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DATE: August 7, 2013

TO: Transit and Parking Commission
FROM: Thomas Woznick, Parking Operations Manager
SUBJECT: **Proposal for changes within the State Street Capitol Garage to provide additional short-term parking close to businesses on or near State Street**

Background

The Parking Utility has received requests to provide additional short-term parking close to businesses on or near State Street. Especially during special events, customers wishing to park for only a short time, are not willing to pay the event fee price.

Because the Utility is currently doing work in Bay F-1 closest to the West Dayton Street entrance as part of its remediation to the State Street Capitol Garage, staff thought this an opportune time to propose changes within this Garage to meet these needs. Not only would the changes add more short-term parking, it would also result in a net addition of three spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Short-Term Plan

To provide additional short term parking located close to businesses on or near State Street, the Parking Utility proposes adding a multi-space meter to the State Street Capitol Garage. At present, there is one multi-space meter serving Bay A-1, closest to the West Johnson Street entrance. This proposal would add a second multi-space meter to the Bay F-1, closest to the West Dayton Street entrance.

Per discussion with representatives of the Central Business Improvement District, we would propose to provide six 25-minute spaces, twenty 1-hour spaces, and ten 2-hour spaces in these two parking bays. The existing 10-hour limit spaces in Bay A-1 would be changed to 25-minute, 1-hour, or 2-hour spaces.

Twelve spaces would be reserved for persons with disabled plates or hangtags in these bays. We would also relocate a portion of the existing spaces in Bay F-1 reserved for persons with disabled plates or hang tags, to Levels 2 through 6, located as close to the elevators as possible. With this proposal, there would be a net addition of three spaces reserved for persons with disabilities

Long-Term Plan

Implementing the proposed changes would also provide the flexibility to expand short-term parking in the future, specifically during special events, by adding an additional 32 spaces in another connected portion of the Garage (Section D-L). This section currently serves monthly parking (primarily M-F, 4AM-10PM), and pre-sold evening/weekend event parking (on a select number of dates for the Madison Symphony Orchestra and the Madison Opera). This could serve to meet requests by the business community to provide more short-term parking for customers who wish to come and park downtown for non-event related purposes.

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Attachments: Site Map of Proposed Changes
Dis/Vet Occupancies, August 2012-July 2013