

Suggestions for Neighborhood Parking Plan – Lafayette Expansion Impact



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The Reality - 1

- The City of Easton has given out at least 250 parking passes to students
- The Expansion will eliminate **60** eligible parking passes, as students in the dorm are required to park off campus
- Lafayette has pledged to cap the number of passes available to students at approximately 160 – a 90 space reduction

The Reality - 2

- Changing Student behavior takes effort
 - Carrot: a worry-free space for a car
 - Stick: real ramifications for parking in unauthorized spaces on College Hill
 - COE Parking Authority Coordination with Student Life for disciplinary action
 - Parking boots now installed at \$____ worth of tickets
- The planning for parking from a college standpoint seems solid and well considered
- The planning for the impact of the expansion on College Hill residents still needs work



Resident Concerns - 1

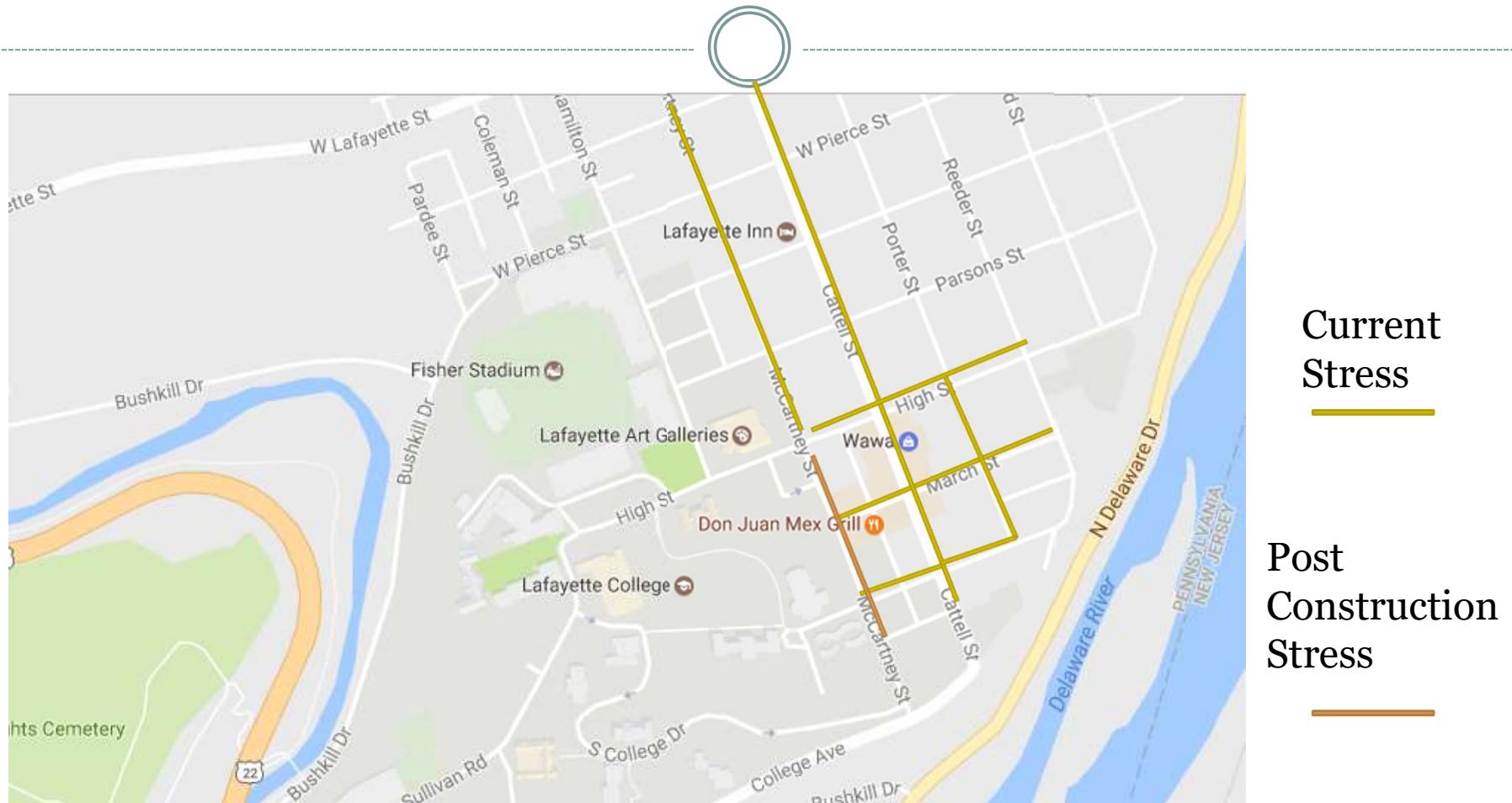


- Enforcement of parking rules on Students
 - Utilization of parking off campus
 - ***College has some experience with off campus***
 - ***Working with pricing and transportation should make this a workable solution***
- Impact of new employees for new establishments (retail and college)
 - College employees on College Lots
 - Retail employees are dispersed during the day

Resident Concerns - 2

- Restrictions for guests (parties/get-togethers)
 - Currently requires a trip downtown
 - Limited to “one or two” guest passes of limited duration
 - Difficult to obtain for renters (only owners can get guest passes)
- Access to the new and existing retail (both resident and business owners)
- Little support for a new lot to be constructed

Parking Stress – *rough depiction**



*This description is based upon general input from neighbors, but will be refined based upon individual input gathered from Key Stake Holders in the upcoming Parking Pow-Wow.

Tools to relieve this Stress? – Source: BC & Residents



Tools Available

- Restrictive Parking (2 Hour)
- Integration of parking violations with Student Life/Discipline
- Limited Parking Meter installation
- Limited Duration Passes (LDP)
 - Retail Employees (8 hrs?)
 - Student Move-in (4 hrs)
 - Special Event (4-6 hrs)

Anticipate Outcome

- Non-permit parking will be better controlled
- Student parking violations will have real consequences
- Meters provide retail desired turn-over – ideally where residents don't currently park
- LDP's can address retail employee parking (placement along southern Cattell and in the Metered lot during certain hours on Clinton Terrace – Must be a secure path to this)

Parking Meters

- Provide turn-over for new and existing retail
- Provide an income stream directed at College Hill Neighborhood Improvement (CHNI Funds)
- Only on McCartney Street, from High Street to Clinton Terrace
 - Not highly used by residents now
 - Discourages parking by Watson Courts students



Restrictive Parking Details

- The 2 hour parking without permit restrictions would be in place only on selected streets identified as having the parking stress from the expansion
 - Stressed Streets identified through Key Stakeholder input and constituent responses
- Restrictions could be limited to weekdays
- The restriction could be lifted for special events
 - Lafayette home games
 - Easton vs. P'burg game
 - Etc.

Parking Pass Details - 2

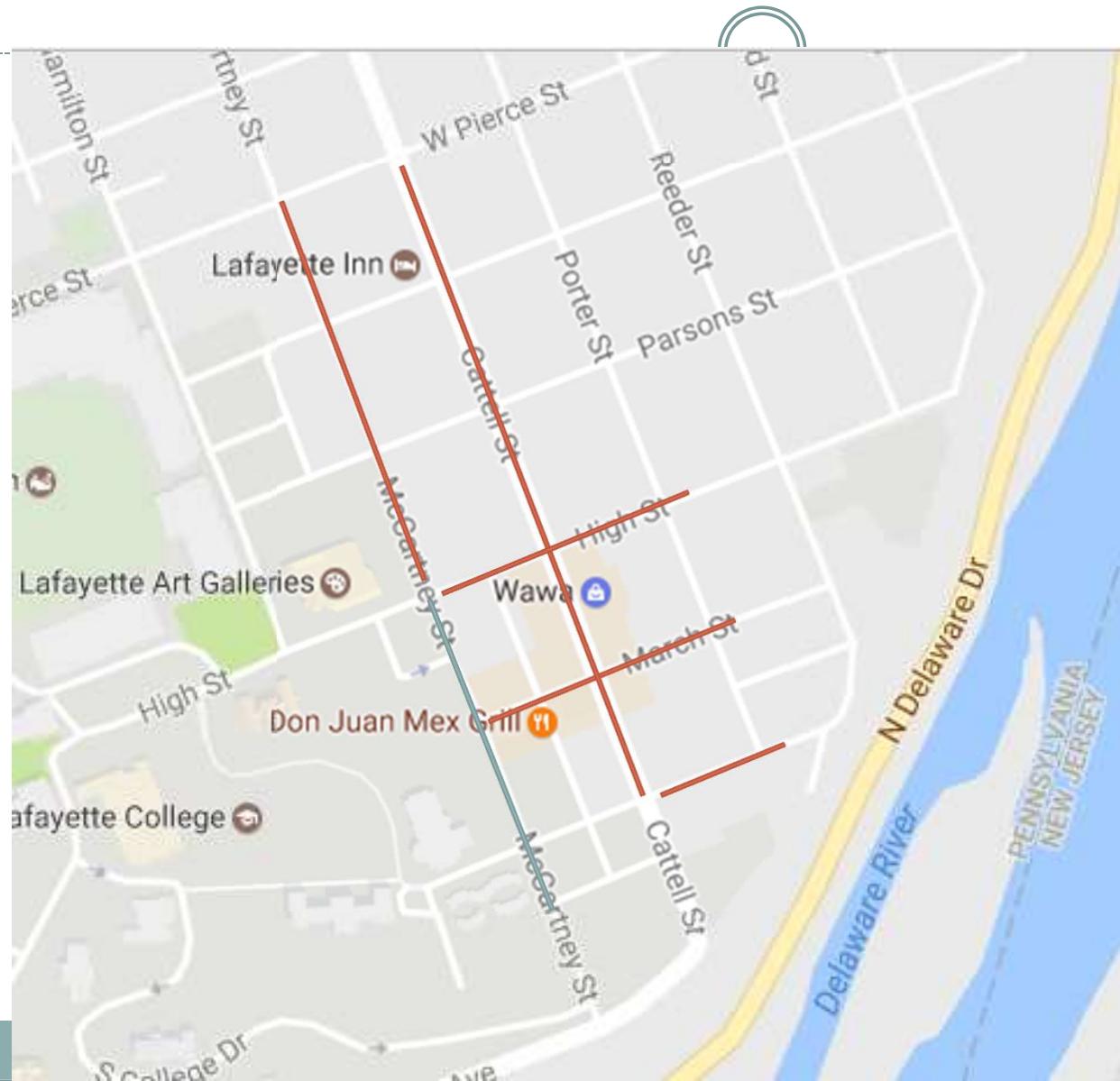
- **Retail Parking Passes**

- Requested by business owner (non-college: LC employees park on campus)
- Restricted to lower Cattell Street as well as the municipal lot on Clinton Terrace
 - ▣ Municipal lot could be available during certain hours (i.e., evenings for Resident Retail Pass)
 - ▣ The Municipal Lot and path to it need to be safe and secure for workers and citizens alike (i.e., lighted and possibly video surveillance.)
- These passes should be the same color as the RPP, for employee security concerns

Individual Special Event Passes

- Applies only to the 2 hour restriction Streets (weekdays only)
- Available for residents only (non-students including those with parking passes **would be excluded**)
- One-day duration
- Currently could be an augmentation of the existing guest pass program (visit to police station required,) but in the future this could be an on-line application
- If the 2hr limit is for weekdays only, we would anticipate little use of this, but its availability will calm some fears

Proposed Neighborhood Parking Plan



**2 Hour non-
Parking Permit
Limit**

**Metered
Parking**

What this plan does and does not do



What it does do

- Provides access to retail for all
- Provides access to parking for retail establishments
- Through CHNI, provides income stream for neighborhood projects/Grants
- Eases pressure on key streets

What it doesn't do

- Does Not: Restrict enjoyment of the neighborhood during special events
- Does not: restrict highly residential streets of Parsons or Monroe, but that can be evaluated later
- Does Not: Subject Students to unfair restrictions during move-in
- ***This plan does not call itself a finished or perfect plan***
 - Annual Review
 - Will be revised based upon results of Parking Pow-Wow

Next Steps

COE/City Council

- Revise parking pass program
 - Develop a Commercial Parking Pass: same color
 - Develop an Individual Special Events Pass protocol
 - Coordinate exempt days
 - Coordinate move-in pass
- Approve parking meters on McCartney Street (post construction)

Lafayette College

- Finalize link to parking violations office
- Revise development maps to remove new lot on Clinton Terrace
- Develop parking briefing for students
- Review shuttle program for off campus lot
- Provide COE with special events calendar and move in schedule