

Columbia, Missouri

Parking Audit: 6 Month

Progress Report

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program
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On June 6, 2016 the Columbia City Council passed a resolution for the establishment of a Parking and Traffic Management Taskforce. The formation of a city-wide parking commission was the first recommendation that resulted from the Smart Growth America (SGA) parking audit and workshop completed last fall.

Columbia's Parking and Traffic Management Taskforce is expected to achieve the four following outcomes:

- A review and evaluation of best practices related to parking and traffic management in other cities, as provided through examples in the SGA report and presentation.
- A study and evaluation of the SGA recommended actions to address parking policies and strategies, including the use of mode share and public transportation to reduce downtown parking demand, development of a transportation demand management program as a collaboration between the City and University, and preparation of a downtown access and circulation plan.
- Review and evaluation of parking requirements and options for parking requirement waivers within the M-DT District of the DRAFT Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
- Recommending whether an ongoing Parking and Traffic Management Commission should be established.

The first taskforce meeting was held on July 13, 2016. It's first order of business is to review and evaluate the residential parking requirements (.25 spaces per bedroom) and options for parking requirement waivers (a fee in lieu or impact fee) for the M-DT District (Downtown) of the the city's proposed revised zoning code (UDO), which should be brought to council by the end of the year.

The taskforce hopes to have its recommendation for the MD-T parking requirements completed and provided to City Council by November. It will then complete the review and evaluation of the SGA best practices and recommendations, with the intent for potential implementation.