Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

# Paid Parking Pilot Program

#### **Parking Management**

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### Introduction

- Metro currently operates over 22,000 parking spaces at 48 stations. This number will increase to approx. 25,000 spaces at 57 locations when Expo II and Foothill Extension open for operation.
- Metro's parking program provides an important first/last mile connection service for Metro patrons.
- The Paid Parking Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") is a strategy being considered to manage demand, encourage parking availability for Metro patrons at parking facilities currently operating at capacity.
- The Pilot Program is being considered at nine (9) Metro Stations at a total of 4,753 parking spaces.



### Why Paid Parking?

Paid Parking Pilot Program is being recommended as part of the Supportive Transit Parking Program (STPP) Master Plan to assess the following:

- Parking occupancy before and after pricing implementation.
- Changes in parking occupancy as pricing is adjusted.
- Refine operating practices to make proper adjustments.
- Identify parking enforcement needs.
- Identify innovative solutions for parking operations and management.
- Understanding the relationship between parking demand and ridership.



# **Location and Pricing Recommendations**

The pilot locations were selected based on their capacity, terminus locations, utilization and recent parking facility assessment findings such as:

- Free parking at North Hollywood reaches capacity by 7am or earlier during weekdays.
- Free parking at Universal and Sierra Madre reaches capacity by 8am during weekdays.
- Utilization at La Cienega/Jefferson continues to increase, as the Culver City Station has reached its capacity.
- Parking facilities along Expo II are being considered based on their location. All parking facilities nearby charge for parking.

Station	<b>Rail Line</b>	'Transit User Daily Rate	'Transit User Monthly Rate	Non-Transit Rider Daily Rate	# of Parking Spaces
Expo/Bundy	Expo II	\$2	\$59	\$20	250
Expo/Sepulveda	Expo II	\$2	N/A	<b>\$</b> 15	260
17th St/SMC	Expo II	\$2	\$59	\$20	67
La Cienega/Jefferson	Expo I	\$2	N/A	<b>\$</b> 17	485
Culver City	Expo I	\$2	N/A	\$17	586
Sierra Madre Villa	Gold	\$2	\$29 (existing rate)	<b>\$</b> 17	965
Atlantic	Gold	\$2	\$29 (existing rate)	<b>\$</b> 15	284
Universal	Red	\$3	\$55 (existing rate)	\$25	546
North Hollywood	Red	\$3	\$59 (existing rate)	\$25	1,310
				Total	4,753





### **Conceptual Operating Plan**

- TAP Card readers will be used to verify transit users vs. non-transit users.
- Parking Equipment capable of verifying proof of fare payment and if parkers used the transit system within 96 hours will be used.
- Current permit holders will automatically convert to a monthly parking customer.
- Preferred Permit spaces will still be applicable and available to general transit patrons after specified times.



## **Arrival and Commuting Cost**

#### **Boarding vs. Arrival**

	Weekday Boardings	% of Park and Ride at Station	% Arrive by Public Transit	% of Arrive by other Methods
North Hollywood	15,841	<u>9%</u>	62%	29%
Universal City	6,945	13%	60%	27%
Atlantic	2,138	8%	62%	30%
Culver City	4,713	15%	50%	35%

#### **Commuting Cost**

Station	Monthly Cost of Metro Commute Including Paid Parking at first location	• •	Savings % - with Metro Parking Charge	Savings % - Free Metro Parking
North Hollywood	\$130.00	\$274	53%	74%
Universal City	\$130.00	\$258	50%	73%
		Average	51%	74%





### **Public Perception**

- Non-driving transit patrons are currently under the perception that their transit fare is subsidizing parking.
- The operations of parking are currently being maintained by Metro's annual budget without generating any parking revenue to recover a portion of its costs.
- The Paid Parking Pilot Program Metro will be able to recover a portion of the costs required to operate parking facilities along the Metro system.
- This program will also prove to our transit patrons that they are no longer subsidizing someone else parking costs.
- This program is estimated to generate approximately \$600,000 in net revenue.



#### **Next Steps**

#### Paid Parking Pilot Program

- Staff will return to the Board in March 2016 with a complete operating plan, budget, and Fee Resolution adjustment for the Pilot Program.
- Public outreach and notification in April 2016.
- Implementation and operation begins in May 2016.
- Staff will monitor and evaluate the Pilot Program every three months and will update the Board at the September 2016 Board meeting on the performance of this program.

