

City of Medford
Public Information Meeting
March 13, 2024

**Proposed
Green Line Transit Area
Permit Parking Zone**

Proposed Green Line Permit Parking Zone MAP



Proposed Green Line Permit Parking Zone – Project Timeline

Project Timeline

- Late 2016 through August 2017 – Nelson Nygaard Study (On-street Residential Permit Parking Program Options)
- 2020 – Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn formed an advisory commission, named the Commission on Parking Policy and Enforcement (CPPE), a community driven process resulting recommendations to the City
- March 2021 – The Commission on Parking Policy and Enforcement (CPPE) issued its report including recommendations to the City which included piloting a district/zone permit parking program in South Medford/Hillside near the transit areas.
- June 2022 - Private Way Community meeting
- July–September 2022 - Community Meeting, before GLX opening
- September 2022 - Kiosk installed in City Hall allowing for participation in the resident parking program and to pay tickets (before 21 days) with a credit card.
- January 2023 - Sign Review Project begins.
- September 2023–January 2024 - Updated business/permit signage to be consistent. Program will continue city wide through 2024.
- December 2023 - Resident Parking renewal includes an option to mail visitor passes through the online portal, at a minimal (postage) cost to resident.
- January 2024 - Traffic Commission updates/variance are now added in a real-time database.
- March 2024 - Community Meeting on GLZ.
- April 2024 - Proposal goes in front of Traffic Commission on April 9, 2024 at 5 pm.
- April 2024–May 2024 - G decal added to signage in the zoned area (if approved).
- July 1, 2024 - Program begins (if approved).

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Benefits

List of Benefits

- Preferential access to on street parking
- The program prevents long term parking by non-residents on a residential street
- Provides alternative parking locations within short distance
- Enforcing by zone is much more resource efficient
- Fewer overlapping variances
- Equitable parking without limiting the number of permits issued
- No changes to the current permit renewal system
- No changes to the visitor pass system
- Program data gathered, reports evaluated to best meet resident needs

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What doesn't change

- All other areas outside of the zone remain street by street
- All approved variances remain
- Your resident parking pass remains the same
- Your visitor passes remain the same and are only good for the street issued
- Enforcement values remain 24/7 24/6 or as posted.

Proposed Green Line Permit Parking Zone – Next Steps

Next Steps

- **Traffic Commission Meeting Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 5 PM**
 - The Traffic Commission is the regulatory commission that regulates all traffic and parking on public streets and parking lots.
 - Zoom link and info to be provided via the City Event Calendar on the City's webpage: medfordma.org/events
- **Implementation of New Signs** (If approved)
 - At this time, the current plan is to modify existing permit parking signs within the zone, likely with the letter "G" (for Green Line Parking District Zone) to denote the zone
- **Start Date** (If approved and when signage is installed)
 - At this time, the current plan is for the program to begin on Monday July 1, 2024.
- **Re-evaluation** (If approved, signed, and enforced)
 - At this time, the current plan is to re-evaluate the success of the program after one year, in July 2025.

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Common
Questions

Commonly Asked Questions

Q: What does the change mean in terms of residents from outside the zone being able to park in the zone?

A: There is no change for visitors. Someone from outside the zone that wishes to visit you, you will continue to provide them with your visitor pass (to be used only for that street), just as you do today.

Q: Is the City considering using windshield stickers to denote which cars have permits (like other cities do) and can then identify what cars belong on the street?

A: At this time, the City of Medford doesn't issue/use stickers. The City uses license plate technology; permits are associated with a license plate which corresponds to a car registered to an address on that street. In the proposed program, the street would be 'coded' as being within the zone. As the City moves forward with our parking program, we will continue to review our processes, including how we acknowledge participation.

Q: How does the district parking help workers who come to this area? "District-wide parking better meets the needs of the residents and workers frequenting South Medford and the Hillside."

A: With potentially improved availability for resident on-street parking, business customers/employees may have better availability in pay-to-park and other parking currently available to those users.

Q: Will there be a change in enforcement?

A: Days and times of enforcement remain 24/7 24/6 or as posted

Q: What does this mean for people living on a street that's marked red on the map?

A: Red means that it is a pay-to-park from 8am to 6pm. It's currently unrestricted overnight, so no permit is needed for these particular streets. If this pilot is approved and their cars are registered as garaged in Medford, they will be able to participate in the resident parking program and park anywhere within the GL Zone.

Q: Are there any measures the City can take to help prevent vehicles from parking too close from private driveways?

A: There are existing regulations to not park with 2-3 feet of a curb cut. The Parking Dept. or Police can issue citations for this. If a car is blocking your driveway, that is considered a safety violation and falls under the Police Department. If so, you should call the MPD non-emergency line 781-395-1212 and report it.

Contact Information

- Contact Information: Jim Silva, Special Projects Coordinator, jfsilva@medford-ma.gov
- All information including this presentation will be made available at medfordma.org/parking

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