

# Public Parking Strategy

Project Advisory Group Meeting #2
January 20, 2025



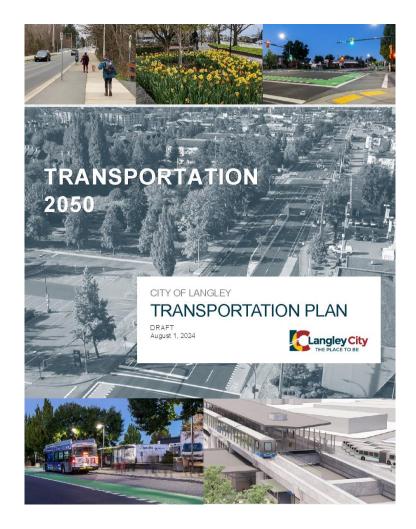
### Agenda

- 1. Study Scope & Objectives
- 2. Study Timeline & Status
- 3. Parking Existing Conditions
- 4. Community Engagement and Next Steps



### Study Scope & Objectives

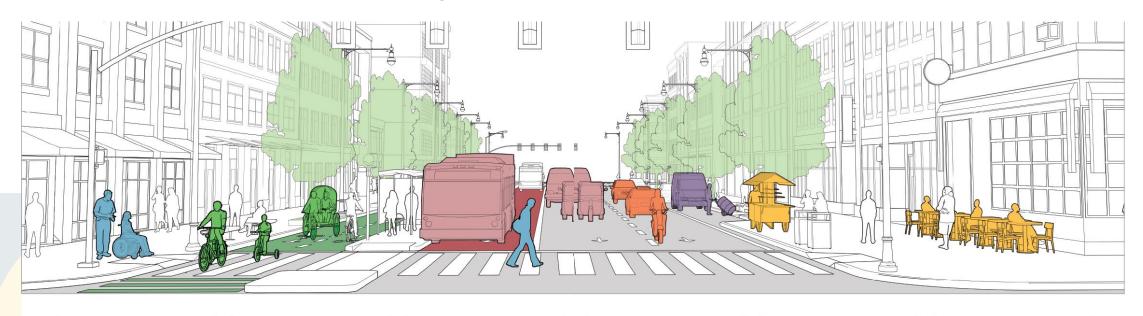
- Transportation 2050 action item is to develop a parking strategy
- Review of current & future parking supply & demands and prepare for SkyTrain & growth in the City





# Study Scope & Objectives

#### Our streets are becoming more complex...





Pedestrian Realm



Cyclists and Micromobility Devices



Transit Riders



Motorists



Freight
Operators,
Service
Providers, and
Commerce



Streetscape



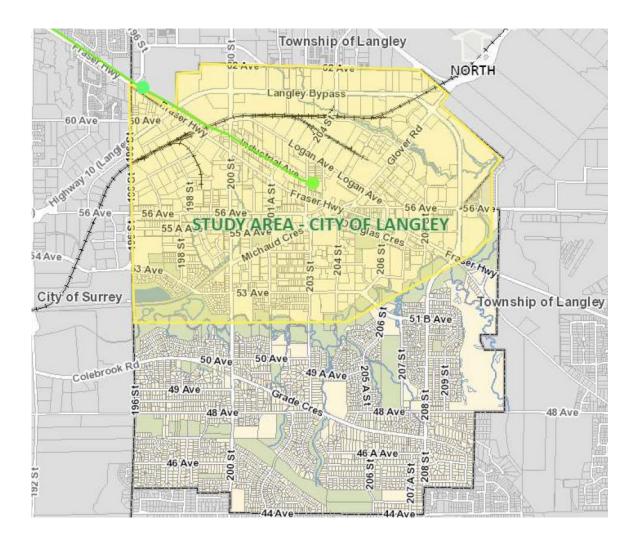




# Study Scope & Objectives

Geographic focus on Nicomekl and Douglas, specifically:

- Downtown
- Brydon Park area
- Michaud Crescent area





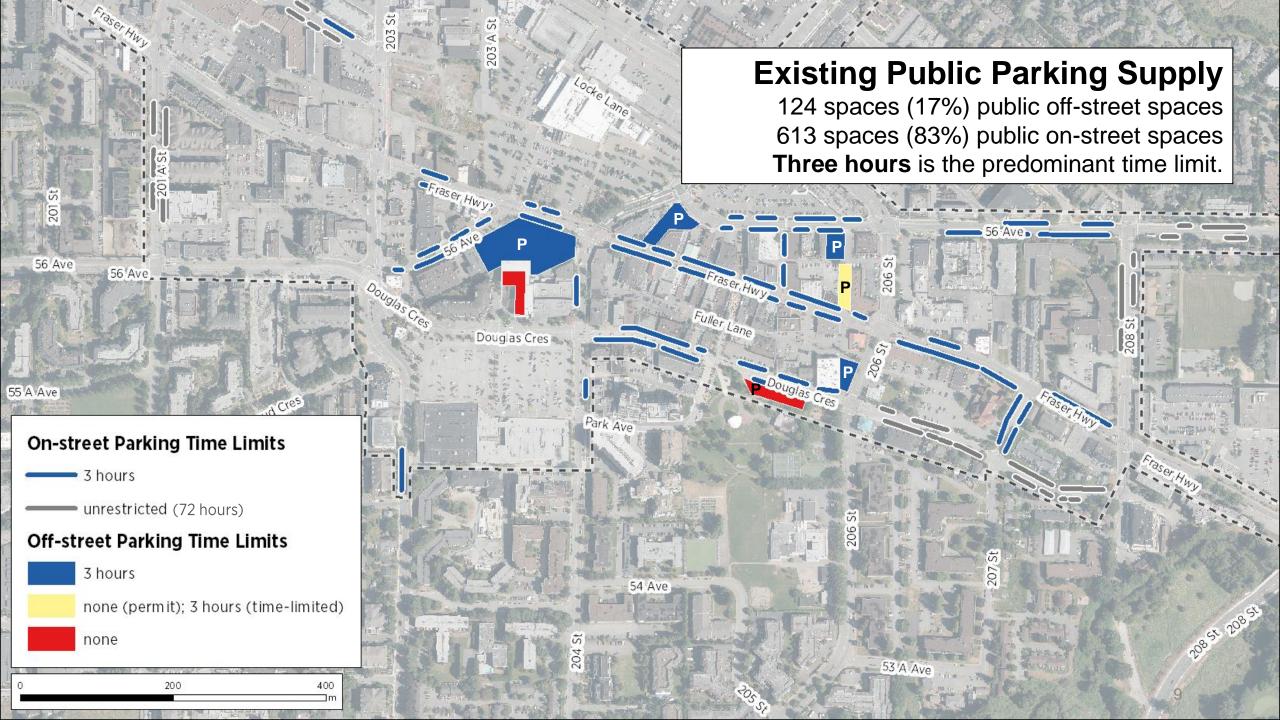
### Study Timeline & Status

<ul> <li>Project launch</li> </ul>	Q3 2024
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- Data collection
   Q3 2024; Q1 2025
- Technical analysis Q4 2024 to Q1 2025
- Community & stakeholder engagement Q1 2025
- Draft Public Parking Strategy

  Q2
- Stakeholder engagement
   Q2
- Final Public Parking Strategy

  Q3
- Council Endorsement Q3 (July 7 or 21)



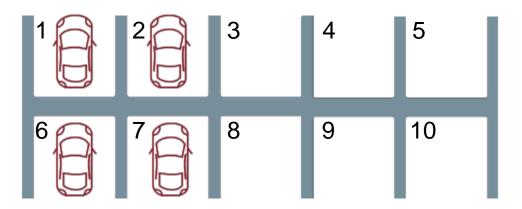


#### Parking utilization:

number of vehicles parked divided by the number of parking spaces provided.

#### **Example Parking Scenario**

4 out of 10 parking spaces are occupied = 40% full





- Aim is to ensure parking is both well-used (most spaces are occupied) and readily available (a few spaces are vacant) for their intended purpose.
- 85% utilization is an industry benchmark and represents an optimal balance between supply and demand.
- When parking utilization is high (exceeds 85%), there is a higher likelihood that drivers will spend more time looking for parking, which exacerbates traffic congestion, and increases fuel consumption and emissions.

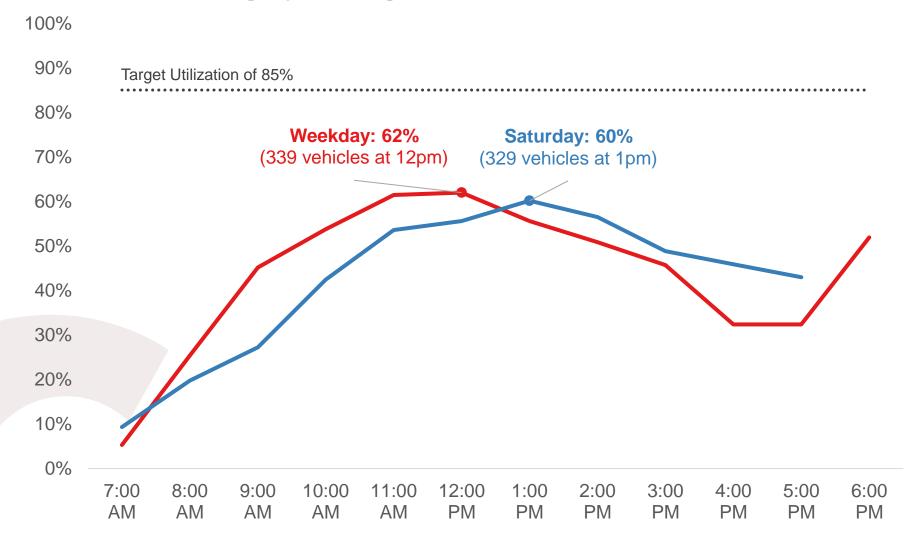


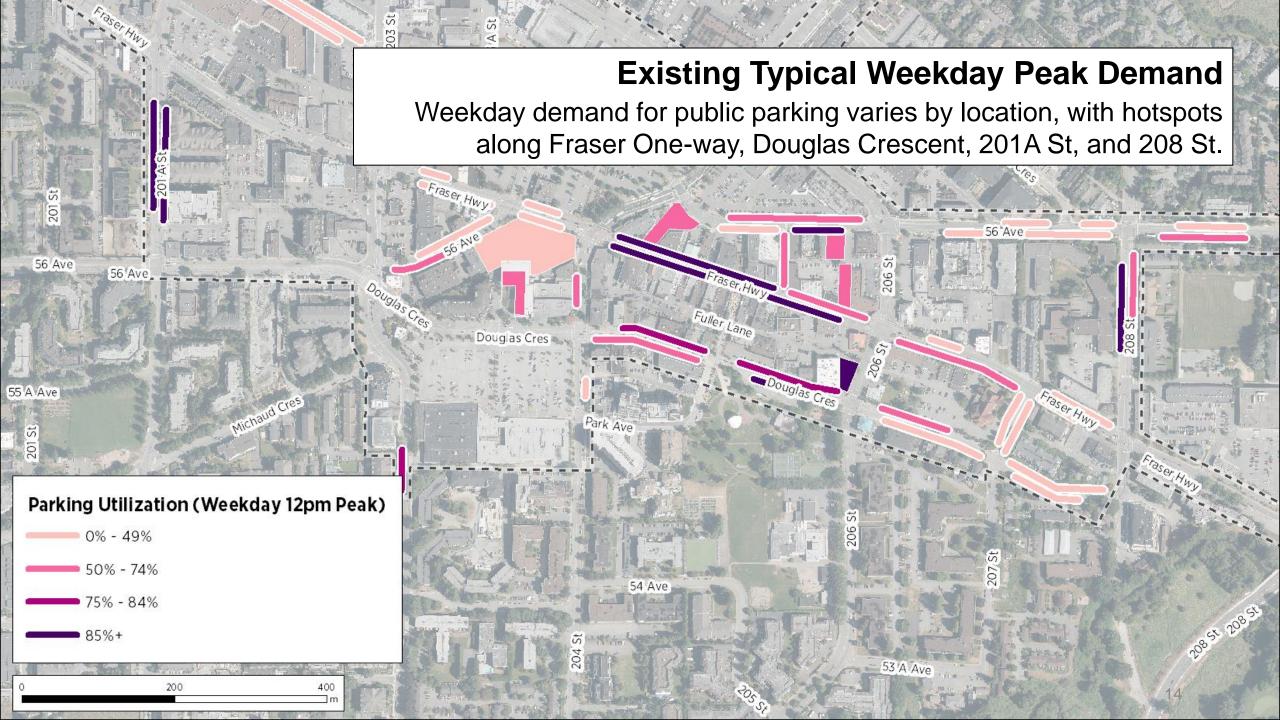
#### When parking utilization is low (60% to 70% or less):

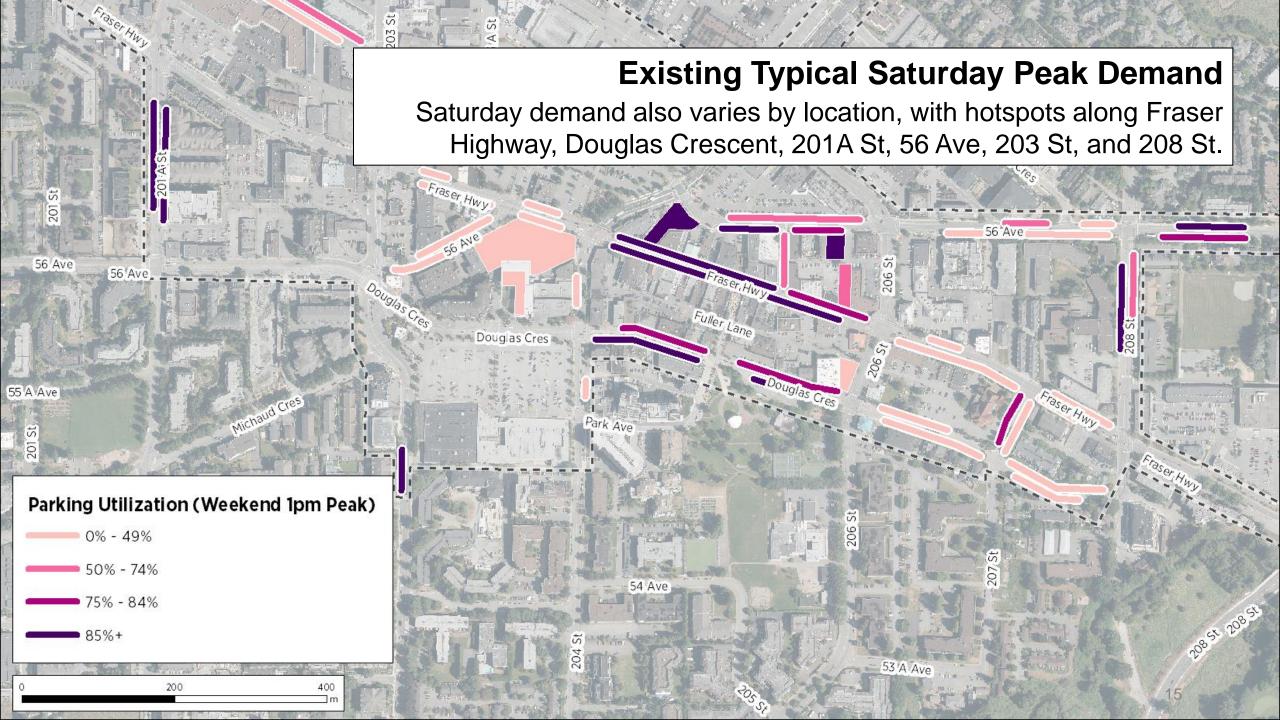
- Parking is oversupplied for current land use and incurs unnecessary costs for ongoing operations and maintenance
- May result in less inviting walking environment and less vibrant downtown
- Indicates opportunities for other uses of the space, such as enhanced mobility (e.g., wider sidewalks, bike or bus lanes) and pedestrian realm, (e.g., parklets, patios).

#### On-street & public off-street parking utilization in Downtown Langley in August 2024





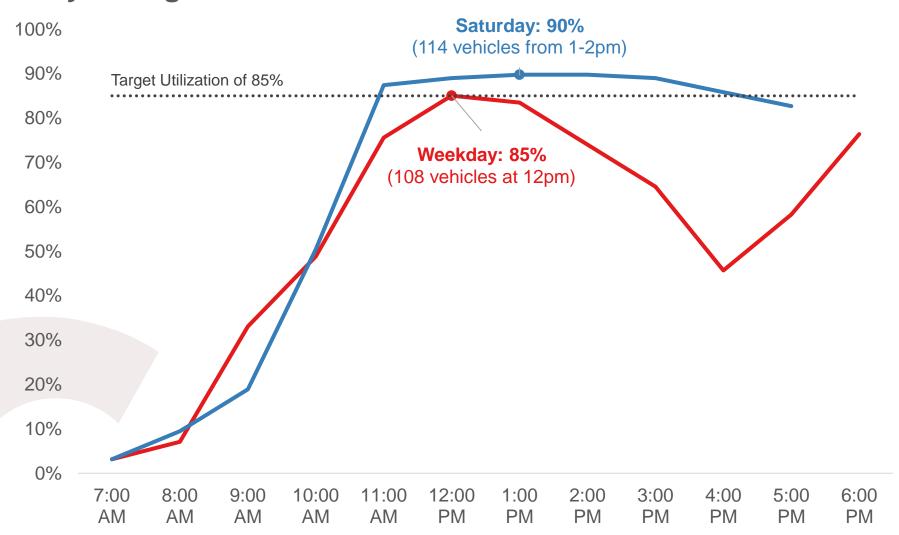






#### On-street parking utilization on Fraser Hwy One-Way in August 2024







Thinking about parking demand through the duration of time parked and the volume of vehicles served over the course of the day, rather than a snapshot of how many vehicles are parked at any time, can provide greater insights into whether parking is adequately serving an area.

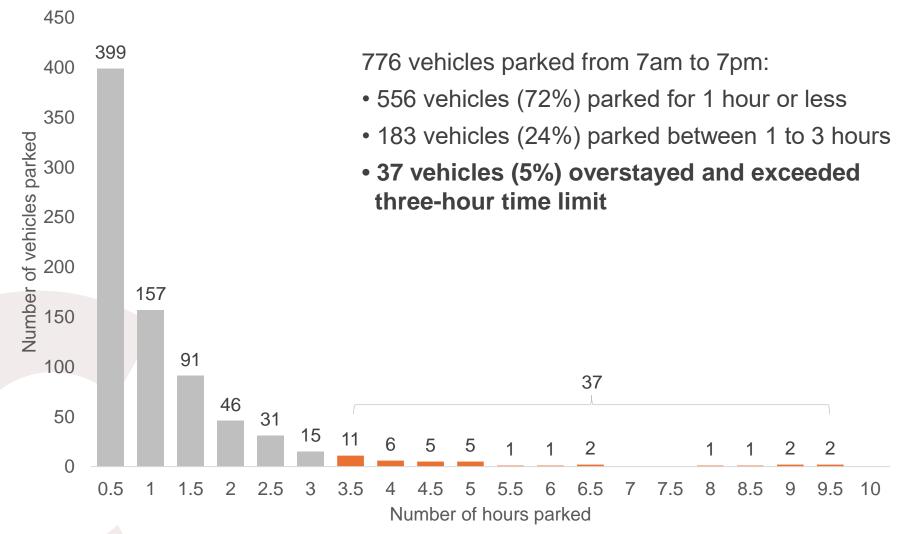
Parking duration: length of time that a vehicle is parked

Parking turnover: total number of vehicles parked for a duration of time

# On-street weekday parking duration on Fraser Hwy One-Way in August 2024



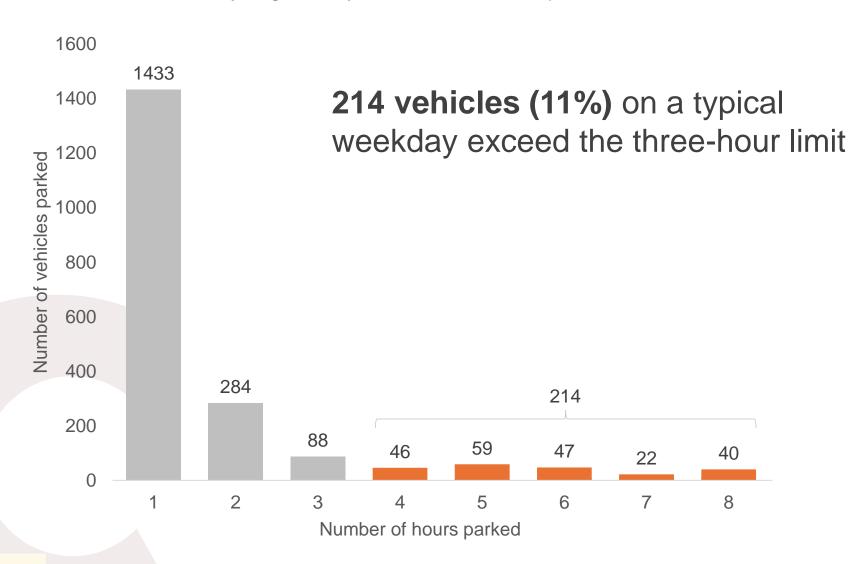
Number of vehicles by length of stay in hours from 7am to 7pm



# On-street & off-street weekday parking duration in downtown Langley in August 2024



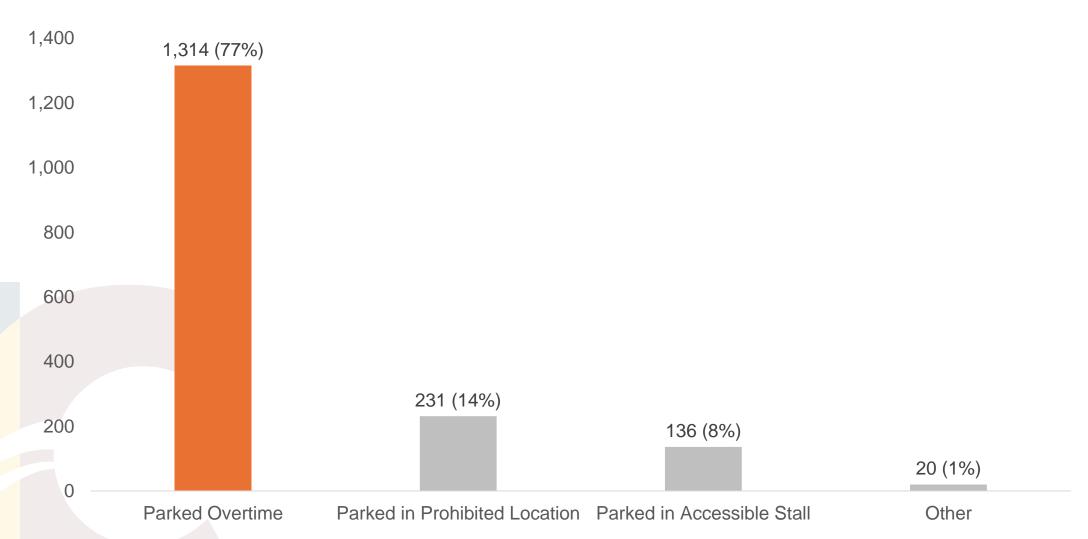
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# Parking enforcement tickets issued annually in downtown Langley by violation



Number of tickets, 2023





#### **Summary Finding #1**

- What is happening? There is a high parking availability in downtown Langley. However, there are hotspots of excess demand that may negatively skew public perception on the availability of parking.
- What does it mean? Parking is a very localized experience. One street can have a significant demand for parking while spaces just around the corner sit vacant. A comprehensive review of parking supply and demand can provide valuable insights that no one single person can alone offer.
- Why is this important? Parking supply in a mixed-use, commercial district like downtown needs to be managed in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.



#### **Summary Finding #2**

- What is happening? There are a number of vehicles that potentially need medium to long-term parking options for a typical day (four hours or more).
- What does it mean? Parking supply in a historic downtown is often constrained with limited on-site parking options. Limited alternatives for sustainable transportation (e.g., walking, cycling, rolling transit, etc.) means people will opt to drive, further exacerbating parking availability.
- Why is it important? Manage and optimize public parking in a comprehensive and coordinated manner in order to serve the needs of everyone, including employees and visitors/customers, while simultaneously investing in sustainable transportation option to reduce the reliance on driving to downtown.



#### **Summary Finding #3**

- What is happening? Public off-street parking options are available within walking distance to key destinations within downtown Langley but are not being used to their maximum potential.
- What does it mean? Parking consumes a lot of space and can be used for other important local government objectives (e.g., transportation, public space, housing). If a city provides a dedicated off-street facility, it should be a good investment that is well used.
- Why is it important? Manage and optimize public parking in a comprehensive and coordinated manner to ensure both on-street and offstreet parking options are well used.

# Community Engagement and Next Steps



- Transportation 2050 engagement heard:
  - General experiences related to difficulty finding parking; not specific to particular areas in the city
  - Concerns about removal of on-street parking and available options without alternatives
  - Limited accessible parking options for people with disabilities
- First round of community survey and targeted stakeholder engagement to launch in Q1 2025 to:
  - Gather detailed information on parking experience in the study area
  - Understand opportunities and challenges to improve parking management