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# Memorandum

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<b>Subject</b>	Boyle Heights Community Outreach Notes		

This memo summarizes the comments and notes received from the Boyle Heights Community Meetings.

## SUMMARY

- On-Street Parking Issues
  - Not enough on-street residential parking spaces
  - New bike lane takes away traffic lane and reduces on-street parking
  - Street cleaning impacts on-street parking
  - Filming along 1<sup>st</sup> street impacts on-street parking
  - Parking meter time limits and cash only system needs to be improved
  - Illegal parking in handicap spaces due to limited parking spaces
  - Construction and implementation need to be improved to minimize impacts to on-street parking
- Off-Street Parking Issues
  - Limited availability of parking to accommodate businesses along 1<sup>st</sup> Street
  - Parking structures or subterranean parking structures should be required with new development
  - Need parking structure, particularly adjacent to Metro Stations
  - Need parking facilities for residential apartments
  - Illegal parking in unmarked parking spaces due to limited parking spaces
- Parking and Safety/Design
  - Need to fix existing lights or install new lights in parking lots
  - Additional street lights to enhance safety
  - Need speed limits within parking lots
  - Need parking signage
- Other
  - Parking should support local businesses
  - New developments need to consider parking impacts on existing and future demand

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## DETAILED NOTES

### Saturday, May 3, 2014

- Need a Roosevelt High School + Hollenbeck Park Clean Up program.
  - Monitor uses that are unsafe (substance abuse)
  - Fix lighting and put in concealing greenery
  - Parking lots and expand facilities and hours of operation.
- Need speed limits at large supermarket parking lot
- Need street lights
- Stop signs on exit of 101 on Cesar Chavez
- Not enough parking at residential streets
- Access to LA river
- Cleaning up of Cummings St. Between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Enforce parking signs
- No more new construction
- Fix existing infrastructure
  - Plumbing, electrical, facelifts to existing properties
- Speed up implementation
- "CUGU" should include greening strategies like tree planning, and green streets
- Create more landscape buffers between industry and residential
- Trees are being removed on 1<sup>st</sup> streets because of uprooting sidewalks
- Lots of spaces being underutilized should be converted into gardens/green space

### Tuesday, May 13, 2014

- Boyle Heights is extremely dense and parking is a significant issue. The added bicycle lanes on 1st Street have reduced a lane of traffic. Bicyclists are also riding on sidewalks and no signage has been posted regarding this issue. Instead, Fourth Street should have the bicycle lanes, and 1st Street should have angled parking.
- Has your consultant team talked with Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce? We are losing businesses along 1st Street. How far does your study extend past 1st Street; does it only include the parcels fronting 1st Street or does it also include the alleys? What is the current off-street parking requirement for retail businesses in Boyle Heights?
- Issues with available parking at banks, like Chase Bank along 1st Street, employees are using the bank parking spaces. This has impacted people, and many are parking illegally or leave their cars idle with hazard lights on.
- Parking meters along 1st are for 1 hour and until 8pm. This recently changed from 2 hour parking meters until 6pm; parking meters are also cash only. This is a SIGNIFICANT issue and it is impacting local businesses.
- Local businesses need to be protected and many of the new developments coming into Boyle Heights are increasing the parking problem. New developments should be required to have subterranean or shared parking,
- Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council interviewed existing businesses located on 1st Street.
- Metro owns the empty lots on 1st Street and Boyle, and on 1st Street and Lorena; parking structures should be located on these lots.
- People are using handicap spaces to idle, while others in their group are shopping on 1st Street.
- Too many red curbs along 1st Street; 1st and Boyle and 1st and Bailey, are these necessary?

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- Filming at the Plaza has impacted parking because film crews are now using parking spaces.
- Street cleaning along 1st Street is on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 11 am to 2pm. This needs to be changed.
- 1st Street Community Business Group - Plan for a Corridor along 1st Street from Boyle to Soto, but the key issue is funding.
- Parking meters are not compatible with school hours, street sweeping. People are not visiting businesses on 1st Street.
- In other cities when Metro put in rail stations, they built park-and-rides and parking structures. This was not done here and it does not encourage Metro use. The land held by Metro should be used for parking structures.
- What day did you do the parking counts in Boyle Heights? Make sure that you are counting the days with street cleaning and school hours, as well as parking meter times so you can see the need for parking.
- Apartments in Boyle Heights do not have on-site parking. Residents must park on-street.