

Suggestions for Neighborhood Parking Plan – Lafayette Expansion Impact



**SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM
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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



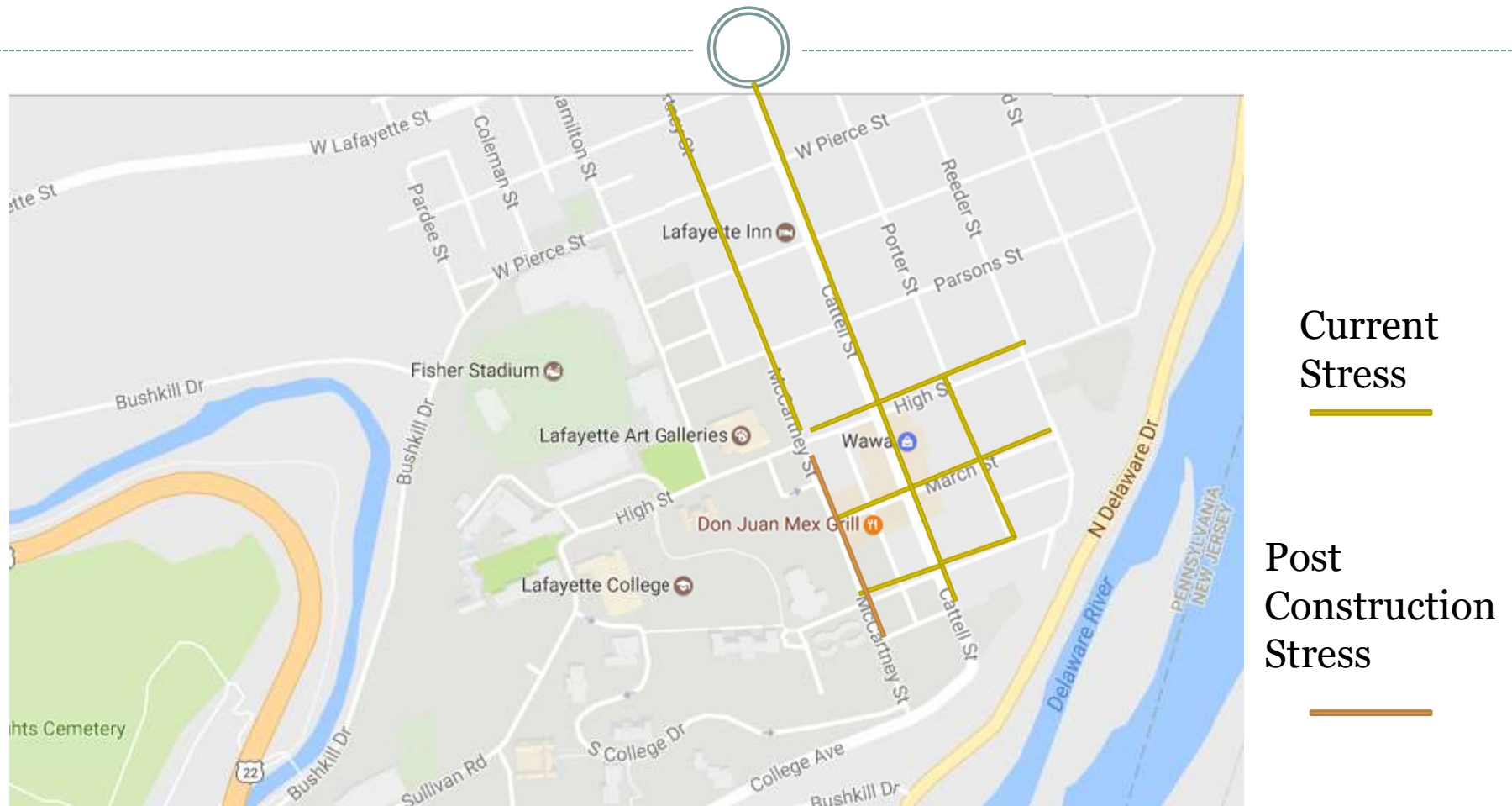
- Enforcement of parking rules on Students
 - Utilization of parking off campus
 - ✦ *College has some experience with off campus*
 - ✦ *Working with pricing and transportation should make this a workable solution*
- Impact of new employees for new establishments (retail and college)
 - College employees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



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