



CMU Parking Study – Public Comments

Transportation and Parking Planning Commission

August 13, 2013





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Recommendation #1 - Update One and Two Way Street Designations

- Here the CMU team is recommending that the Borough look at certain streets that are currently two-way traffic and consider making them one-way in order to add parking on both sides of the street instead of only one side of the street. On the sample street they use, the Borough would gain 58 spaces by doing this. Since we have a deficit of 985 residential street spots, changes such as this could quickly reduce that deficit.



Recommendation #2 – Expand and Amend Residential Permit Areas

- The CMU team is recommending that residential parking permits be issued for all areas of the Borough. That is to ensure that parking on all residential streets is regulated. They also recommend either making the permits valid 24 hours per day or at least making them valid at night instead of the day. That is because their study found that most of the parking problems are found during the overnight hours.



Recommendation #3 – Create “Flexible” Permit Areas Along West Liberty Avenue

- The CMU team recommends that the Borough should add metered parking two blocks in each direction from West Liberty Avenue and at the same time, ensure that residential permits as expanded in Recommendation #2 are flexible to allow residents to park at the meters without paying.



Recommendation #4 – Update Residential Permit Application Process

- The CMU team recommends that the Borough amend our residential permit process to provide for additional information and control. The additional information would be the number of off-street parking spots available on the property and the number of cars that the property has. This allows the Borough to ensure that street parking permits are only issued for those residents with a need.
- As an extreme example, if a house has a driveway and garage and can hold two cars off-street, than they would not be eligible for a residential street permit if they had two or fewer cars. But if they have three cars, they would be entitled to one street parking permit. Less strict variations of this can also be considered.



Recommendation #5 – Increase Residential Permit Fee

- The CMU team is recommending that in conjunction with expanding the zones the Borough increase the residential permit fee from \$10 per year to as much as \$40 per year. They feel that this will do two things: provide additional revenues for greater enforcement; and, encourage residents to treat street parking in a more serious manner. Their study shows that revenues could increase by anywhere from \$20,000 a year to as much as \$150,000 per year depending on participation and how high the fee is set.



Recommendation #6 – Add “Smart” Meter System to West Liberty, Potomac and Public Lots

- The CMU team recommends this because they feel that with the lack of enforcement currently smart meters would enhance collection and make it easier for people to pay for their meters. They feel that the cost of the meters could be recouped by higher residential permit fees and/or the increased collections of the new meters.



Recommendation #7 – Promote Walking and Transit Usage

- From their perspective, the CMU team feels that one way to reduce the need for parking is to promote additional walking and public transit usage. They offer a number of ideas on how to accomplish this. Included in their ideas are: senior walking programs; “walk to work” or “bike to school” days; block party events; and, incentives for walking to the swimming pool.





- The complete study report from CMU is available on the Borough's website at www.boro.dormont.pa.us or at the Borough's offices.
- Monday, August 26, 2013: Staff answers all questions from tonight in writing.
- Tuesday, September 10, 2013: This Committee discusses the report and public input in order to formulate recommendations to the Borough Council.
- Monday, October 7, 2013: Borough Council receives this Committee's recommendations and determines which, if any, it wants to act upon.