

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 7, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy – Upcoming Public Comment Period**

This memorandum provides an overview of recent work on the On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy, updates following the January 2023 City Council Briefing, and a notice of the upcoming public comment period on the draft policy document. As a reminder, the On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy emerged from the Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan as an opportunity to modernize the City's mobility policies. The space at the curb represents one of the most promising areas of untapped potential to steer the city towards the vision outlined in Connect Dallas.

## **Upcoming Public Comment Period:**

The draft On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy document will be posted online for public comment between Monday, July 17, 2023, and Sunday, August 6, 2023. A virtual public meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., when members of the public can learn more about the policy, ask questions, and provide feedback. Staff can also be available to speak at events upon request. Social media graphics with the website will be sent to the Mayor & City Council offices next week.

## **Progress Since the January 2023 Council Briefing:**

Since the January 18, 2023 City Council Briefing, staff has been hard at work finalizing the draft policy document. This section provides an overview of the work that has occurred since the Briefing.

- Second Stakeholder Review of Policy Document: Between February 14, 2023, and March 7, 2023, the stakeholder working group was asked to provide input on a revised draft of the On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy document. Changes that were made in response to this second round of input were focused on clarification on the geographies that the different recommendations applied to.
- Formatting the Policy Document: The policy document is being finalized in-house. Staff has been working on formatting the document and improving the quality of graphics and visuals, as recommended by the stakeholders.
- Follow-up on Items of Interest from the Council Briefing: During the January 18, 2023, City Council Briefing, Council Members had questions regarding the accommodation of certain uses, particularly electric vehicles and valet stands. A request was made to staff to further study these topics to brief City Council at a future date. City staff provided a [follow-up memo](#) in February 2023 with initial responses, and has since conducted preliminary research on national best

practices and peer city practices on the topics of interests to evaluate feasibility and to determine if there are conflicts with initial recommendations.

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations On-Street: Based on preliminary research, although installing charging stations along the curb is feasible, as it has been done in other cities across the country, most cities prefer off-street charging stations as the charging station and associated cords can be an obstruction to the sidewalk and its semi-permanent fixture may conflict with other uses of the curb. City staff will continue compiling research and case studies of other cities' electric vehicle charging policies, programs, and practices; Collect stakeholder and public input and present findings and draft recommendation to the City's Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
- Valet Parking: Council members requested staff to review valet licensing and operating fees as well as operating rules to consider including a mechanism for review and suspension of valet license for businesses that are not in compliance. Staff has begun reviewing peer city practices, fee structures, and enforcement procedures. Staff will present findings and recommended code changes for the City's valet program to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at a future date.
- Signs and Markings: Information on the cost of implementing the policy was requested during the Briefing. Depending on the extent to which curb markings replace signs, implementing the new policy may increase maintenance costs. Staff is in discussion to develop a phased implementation and funding plan to update signs and install pavement markings for parking stalls and curb markings to identify functions of the curb. Staff has identified changes to the City's code, sign standards and, standard details for curb markings that are required before changes to existing metered parking area can be made.
- Parking Occupancy and Availability Data Collection: Staff has started reviewing offerings in parking technology to improve the collection of occupancy data that is needed for the performance-based parking pricing strategy recommended in the draft policy.
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Definition: Department of Transportation staff has been coordinating with staff from Code Compliance and Planning and Urban Design on an updated definition for Commercial Motor Vehicle to address citizen concerns about the parking of such vehicles in residential neighborhoods, and challenges with enforcing loading zones in business districts.

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**Next Steps:**

The On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy is intended to provide a decision-making framework for staff that will ensure future decisions related to curb management and on-street parking align with the Driving Principles and vision in the Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan, support the economic vitality of business districts, and balance the needs of all roadway users.

After the close of the public comment period, staff will review the comments and incorporate changes into the policy document as appropriate. It is anticipated that the On-Street Parking and Curb Management Policy will be finalized for City Council consideration in October 2023, along with amendments to the parking meter sections in Chapter 28 of the Dallas City Code. The policy document outlines additional action items that are recommended over the next several years.

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