term parkers (primarily employees).
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased on-street turnover, particularly during the late afternoon period. Potential for increase in number of vehicles served per day per stall as employees will be further discouraged from parking within the 3-hour parking zone.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** Additional enforcement staff time (+10-15% over existing budget)





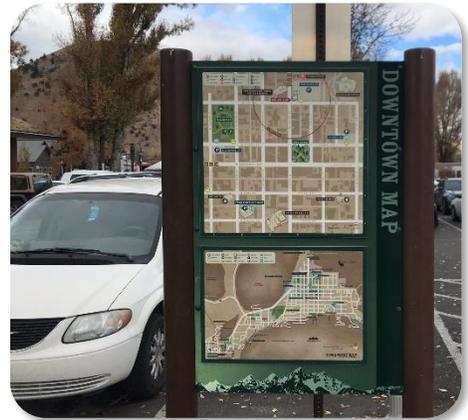
1.2 Implement Escalating Fine Structure for Repeat Violators

- **Action:** Waive fine for first time violators. Standard fine for 2nd violation. 2x fine for 3rd violation. 3x fine for 4th violation. 4x fine for the 5th and each subsequent violation. Escalating fines will reset after 12 months with no new violations.
- **Reasoning:** Time limit regulations in Downtown are primarily intended to discourage all-day parking on-street in the Downtown core in order to ensure that the most convenient spaces are used by customers and visitors. Waiving the fee for first time violators (while documenting the violation for record keeping) and directing them to the all-day parking areas for future reference helps to preserve Jackson’s welcoming, friendly character. An escalating fine structure is a strong deterrent against repeat violations, gradually influencing behavior of those who need to park in Downtown for more than 3 hours.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Reduction in instances of moving to evade by long-term parkers and improved on-street parking turnover.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** Additional enforcement administrative staff time; potential annual software costs.

Violation Count	Fine
1 st Violation	\$0
2 nd Violation	\$25
3 rd Violation	\$50
4 th Violation	\$75
5 th + Violation	\$100

1.3 Convert Home Ranch to 4-Hour Visitor Parking (Peak Season Only) with Additional Wayfinding

- **Action:** Add 4-hour time limit signs to Home Ranch (May 15 – September 15 only). Add additional “Free Visitor Parking” signs to direct visitors to Home Ranch.
- **Reasoning:** Home Ranch is located directly on the most heavily traveled visitor corridor through Downtown (USE 26/89/191), and the Town has invested in this location as a Visitor parking lot with installation of restrooms and a Visitor Center. However, during the peak season, this lot fills to capacity by late morning, and occupancy levels do not drop until after 6 PM, making it nearly impossible for customers and visitors to find parking in this lot during the day. By converting this lot to 4-hour parking during the peak season (May 15 – September 15), employees will be encouraged to park in alternative locations (see next strategy) and each space will be able to serve more vehicles per day. Additionally, with effective wayfinding, visitors will need to spend less time circulating Downtown in search of parking.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increase in the number of vehicles served per day within Home Ranch, reduction in occupancies during the day (making it easier for visitors to find parking within the lot), and potentially a decrease in traffic circulating in Downtown in search of parking.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** Additional enforcement staff time (+5-10% over existing budget); capital costs of signage/installation.





1.4 Convert Taxi2Fly Parking to Employee Parking

- **Action:** Remove all Taxi2Fly parking from the Parking Garage and transition this program to an outlying lot, such as the Fairgrounds.
- **Reasoning:** Long-term vehicle storage should not be considered a priority use of the Parking Garage during the peak summer season. By freeing up approximately 70 vehicle parking spaces within the Parking Garage during the peak summer season (141 spaces during the winter), employees who previously parked in the Home Ranch lot can be directed to the Parking Garage.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased parking availability within the Parking Garage that can be used by employees (priority user group #1) as well as customers and visitors.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** None (Staff time for coordination).

1.5 Develop Employee Parking Maps & Communication Program

- **Action:** Develop map showing preferred employees parking locations during the peak season, explaining the need to ensure customers have access to the most convenient parking areas in Downtown. The brochure can also serve as an opportunity to explain the escalating fine structure.
- **Reasoning:** With an escalating fine structure and the removal of 139 all-day parking stalls (from Home Ranch), employees will need to know where they should park during the peak season. With an effective communication program, employees who previously parked in the Home Ranch lot during the peak season can be encouraged to park in the Parking Garage or on-street on the edges of Downtown where there are no time limits (including sections of Jackson Street, Millward Street, Glenwood Street, Cache Street, King Street, Willow Street, Gill Avenue, and Deloney Avenue, Simpson Avenue, and Hansen Avenue). Underutilized on-street parking on the edges of Downtown can effectively serve both residents as well as employees due to the off-setting peak hours of demand (residential demands peak in the evening into the overnight hours and decrease as residents depart in the morning, while employee demand peaks during the day when residential demand is lowest).
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increase in the utilization of the Parking Garage and unlimited on-street parking areas on the edge of Downtown by employees.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** None (Staff time to develop and distribute materials).

Community Input

Addressing employee parking was ranked as the top priority management strategy within the online questionnaire. Recommendations 1.1 – 1.5 are intended to work together encourage employees to park in the Parking Garage, select surface lots, and on the edges of Downtown in order to free up the most convenient parking for visitors and customers.

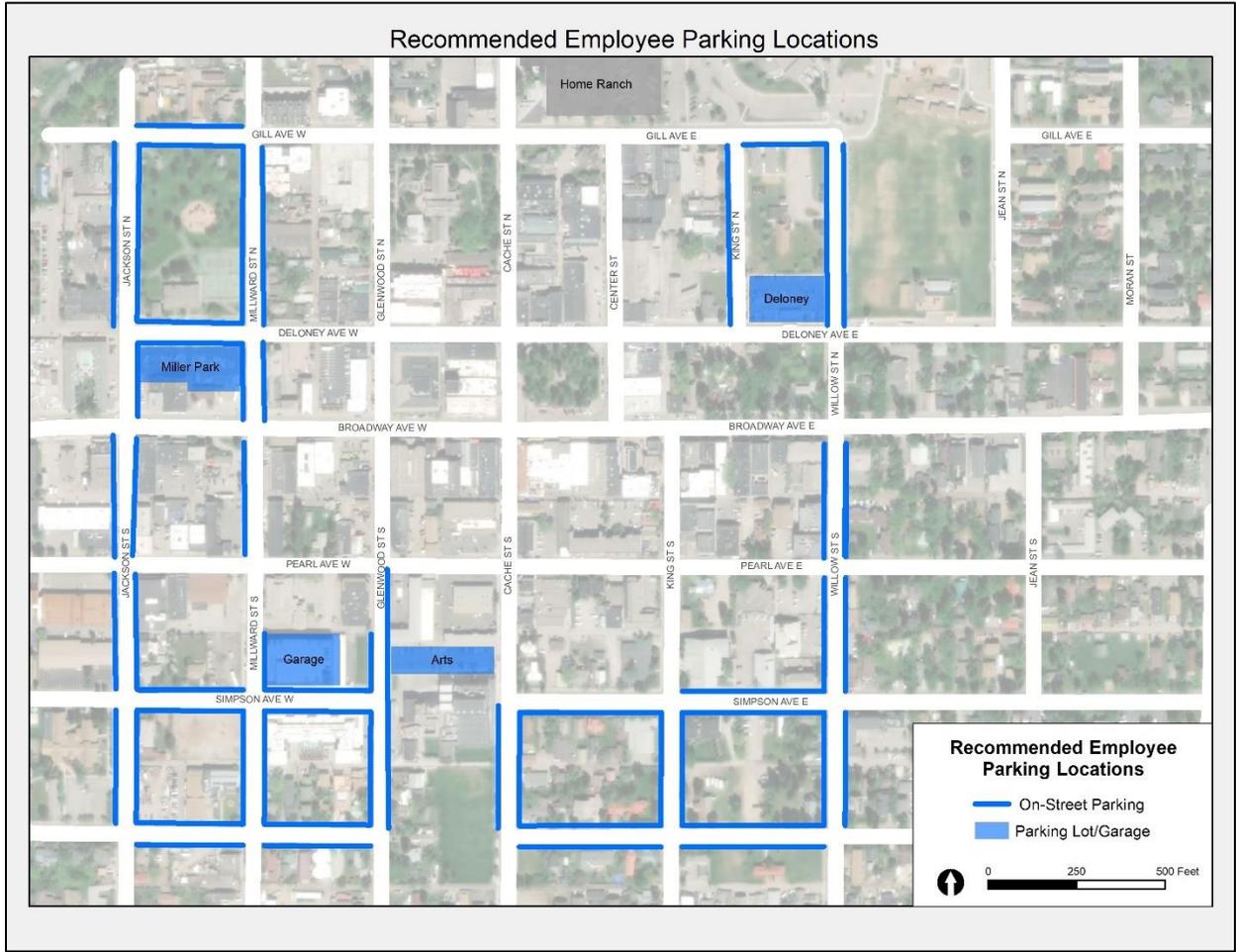


Figure 3: Recommended Employee Parking Locations



Table 4: Inventory of Recommended Employee Parking Areas

Parking with No Restrictions	Type	Stall Count
Jackson Street	On-Street	122
Millward Street	On-Street	83
Glenwood Street	On-Street	32
Cache Street	On-Street	9
King Street	On-Street	44
Willow Street	On-Street	97
Gill Avenue	On-Street	27
Deloney Avenue	On-Street	30
Simpson Avenue	On-Street	54
Hansen Avenue	On-Street	71
Parking Garage	Garage	270*
Center for the Arts	Lot	54
Miller Park	Lot	58
Deloney	Lot	50**
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*Assumes Taxi2Fly stalls converted to all-day parking

**77 total stalls in 2018; Assumed that 27 stalls will be dedicated to bank parking starting in 2019

1.6 Add 15-Minute Stall Near Each High-Turnover Business in the Downtown Core Upon Request (Up to 2 Per Block Face)

- Action:** Work with businesses to identify locations where high-turnover (15-minute) parking stalls are needed to serve very short-term trips; upon request, locate new 15-minute stalls at intersections or at mid-block pedestrian crossings so that drivers know where to look for these high-turnover spaces.
- Reasoning:** Other than the 15-minute zone near the Post Office, there are very few 15-minute parking stalls in Downtown. Additional 15-minute stalls near businesses with a very short average duration of stay (coffee shops, dry cleaners, etc.) will make it easier for customers to make a quick stop without having to search for parking. Requests should be initiated by business owners rather than by the Town to ensure these stalls are added to locations that have a need for very short-term parking. Requesting businesses should be informed that the stalls will not be actively enforced (except during their normal enforcement routes), and abuse would need to be reported.
- Intended Outcomes:** Increased customer satisfaction, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking.
- Additional Resources Needed:** Capital costs of signage/installation, staff time to develop forms, distribute to business, and process results.





1.7 Invest in Real-Time Space Availability in Select Public Lots

- **Action:** Install low-cost sensors at the entry and exit points to select public parking lots in Downtown. Maintain a database of lot occupancies by hour to monitor over time.
- **Reasoning:** The cost to monitor parking availability in public parking lots with very few entry and exit points has decreased in recent years, and the data can be used to both communicate real time parking availability to the public (through signage or online) as well as track parking demands from hour to hour and month to month.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased employee and customer satisfaction due to the ease of finding available off-street parking, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking, and reduced data collection costs.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** Capital costs of technology (less than \$10,000 per access sensor/display sign), staff time to display real-time parking availability on the website (if desired).

1.8 Initiate Annual Data Collection Program to Monitor Performance

- **Action:** Conduct an annual peak season parking utilization count in Downtown.
- **Reasoning:** While each recommended strategy is intended to result in behavior change, the effectiveness of each strategy (and potential unintended consequences) cannot be monitored without a regular data collection program. Implementing a data collection program will allow the Town to test new strategies, monitor progress, and utilize data-driven triggers to indicate when new management strategies are needed.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Transparency in the development and implementation of parking management strategies; facilitation of a data-driven approach to parking management.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** None (Staff time to conduct counts and process results, assuming 2 data collection days per year).

1.9 Engage with Providers of Shared Mobility Solutions

- **Action:** Engage with providers of scooter-share services (Lime, Bird, Scoot, etc.) and other shared mobility solutions as they emerge.
- **Reasoning:** Scooter-share companies and other providers of shared mobility often enter into towns and cities without prior approval, requiring officials to attempt to regulate after a program has been introduced. Discussing these “micro mobility” services with providers in advance will allow Jackson to determine the feasibility and potential timeline for introducing such a service. While the services typically provide an additional mobility option for those considering alternatives to driving, community members may express concerns with safety or the impacts to the Town’s character. The City of Portland, Oregon allowed scooters during a trial period in 2018 and published observations and findings from the pilot program that can serve as a resource for other municipalities¹¹.

¹¹ Toolkit Item #8



- **Intended Outcomes:** Improved control over how and when new mobility solutions enter into Jackson.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** None (Staff time for coordination).

6.3. Medium Term Action Items (2-5 Years)

2.1 Hire a Parking and Mobility Manager and Required Support Staff

- **Trigger:** Prior to proceeding with any medium-term action items.
- **Action:** Hire a parking and mobility manager responsibility for leading implementation of all parking and multimodal recommendations.
- **Reasoning:** As the Town transitions to a more proactive approach to parking and mobility management, including the potential for on-street paid parking, it will be necessary to have a manager and support staff to implement and monitor these transportation programs. This person will be responsible for leading data collection efforts, monitoring the changing needs of businesses and residents, responding to requests for additional/revised parking management strategies, developing and administering transportation demand management (TDM) programs, and ultimately leading the development and rollout of a paid parking program (based on the triggers identified in subsequent recommendations). Sample parking administrator positions are provided in the Toolkit¹².
- **Intended Outcomes:** Clearly defined organizational structure to facilitate the streamlined implementation of an active parking and mobility management program.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** An initial investment in parking and mobility management staff (3 to 5 FTEs) is anticipated.

2.2 Implement Seasonal On-Street Paid Parking within the Short-Term Parking Zone

- **Trigger:** Very limited on-street parking availability during the peak season within at least 400 contiguous on-street stalls, measured using the following metrics:
 - ≥ 85% occupancy for 3 or more hours per day, AND
 - ≥ 70% occupancy for 5 or more hours per day
- **Action:** Install multi-space parking pay stations (in combination with a mobile payment option) and charge an hourly rate to parking within the highest demand portion of the Downtown Parking Zone. Assume \$1.00/hour as a starting point.
- **Reasoning:** In some small downtowns, time limits alone (with adequate enforcement) can be an effective strategy to encourage turnover and discourage long term parking in the most convenient on-street stalls. However, the most convenient on-street stalls are a very limited resource, and pricing is an effective way to distribute demand more efficiently between areas of higher and lower demand. Pricing this limited resource can significantly reduce employee parking in areas that should be prioritized for customers and visitors while also encouraging those willing to walk a little further to park in the free visitor lots. As a management strategy, rates and the size of the paid on-street parking area can be adjusted to ensure that customers are able to find available parking quickly and easily without having to circulate in search of parking availability. It should be acknowledged that Jackson already exceeds the recommended

¹² Toolkit Reference #9



triggers for this strategy, however working through the Tier 1 short-term actions may reduce parking congestion below these triggers.

- **Intended Outcomes:** Improved on-street turnover, reduction in instances of moving to evade by long-term parkers, reduced traffic associated with vehicles circulating in search of parking, increased utilization of off-street public parking lots.

On-Street Meter Program Revenue Projections

- The model below maps out a set of assumptions regarding a potential seasonal on-street paid parking program. The model has adjustable input fields so that different assumptions can be tested.
- In the example below, 500 on-street spaces would be metered for the four peak Summer months at a rate of \$1.00/hour with an assumed utilization rate of 90%.
- The estimated seasonal on-street parking revenue would be approximately \$504,000.
- The estimated capital equipment cost for approximately 63 multi-space meters would be \$625,000.
- After paying off the capital equipment investment, first season on-street parking revenue would be -\$105,400.00. However, for the second and subsequent seasons on-street parking revenues would be approximately \$275,400.
- If the same basic assumptions are applied to a year-round on-street parking program (with a reduction in overall space utilization factored in) first year revenues are estimated at approximately \$535,250 and subsequent annual on-street meter revenues are estimated at \$1,160,250.

Community Input

Paid on-street parking received some support among community members as a method of managing high peak season parking demands, but many others expressed concern that paid parking would diminish Jackson’s character and discourage customers from coming Downtown to shop and dine. Multiple strategies have therefore been proposed to attempt to manage demand first before proceeding to paid parking. Should demands reach the levels identified by the occupancy triggers, the program should be developed and managed in a way to preserve Jackson’s welcoming atmosphere.



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Town of Jackson, WY
 Preliminary On-Street Meter Revenue Projection Model
 \$1.00 per Hour Rate



Factors	Variables / Assumptions	Description
Enter number of metered spaces:	500	Number of on-street spaces within the "Downtown Business District" area.
Enter # of hrs/day	10	Assumes meters enforced 9am to 6 pm. Change to fit enforcement hours/days.
Enter # of days per week.....	7	Assumes Monday through Friday. Saturday is usually a separate calculation since utilization is different.
# of weeks per year meters paid :	16	Allows up to 7 holidays that meters are not enforced per year.
Enter the hourly rate in \$ per hour:	\$ 1.00	The amount charged per hour in dollars or decimal portion thereof.
Utilization factor	0.9	A decimal portion between 0 and 1 that indicates the usage of the aggregate meter spaces. High levels of usage will be 0.85 to 1.0, low levels would be 0.10 to 0.35. 0.90 indicates our estimate of near-term meter utilization for the peak season demand.
Projected Annual Meter Revenue:	\$ 504,000	
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>It is recommended that meters be grouped into areas of similar usage. These groups should also be used to define collection routes or groups. Tracking revenue and comparing actual to projected will help define changes to the utilization factor so that revenue forecasts can be as accurate as possible.</p> <p>Please be aware that evening and weekend utilization will be different than weekday factors. A revenue projection for a single group of meters may require 2 or 3 calculations to arrive at an accurate revenue projection for all time frames.</p>		
Number of controlled spaces	500	Number of on-street spaces within the "Downtown Business District" area.
Number of spaces controlled/device:	8	Assumes using the multi-space kiosks
Number of meter mechanisms:	63	Assumes single space units
Cost of each mechanism:	\$ 10,000	\$10,000 per meter (includes multispace meter mechanism,solar power and installation)
Projected Equipment Capital Cost:	\$ 625,000	Total projected capital equipment cost.
Projected Year One Net Revenue	\$ (105,400)	Projected year one net revenue after deduction of capital cost, installation and training.
Projected Year Two Net Revenue	\$ 275,400.00	Projected year two net revenue after system capital cost, installation and training have been paid. NOTE: Does not include parking program staffing/operations costs.
<p>Variable Inputs - Changed values will update totals.</p>		



Options to Consider

- **Pay Station Technology**

- **Pay-By-Plate:** Requires entry of license plate information when paying; *Benefits:* Users can pay for parking (and extend session) at any kiosk or online, fully integrated with existing LPR enforcement system, allows for easy implementation of permitting systems. *Drawbacks:* Requires users to remember or write down their license plate.
- **Pay-And-Display:** Requires users to either pay through a mobile application (using license plate) or obtain a ticket from a kiosk to display in their vehicle. *Benefits:* Easy to understand system with time stamped tickets provided. *Drawbacks:* Users must return to their vehicle to display the paid parking receipt, increased enforcement inefficiencies (officer must check vehicle windows as well as license plate when combined with a mobile payment application).
- **Pay-By-Space:** Requires Town to paint and maintain space numbers within the paid parking zone and requires users to enter a space number when paying. *Benefits:* Easy to understand system that does not require users to return to their vehicle after paying. *Drawbacks:* Users must locate and remember their space number, increased maintenance costs associated with space numbering.



- **Discounts for Jackson Residents**

- **First Hour Free:** Allows residents to register for the program in advance with their license plate number and park for free within any paid parking space for up to one hour.
- **Discounted Parking:** Allows residents to register for the program in advance with their license plate number and receive a discount on up to one parking session per day.

Performance Measures – Current Conditions

To develop performance metrics for the most congested part of Downtown, a contiguous area consisting of 474 on-street stalls was defined that included consistently high demand (shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**). These block faces are centered around the block directly west of Town Square. As shown in **Table 4**, on both of the days where data was collected in summer 2018, occupancies of 85% or more were observed during three time periods, suggesting that it is consistently difficult to find parking within this area during the peak season.

While this area currently exceeds the triggers identified for proceeding to paid parking, many of the Short-Term Action Items are targeted at redistributing parking demands in order to make it easier to find parking within this constrained area. Occupancy data should be collected following implementation of the Short-Term Action Items in order to assess if peak demands still exceed the thresholds for proceeding to paid parking within the most constrained area of Downtown.



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Table 5: Summary of Key Performance Metrics for the Constrained Area

Performance Measure	Trigger	2018 (Weekday)	2020+
Time Periods with $\geq 85\%$ Occupancy	3	3 (✓)	TBD
Time Periods with $\geq 70\%$ Occupancy	5	6 (✓)	TBD
Peak Occupancy ¹³	$\geq 85\%$	*92% (✓)	TBD

*Peak Period: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (Weekday); 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Weekend)

✓ = Trigger met

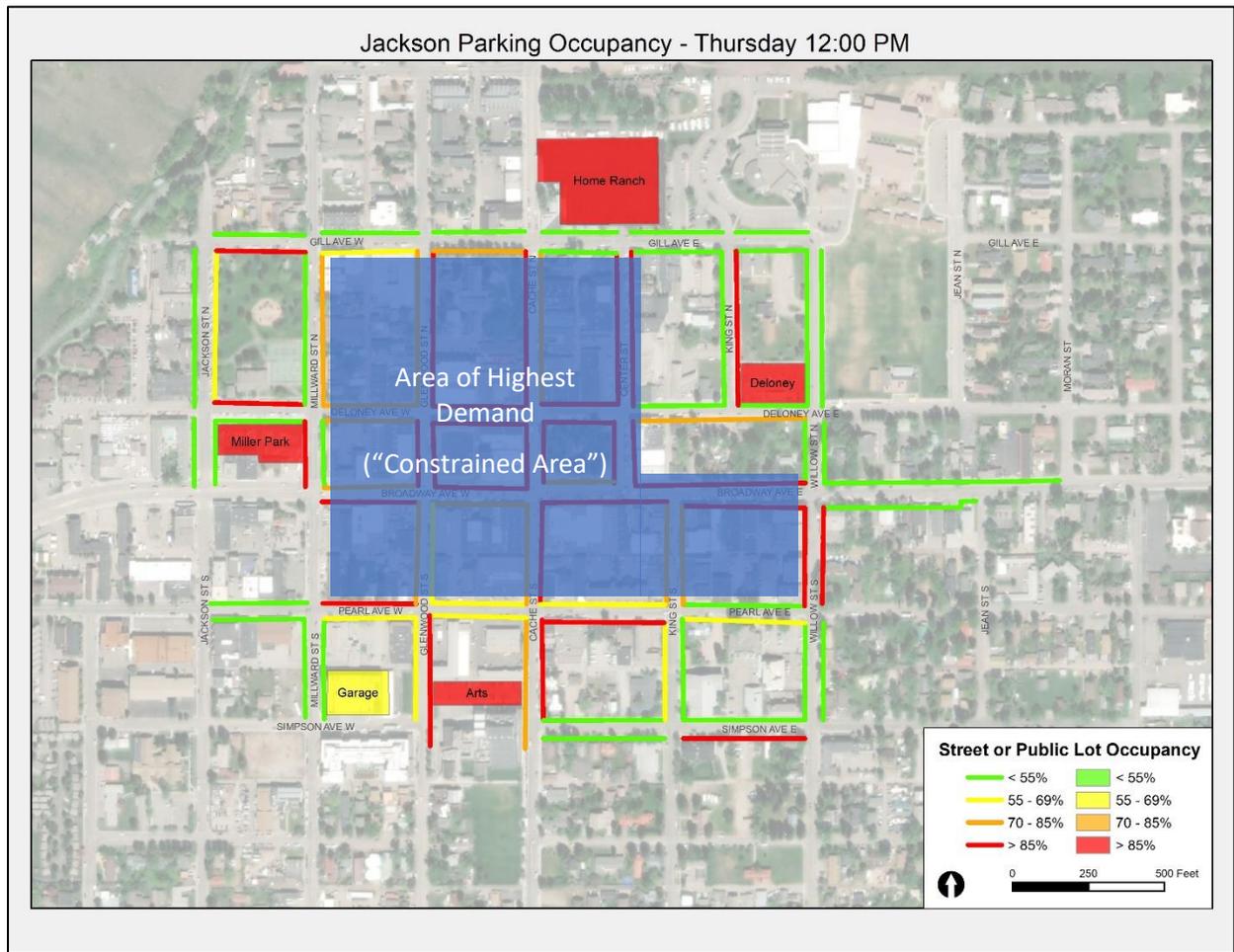


Figure 4: Area of Highest Demand (Thursday Peak Period)

¹³ Based on 474 on-street stalls

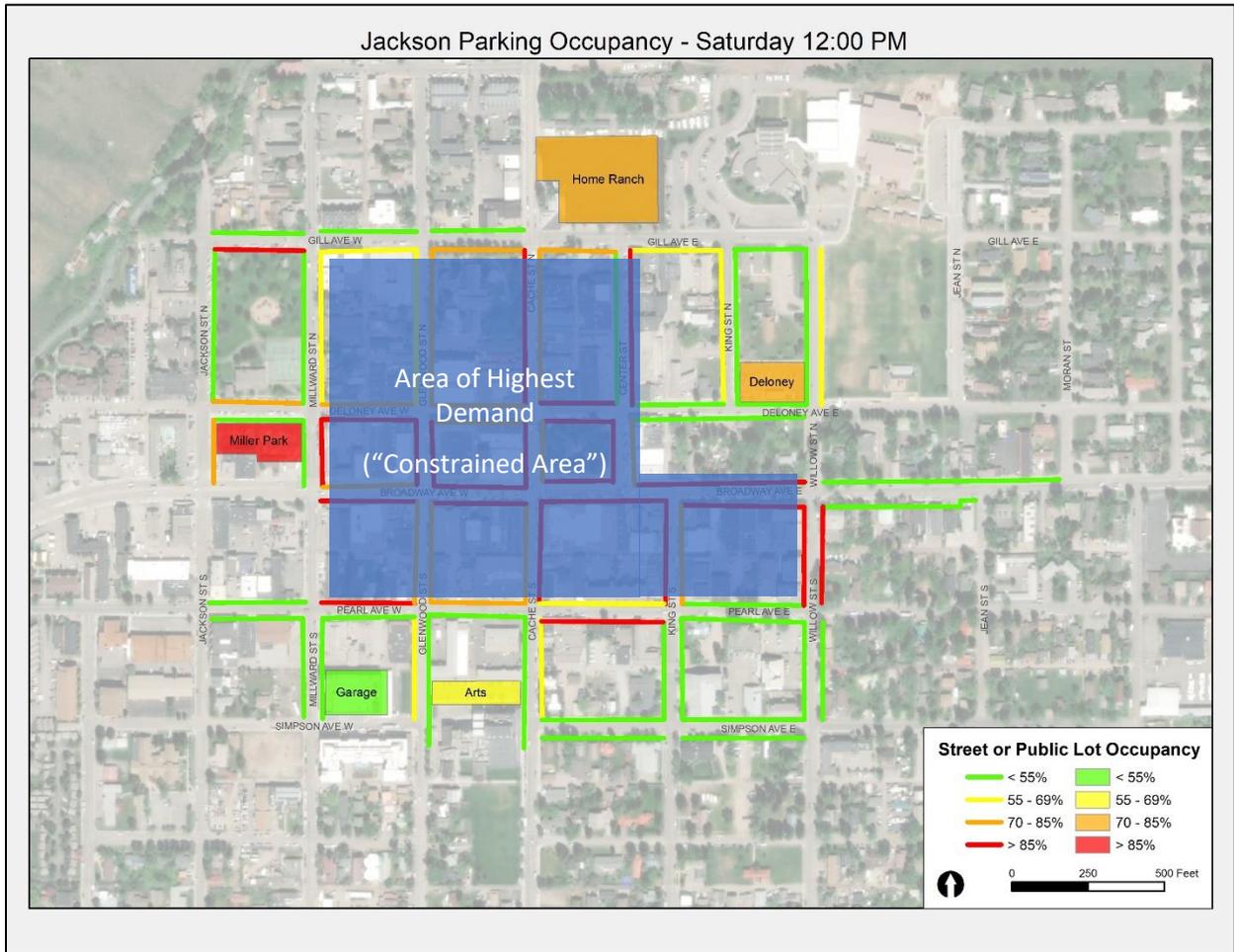


Figure 5: Area of Highest Demand (Saturday Peak Period)

2.3 Consider Implementing a Parking Benefits District

- **Trigger:** Implementation of on-street paid-parking.
- **Action:** Dedicate 50% percent of net on-street meter revenue back to the Downtown Parking District to be used for streetscape, safety, and various transportation-related projects; develop specific terms and conditions for the use of these funds and who controls their disbursement.
- **Reasoning:** Paid parking is primarily a parking and transportation demand management strategy, not a revenue generation strategy. Net revenues (after covering costs associated with administering and maintaining the program) should therefore be prioritized to invest in projects that will further improve access to downtown. These could include programs and projects that promote walking, cycling, and transit use, such as sidewalk improvements, crosswalk enhancements, curb ramps, lighting, streetscaping, wayfinding, bicycle lanes, or Downtown



shuttle service. Funds could also be used to finance additional parking supply (garage construction, shared parking licenses, etc.)

- **Intended Outcomes:** Transparency in the use of paid parking revenues, dedicated revenue for safety, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and parking improvement projects.

Community Input

Improving the pedestrian experience in Downtown was identified as a Tier 1 Priority from the Stakeholder Outreach Process. A Parking Benefits District could focus on sidewalk maintenance, safety enhancements, and streetscaping to address this key community priority.

2.4 Convert Additional Public Lots to Short-Term Visitor Parking

- **Trigger:** Very limited off-street visitor parking availability during the peak season within all public time-limited off-street lot(s), measured using the following metrics:
 - ≥ 85% occupancy for 3 or more hours per day, AND
 - ≥ 70% occupancy for 5 or more hours per day
- **Action:** Add 4-hour time limit signs to one or more additional public lots (May 15 – September 15 only). Add additional “Free Visitor Parking” signs to direct visitors to these additional parking options.
- **Reasoning:** Deloney Lot, Miller Park Lot, and the Center for the Arts lot were observed to fill to capacity before noon during the peak season in 2018, a trend likely associated with employee parking. While Home Ranch should be targeted first for increasing the supply of short-term visitor parking, these additional lots are all a short walk from Town Square and should be considered the 2nd tier options for expanding the visitor parking supply using existing resources. It should be assumed that any conversion from all-day to time-limited parking in the existing off-street supply will need to be offset with identified available all-day parking within approximately ½ mile of Town Square (for displaced employees).
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increase in the number of vehicles served per day within each converted lot, reduction in occupancies during the day (making it easier for visitors to find parking within the lot), and potentially a decrease in traffic circulating in Downtown in search of parking.

Lot	Unrestricted Stalls	Distance to Town Square	Estimated Walk Time
Home Ranch	139	700'	3 minutes
Deloney	50*	500'	2 minutes
Miller Park	58	800'	3 minutes
Center for the Arts	54	800'	3 minutes
Parking Garage	270	1,400'	5 minutes

*77 total stalls in 2018; Assumed that 27 stalls will be dedicated to bank parking starting in 2019



Performance Measures – Current Conditions

In 2018, all public parking lots in Downtown allowed all-day parking. As recommended within the Short-Term Action Items, it is assumed that 139 unrestricted stalls within the Home Ranch lot will be converted to time-limited parking in order to provide additional visitor parking in Downtown. Occupancy data should be collected following implementation of this Short-Term Action Item in order to assess if peak demands continue to exceed the thresholds identified.

Performance Measure	Trigger	2018 Weekday (Home Ranch Lot)	2020+
Time Periods with ≥ 85% Occupancy	3	5 (✓)	TBD
Time Periods with ≥ 70% Occupancy	5	5 (✓)	TBD
Peak Occupancy ¹⁴	≥85%	*>95% (✓)	TBD

*Values estimated based on 87% occupancy observed between 10 AM and 12 PM; Home Ranch data not collected after 12 PM
 ✓ = Trigger met

2.5 Develop Off-Street Shared Parking Program for Peak Season Employee Parking

- **Trigger:** Conversion of two or more public lots to short-term visitor parking.
- **Action:** Work with owners of private parking lots within walking distance of Downtown who have excess parking supply and would be willing to partner with the Town to allow a certain number of employees to park in their lot under a shared parking agreement.
- **Reasoning:** Some lot owners, such as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Broadway Avenue, may have excess parking supply during weekday and Saturday peak times. Entering into a maintenance and cost-share agreement with owners of private lots within a 10-minute walk of Town Square to allow a certain number of employees to park in their lot during periods of low utilization can be a cost-effective method of increasing the parking supply for employees.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased employee parking supply within a short walk of Downtown.

Lot	Unrestricted Stalls	Distance to Town Square	Estimated Walk Time
LDS Lot	100+	1,800'	7 minutes

¹⁴ Based on 474 on-street stalls



6.4. Long Term Action Items

3.1 Expand On-Street Time Limited Zone

- **Trigger:** High short-term parking demand on adjacent blocks, measured using the following metric:
 - $\geq 70\%$ occupancy for 5 or more hours per day within the nearest on-street parking stalls (sample of a minimum of 40 stalls), measured from the block face where time-limited parking is under consideration.
 - $\geq 85\%$ occupancy for 3 or more hours per day on the block faces proposed for conversion (where the high demand can likely be attributed to employees parking on the edges of Downtown)
- **Action:** Add 3-hour time limit signs to additional block faces on the edges of Downtown.
- **Reasoning:** Within the Downtown Study Area in 2018, there were 715 3-hour stalls and 301 additional non-time-limited stalls (72-hour limit). Expanding the 3-hour zone by converting no-limit parking may be necessary to increase the supply of visitor parking close to Downtown. When converting blocks that are primarily commercial (such as portions of Simpson Avenue), no mitigation will likely be required, other than to document the amount of all-day parking removed (in order to quantify reductions in employee parking). In residential areas, however, a residential permit program may be needed to continue to allow residents to park on-street during enforcement hours.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased turnover on each converted block face.

Alternative Option to Consider

- **10-Hour Paid Parking**
 - Depending on the timeline of implementation, the Town may consider implementing on-street paid parking with no time limit (or 10-hour limit) on the edges of Downtown. The approach would also encourage turnover (as with time limits) but would allow employees to continue to park in these areas (either for a fee or through a permit program). This approach, if utilized, would only be feasible after converting all existing on-street time limited areas to paid parking.

3.2 Implement Residential Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Time-Limited Zones

- **Trigger:** Implementation of time-limited parking or paid parking in residential areas where residents need to park on street.
- **Action:** Implement a residential permit program where residents can obtain a permit and would not be subject to time limits within the Permit zone (or the parking fee, if applicable).
- **Reasoning:** Expanding time limited (or metered) parking into residential area is a cost-effective way to increase the visitor parking supply close to Downtown without constructing additional off-street facilities (primarily by displacing employee parking demand). Introducing time limits or paid parking requires addressing the needs of residents. A permit program (enforced using license plate recognition) would allow residents to register their vehicle(s) in advance and continue to park on-street without being subject to time limits or parking fees. The Town may opt to charge no fees for verified residents or require a small fee to cover program



administration costs. Some towns and cities charge escalating permit fees for additional vehicles to discourage parking several vehicles on street. (Example: As shown in Figure 6, most residential areas near Downtown do not currently have parking restrictions. If time-limited or paid-parking expands into residential areas, a permit program will likely be needed).

- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased turnover on each converted block face in residential areas (though either time limits or paid parking) while addressing the parking needs of residents.
- **Additional Resources Needed:** Additional parking and enforcement staff depending on the number and sizes of RPP areas.

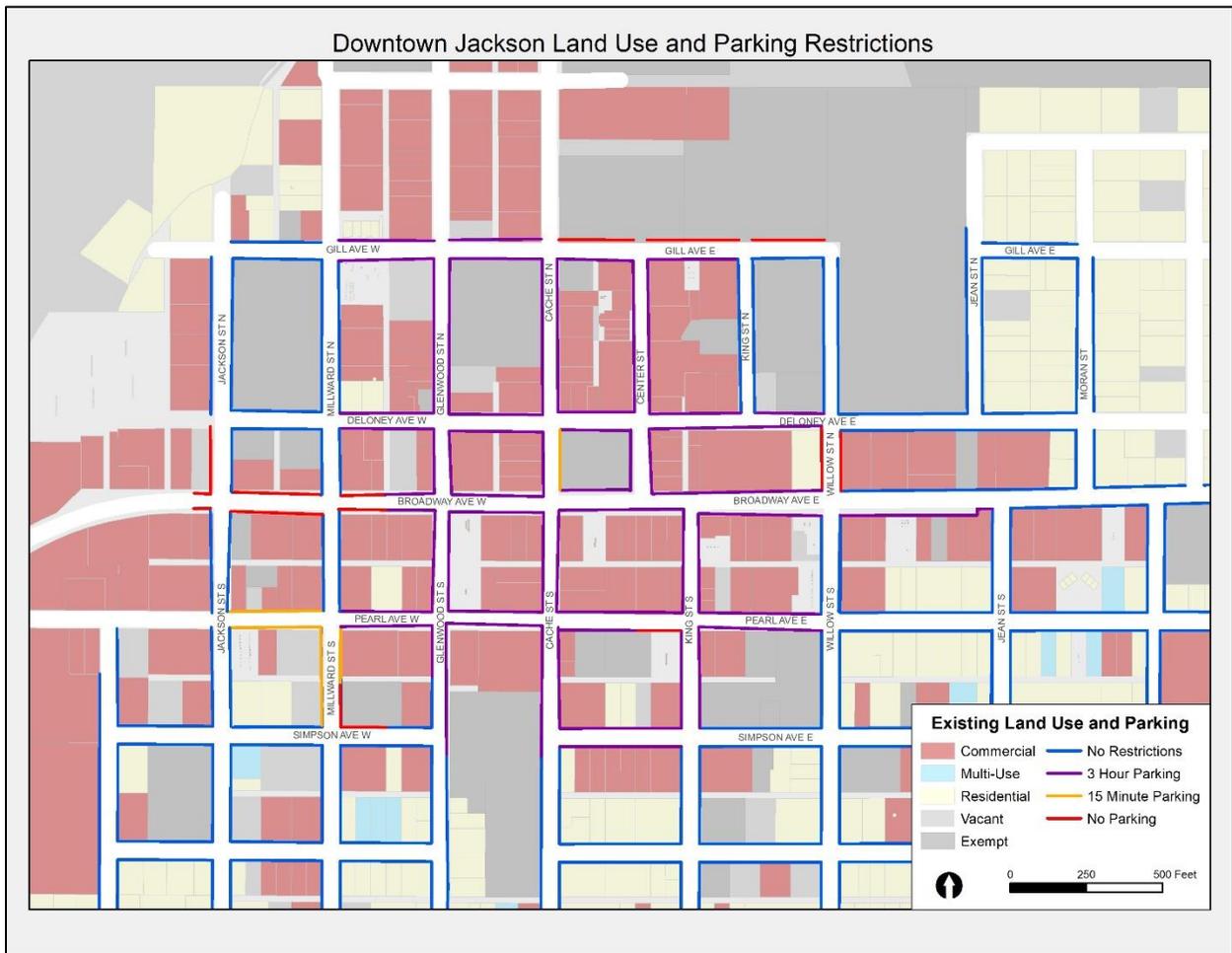


Figure 6: Land Uses and Parking Restrictions

3.3 Implement Employee Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Certain Time-Limited or Paid Parking Zones

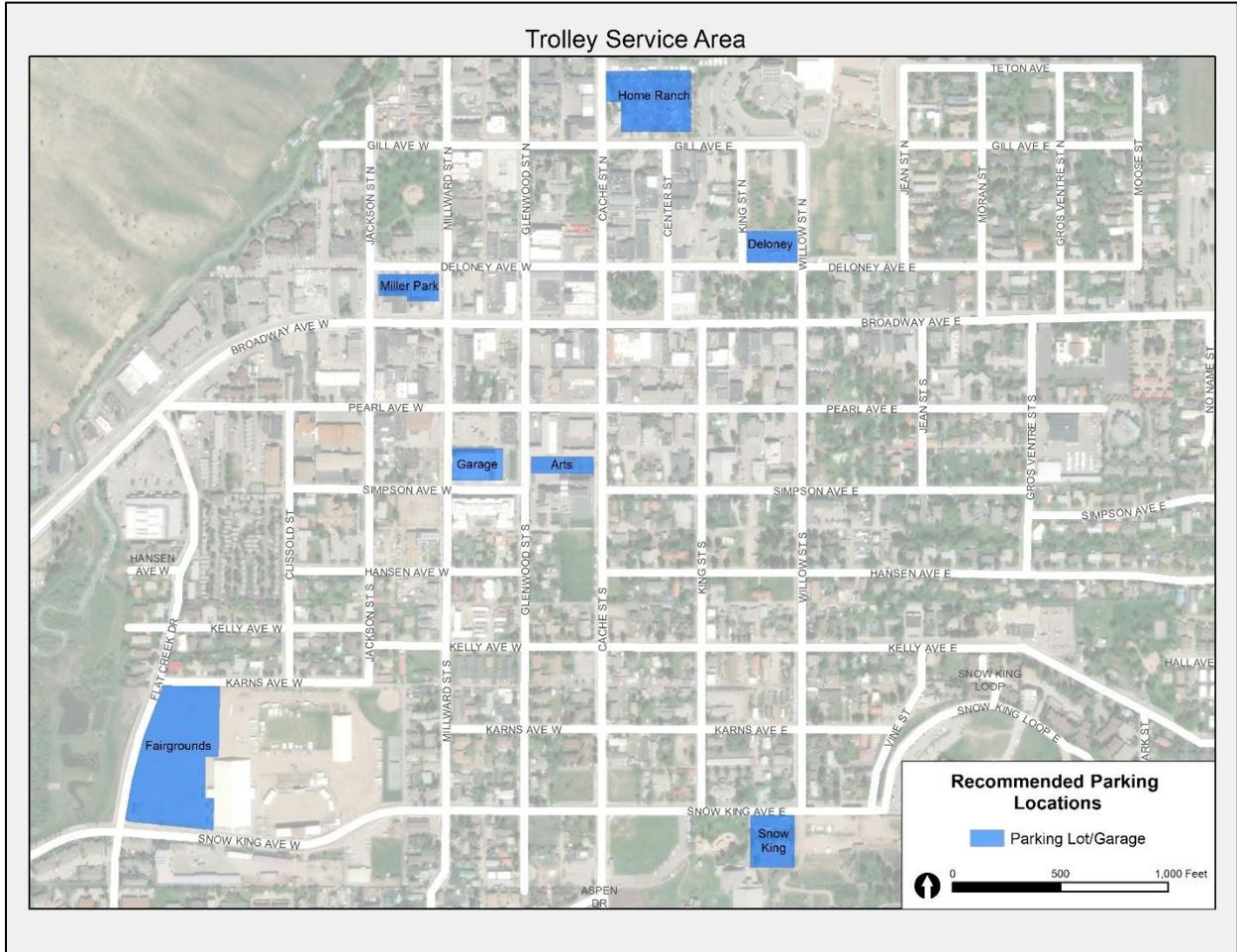
- **Trigger:** Net decrease of 200 or more unlimited parking stalls in and around Downtown (offset by effective increases in the unlimited parking supply through management, such as new parking through shared parking agreements.)



- **Action:** Implement an employee parking permit program where employees may apply for a permit to allow all-day parking in select time-limited or paid parking zones.
- **Reasoning:** As shown in **Figure 3**, 1,001 parking stalls with no restrictions have been identified within a short walk of the Downtown commercial district that can serve employee parking needs. Converting some of these free, unlimited parking to time-limited or paid parking will have the effect of reducing the parking supply available to employees. The identified areas have the capacity to absorb a certain amount of displaced employee parking, but a net decrease of 200 or more stalls available to employees will likely trigger a need to accommodate employees in Downtown through a permit program. An employee permit program would require the Town to distribute a limited number of permits to Downtown employers. Permits would exempt the owners from time limits or paid parking fees in certain lots or on-street areas. By requiring permit holders to register with the Town, the Town would have a robust data set of employee parking demand in Downtown and would allow for more advanced Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, such as incentives for those who opt out of the program in favor of alternative modes of transportation to Downtown. (**Example:** Converting all the Deloney Lot, Miller Park Lot, Center for the Arts Lot, and portions of Millward Street and Simpson Avenue to time-limited visitor parking would likely trigger the need to find additional employee parking or implement an employee permit program).
- **Intended Outcomes:** Mitigation of impacts to employees caused by other strategies, increased employee utilization of alternative modes.

3.4 Implement High-Frequency Downtown Trolley Service

- **Trigger:** Adequate funding.
- **Action:** Implement a Downtown Trolley or small circulator transit service that serves key Downtown destinations and outlying parking lots with high-frequency service (less than 15-minute headways all day).
- **Reasoning:** Many survey respondents expressed a desire for improved transit service in and around Downtown that can be relied upon for shorter trips. Additionally, Downtown circulator service can connect with outlying parking lots (such as the Fairgrounds or Snow King parking lots) that are more than a 10-minute walk from Town Square, increasing the effective Downtown parking supply (see map below). The primary obstacle to such a service is funding, but an effective paid parking program may generate net revenues that can be used to implement such a service.
- **Intended Outcomes:** Additional option for accessing Downtown without a vehicle.
- The following map shows the general recommended service area for Trolley service, including all public lots near Downtown.



3.4 Construct New Parking Garage or a One-Level “Parking Lid” over an Existing Surface Parking Lot

- **Trigger:** Very limited parking availability across entire Downtown, measured using the following metric:
 - $\geq 85\%$ average occupancy for 3 or more hours per day across entire Downtown on- and off-street parking supply.

- **Action:** Construct an additional parking structure in Downtown or add one level of parking over Home Ranch lot.
- **Reasoning:** The recommendations in this plan attempt to make effective use of all existing parking supply in and around Downtown while also encouraging the use of alternative forms of transportation. With additional growth and/or continued increases in annual visitors, additional parking supply will likely be needed. Adding one level of parking over Home Ranch may provide the most cost-effective option for increasing the Downtown parking supply, but alternative options for a parking structure should also be considered. Given the uncertainty associated with emerging trends in shared mobility and autonomous vehicles, many cities are considering



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designing new parking structures with the ability to convert to alternative uses should parking demands decrease in the future. Toolkit Item 10 – “Assessing an Uncertain Transportation Future” is a research memo that explores several key areas that experts warn are likely to produce “significant disruptions” to the parking and transportation industries in the coming years. Specifically, the strong emergence of autonomous vehicles (AVs) as a potentially viable reality brings with it many positive elements, including greatly enhanced vehicular safety, a dramatic reduction in automobile related deaths and injuries, reductions in roadway congestion, reductions in vehicle emissions (assuming future AVs will primarily be electric vehicles), and especially significant to this study, the potential for a dramatic reduction in parking demand. Some estimations project that once autonomous vehicles are the dominant form of personal transport, parking demands could drop by as much as 40% to 50%. There are other shifts taking place in the transportation sector such as the emergence of what is being called “shared-use mobility” which ties to the changing preferences of younger generations to purchase “mobility as a service” instead of owning a vehicle.¹⁵

The design should also consider the needs of RVs and oversized vehicles that currently park in Home Ranch.

- **Intended Outcomes:** Increased Downtown parking supply.
- Below is an image of a typical “Parking Lid.” These structures can have a higher than normal first floor elevation to accommodate larger vehicles (such as may be appropriate if used at the Home Ranch Lot). Other advantages of this approach include: lower overall costs compared to constructing a multi-story garage, minimal loss of existing surface lot spaces (reduced cost per net space gained) and lower visual impact (massing).



¹⁵ Toolkit Reference: See Toolkit Item 10



7.0 Implementation Plan

7.1. Responsibility Matrix

ID	Strategy	Responsibility	Timeframe	Additional Resources Needed
1.1	Extend Enforcement Hours	Administration Police	Summer 2019	Additional enforcement staff time
1.2	Implement Escalating Fine Structure for Repeat Violators	Administration Police	Summer 2019	Additional enforcement administrative staff time; potential annual software costs.
1.3	Convert Home Ranch to 4-Hour Visitor Parking (Peak Season Only) with Additional Wayfinding	Planning & Building Administration Police	Summer 2019	Additional enforcement staff time; capital costs of signage/installation.
1.4	Transition Taxi2Fly Parking to Employee	Planning & Building	Spring 2019	None (Staff time for coordination).
1.5	Develop Employee Parking Maps & Communication Program	Administration Planning & Building	Spring 2019	None (Staff time to develop and distribute materials).
1.6	Add 15-Minute Stall Near Each High-Turnover Business in the Downtown Core (Up to 2 Per Block Face)	Administration Planning & Building	Fall 2019	Capital costs of signage/installation, staff time to develop forms, distribute to business, and process results.
1.7	Invest in Real-Time Space Availability in Select Public Lots	Administration Planning & Building	Spring 2020	Capital costs of technology (less than \$10,000 per access sensor/display sign), staff time to display real-time parking availability on the website (if desired).
1.8	Initiate Annual Data Collection Program to Monitor Performance	Planning & Building	Summer 2019	None (Staff time to conduct counts and process results, assuming 2 data collection days per year).
1.9	Engage with Providers of Shared Mobility Solutions	Planning & Building	Fall 2019	None (Staff time for coordination).
2.1	Hire a Parking and Mobility Manager and Needed Support Staff	Planning & Building	2020-22	An initial investment is parking and mobility management staff (3 to 5 FTEs) is anticipated.



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ID	Strategy	Responsibility	Timeframe	Additional Resources Needed
2.2	Implement Seasonal On-Street Paid Parking within the Short-Term Parking Zone	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2021+	See above.
2.3	Consider Implementing a Parking Benefits District	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2021+	Strong coordination with the Chamber. Ordinance development.
2.4	Convert Additional Public Lots to Short-Term Visitor Parking	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2021+	
2.5	Develop Off-Street Shared Parking Program for Peak Season Employee Parking	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2021+	
3.1	Expand On-Street Time Limited Zone	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2023+	
3.2	Implement Residential Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Time-Limited Zones	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function	2023+	Additional parking and enforcement staff depending on the number and sizes of RPP areas.
3.3	Implement Employee Permit Program for Unlimited Parking in Certain Time-Limited or Paid Parking Zones	Administration Planning & Building Police	2023+	
3.4	Implement High-Frequency Downtown Trolley Service	Administration, Planning & Police plus new parking management function, START Bus	Dependent on Funding	



ID	Strategy	Responsibility	Timeframe	Additional Resources Needed
3.5	Construct New Parking Garage or One-Level	Planning & Building	2023+	

7.2. Performance Measures

Measures of System Utilization

ID	Strategy	Description	2018 Value
U.1	Vehicles Served Per Day per Stall (During Enforcement Hours)	Based on all time-limited stalls	N/A (Town Square Only: 6.6)
U.2	Average Duration of Stay	Based on all time-limited stalls	N/A (Town Square Only: 1:21)
U.3	Violation Rate	Based on all time-limited stalls	N/A (Town Square Only: 3.1%)
U.4	Peak Occupancy	Based on a combination of on-street 3-Hour stalls (715) and daily unrestricted public off-street stalls (528)	83%
U.5	Surplus Parking Supply at Peak	Based on a combination of on-street 3-Hour stalls (715) and daily unrestricted public off-street stalls (528)	208 stalls
U.7	Time Periods with $\geq 70\%$ Occupancy	Based on a combination of on-street 3-Hour stalls (715) and daily unrestricted public off-street stalls (528)	5
U.8	Time Periods with $\geq 85\%$ Occupancy	Based on a combination of on-street 3-Hour stalls (715) and daily unrestricted public off-street stalls (528)	0

Inventory

ID	Strategy	Description	2018 Value
I.1	On-Street Stalls as a Percent of Total Spaces	Shows balance between on-street parking and surface lots or structured spaces.	62%
I.2	Structured Stalls as a Percent of Total Spaces	Shows balance between structured spaces and street or surface lot spaces.	16%
I.3	Off-Street Surface Stalls as a Percent of Total Spaces	Shows balance between off-street surface spaces and street or structured lot spaces.	22%
I.4	Number of All-Day Unrestricted Stalls	Shows stalls potentially available to employees.	829



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ID	Strategy	Description	2018 Value
I.5	Number of ADA Stalls	Shows stalls potentially available to the elderly and disabled.	34
I.6	Number of High-Turnover Stalls (15-Min.)	Shows stalls potentially available for very short trips.	52

Measures of Program Costs and Productivity

ID	Strategy	Description
C.1	Total Operating Costs per Stall	Useful for year to year comparisons and for comparisons with operations of similar profiles.
C.2	Total Enforcement Costs per Stall	Quantifies total enforcement process costs by measuring to number of spaces in the program.
C.3	Total Maintenance Costs per Stall	Measures total maintenance expense to the size of the program in respect to spaces.



8.0 Appendices

- Appendix A: Existing Conditions Reports
- Appendix B: Community Outreach Summary Report



9.0 Parking Management Toolkit

The “Parking Management Toolkit” outlined below contains a wealth of parking management best practices and successful strategies to elevate the proposed Town of Jackson parking and mobility management program. This toolkit contains 18 support documents. Each document is briefly summarized below.

1. 20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Management
 - This extensive essay contains a comprehensive overview of the 20 Characteristics approach mentioned in the introduction to this chapter. This document contains not only the general concepts and principles associated with each characteristic of effective parking management, but also detailed examples, illustrations, and recommendations for implementation.
2. IPMI APO Program Applicant Manual
 - The “Applicant Manual” provides a good overview of the “Accredited Parking Organization” program, including benefits, costs, requirements, etc.
3. IPMI APO Matrix Final
 - The Matrix document identifies over 300 criteria upon which accreditation is based. These criteria include key industry practices and standards that are expected to be in place in modern municipal parking programs from around the world. Achievement of 80% of all accreditation criteria earns a program accredited status reflecting a solid and well-rounded parking program that exhibits the key practices supported by IPMI.
4. Parking Enforcement Audit Checklist
 - Parking enforcement is one of the more important, difficult, and potentially controversial elements of a municipal parking program. This detailed Parking Enforcement Program Audit Checklist is a valuable tool for assisting municipal programs in critically evaluating their operations in this area.
 - This document can serve two purposes for the Town of Jackson. Initially, this checklist can be used by program managers as a tool for the refinement of the current parking enforcement program. This document was originally designed to be used as a checklist to support the auditing of various aspects of a municipal parking enforcement program. For each audit standard, auditors can note whether or not the program complies, or if the result is unclear, and can also add comments or observations supporting their conclusion. Since this document was created based on several communities, it is recommended that this tool be customized to the Jackson parking enforcement program and used initially as an internal program review tool and on an on-going basis to train new staff.



5. Sample Parking Enforcement Manual

- In evaluating municipal parking programs from around the country, we have found that the development of a comprehensive Parking Enforcement Officer Handbook or Manual can be a very effective tool to improve operations, consistency of performance, and staff training.
- This sample parking enforcement operations manual & officer handbook is being provided to the Town of Jackson as a mechanism to facilitate parking enforcement program development, training and implementation. Many of the specific rules and regulations have been derived from highly effective parking enforcement programs from around the country. We recommend that the Town of Jackson review these sample rules and regulations and modified them as needed to reflect the Town's practices and standards. Having a well-defined enforcement officer handbook and manual can improve operational consistency and is highly effective for the training of new enforcement staff.

6. Parking Management and Design Best Practices

- This report deliverable contains well over 300 parking management best practices. The goal in the development and organization of this document is to provide a comprehensive categorization of parking planning, management, and design areas to make finding specific best practices easier. It is our hope that this tool will provide the Town with a wealth of ideas to stimulate program development as they tackle parking issues as a key transformative strategy within the context of downtown revitalization and parking program enhancement plans.

7. On-Street Parking Technology White Paper

- This report provides the Town with a summary of current on-street parking meter technologies in use today. Keeping up with the many new features and applications that are emerging should be an ongoing process for parking professionals.

8. Portland 2018 E-Scooter Findings Report

- This recently released report from Portland, OR details their approach to assessing E-Scooters and creating a pilot program to evaluate and test new E-Scooter applications as part of merging shared mobility options.

9. Sample Parking Administrator Position Description

- This extensive document details key parking administrator job functions, needed skills and recommended experience. It provides a recommended position description as well as several example position descriptions.

10. Assessing an Uncertain Transportation Future

- "Assessing an Uncertain Transportation Future" is a research memo that explores several key areas that experts warn are likely to produce "significant disruptions" to the parking and transportation industries in the coming years. Specifically, the strong emergence of autonomous vehicles (AVs) as a potentially viable reality brings with it many positive elements, including greatly enhanced vehicular safety, a dramatic



reduction in automobile related deaths and injuries, reductions in roadway congestion, reductions in vehicle emissions (assuming future AVs will primarily be electric vehicles), and especially significant to this study, the potential for a dramatic reduction in parking demand. Some estimations project that once autonomous vehicles are the dominant form of personal transport, parking demands could drop by as much as 40% – 50% within 30 years. This document also discusses the concept of “adaptive reuse parking garages” as a potential strategy to address the projected parking demand decline over time. There are other shifts taking place in the transportation sector such as the emergence of what is being called “shared-use mobility” which ties to the changing preferences of younger generations to purchase “mobility as a service” instead of owning a vehicle.

11. 2018 Recommended Reading List for Parking Professionals

- This document is an annual publication developed by Kimley-Horn for its clients. It provides a rich library of parking and transportation related books and websites for parking professionals.

12. Consolidated Parking System Financial Report Structure

- One issue that many programs struggle with, especially if a new board or advisory body is put in place, is making parking system financial budgets easier to understand. This recommended consolidated financial report structure simplifies and clarifies system financial reporting in a way that makes monthly or periodic system financial performance reviews easier for administrators and advisory board members.

13. IPI Emergency Preparedness Manual

- An often-overlooked element of parking system management is the development of an Emergency Preparedness Manual. IPI published an excellent template for such a manual. Toolkit item # 13 provides a copy for the Town’s team to review and use as a guide for developing a manual customized to the Jackson’s needs.

14. Residential Parking Permit Programs White Paper

- Municipal parking programs are often faced with challenges when urban parking areas interact with existing or emerging residential districts. The most common parking management response to these issues is the implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP). Toolkit item # 14 is whitepaper on this topic that provides guidance for establishing an RPPP and examples of forms, maps, and other tools from successful programs across the country.

15. Sample Parking Garage Operations Manual

- It is surprising how many municipal parking programs have not developed facility operations manuals. This comprehensive template can be used as the basis for creating an operations manual from scratch or to enhance and upgrade an existing manual.

16. Recommended Parking Management Benchmarks

- A current trend in parking and mobility program management is to adopt a data-driven management approach. This document provides a set of 24 parking management-



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specific operational benchmarks that provide a data-rich reporting package designed to supply key management metrics to support a successful parking management program.

17. Parking Facility Maintenance Manual

- The accepted industry standards related to parking facility maintenance is the National Parking Association's (NPA) maintenance manual. A copy of this manual is provided as toolkit item # 17. Note: this document is updated on a regular basis. It is recommended that the Town check in periodically with the NPA website for the most current version of the manual.

18. Parking Facility Maintenance Schedule

- Toolkit item # 18 is the companion piece to toolkit item # 17, providing the recommended schedule of maintenance practices for parking facilities. Note: If the Town ultimately applies for the IPMI's APO certification, having policies and procedures based on these types of industry standards will help with obtaining program accreditation.