

Perry District Parking Study

An
Assessment of
Parking and
Access Issues
and Solutions
in the Perry
District



Project Overview

- *The Perry neighborhood has experienced growing pains associated with the success of their neighborhood business district. Parking has repeatedly come up as a topic of concern for residents who experience blocked driveways and a lack of street parking in front of their homes.*
- *Through a diverse public engagement process that was inclusive of residents, business owners, community organizations, and interested parties, the project analyzed parking in the business district and adjacent neighborhood. A community issues and solutions workshop in the neighborhood created an action plan to address needed improvements, and rank preferred solutions.*
- *For more information, visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/spokanematters/district-2/parking-in-perry/>*
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History and Background

The project sought understanding of the current parking needs and expectations of those who live, work, and play in the Perry District. The project utilized that understanding to work with the Perry community and create an action plan to address identified issues.

Process

How has the public been involved in the Spokane Matters 2.0 Perry District Parking study?

Throughout 2018, the City has worked in partnership with the South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association to create and implement a transparent and thorough public involvement process and engagement activities. This process provided a variety of opportunities for the public to offer input into the parking assessment through survey design review, use of the survey tool, discussion at community events and meetings, and opportunity to submit comment.

While traditional methods (meetings, presentations, workshops, events, etc.) played an important role in public engagement efforts during the parking assessment, the City and SPBNA also utilized alternative participation tools to broaden outreach and disseminate information. Websites, social media, and an online survey were used to share information and gather input.

Public Outreach and Engagement Calendar

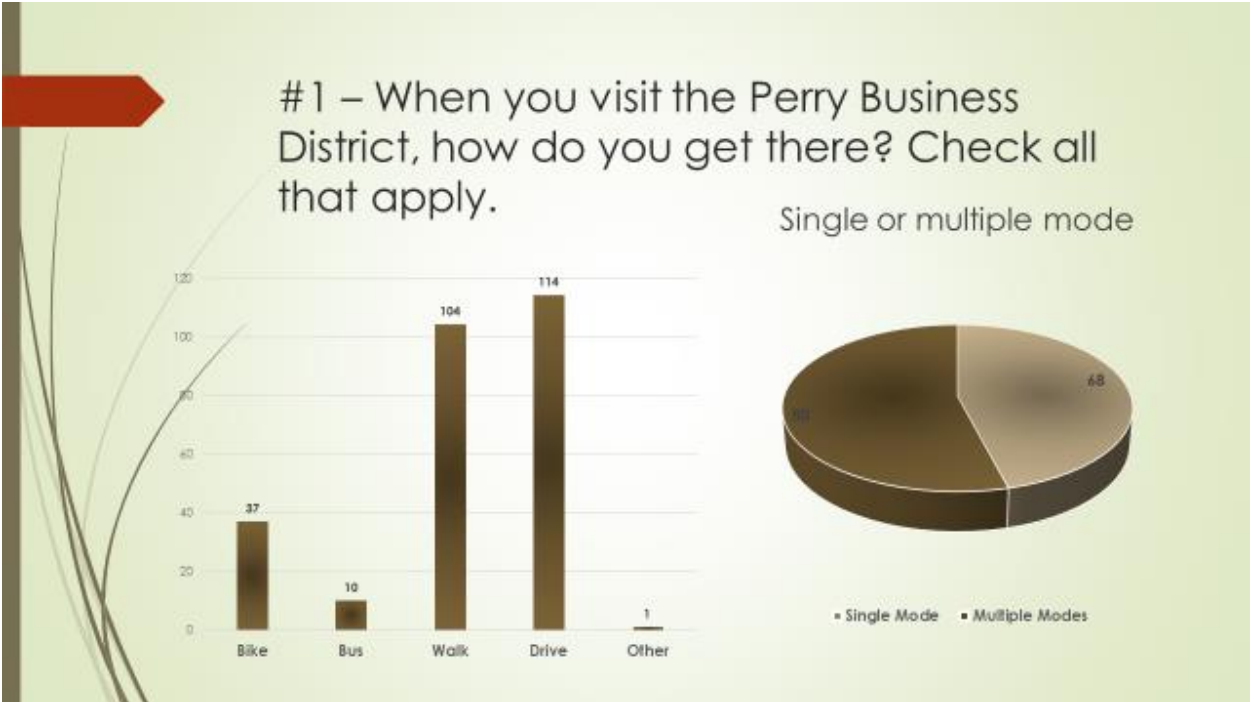
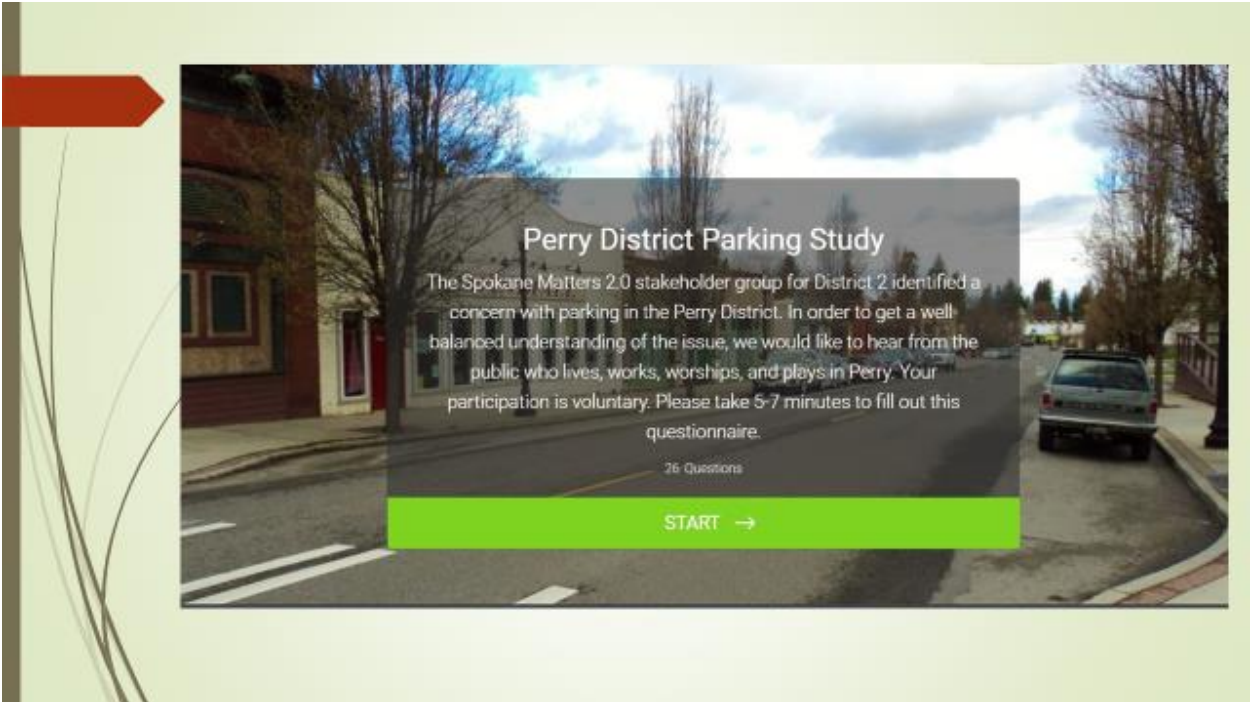
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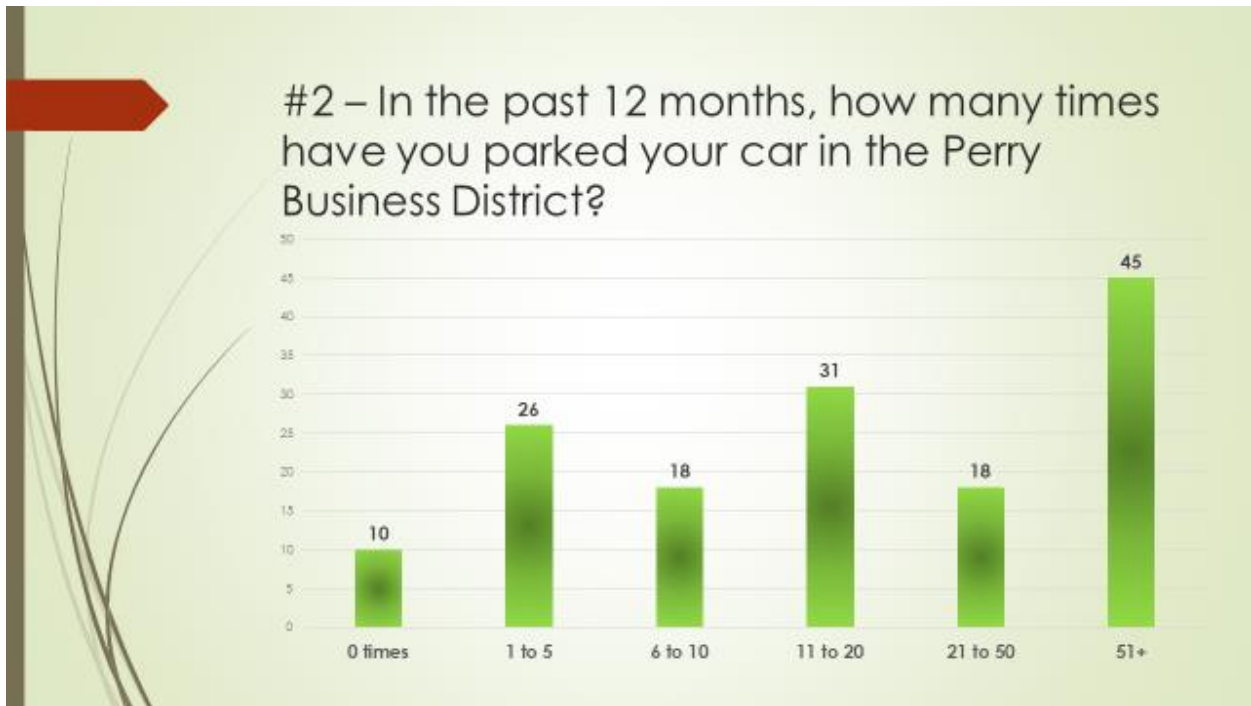
Week of Sunday:	May				June				July					August			
	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
CC Urban Exp. Committee briefing																	
June Survey and pop-up at SPBNA meeting						12											
June Survey and pop-up at SPBNA group meeting						13											
Perry Street Fair (parking board and survey)											21						30
July – Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting											17						
July – East Central Neighborhood Council Meeting											17						
July – Cliff Cannon Neighborhood Council Meeting										10							
August Thursday Market pop-ups (parking board and survey)													2	9	16	23	30
September – Solutions with SPBNA																	
September – Solutions with SPBA																	
September – Solutions with TEAM Grant																	
October – Report creation																	
November - Report out to Spokane Matters and neigh.																	
Blog posts/social media/Email lists: Neighborhood Councils, industry orgs., agencies, community orgs., City boards and commissions (ongoing)																	

Survey

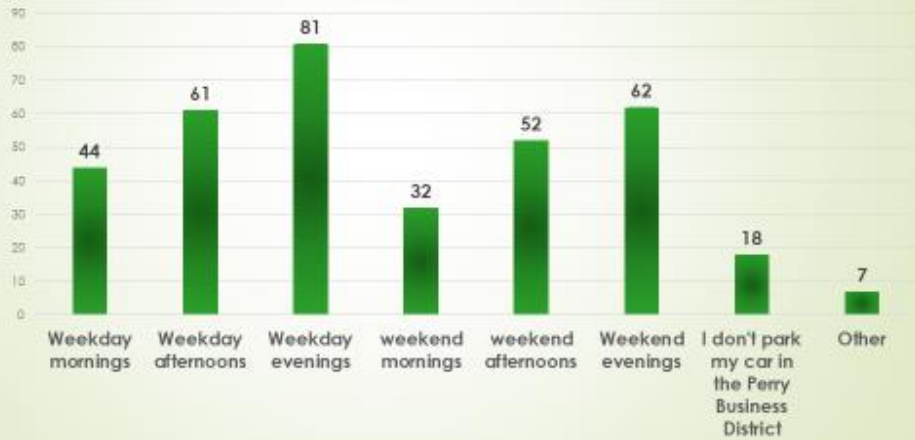
A short survey was made to gather information from Perry District residents, employers, and visitors. The survey goal was to collect opinions and realities of parking in Perry, and offer opportunities for respondents to expand on any issues or solutions they see with parking in Perry. Printed surveys were distributed around the Perry District, and an online survey was available as well for the months of June, July, and August 2018.

"Do you live, work, or play in the South Perry Business District? The City of Spokane wants to hear your thoughts on South Perry's parking! Take our 5-minute survey at form.jotform.com/spokanematters2/perry-parking-survey"

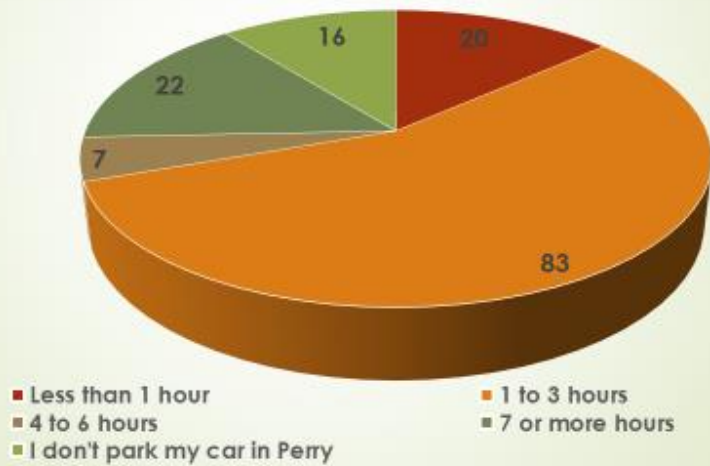




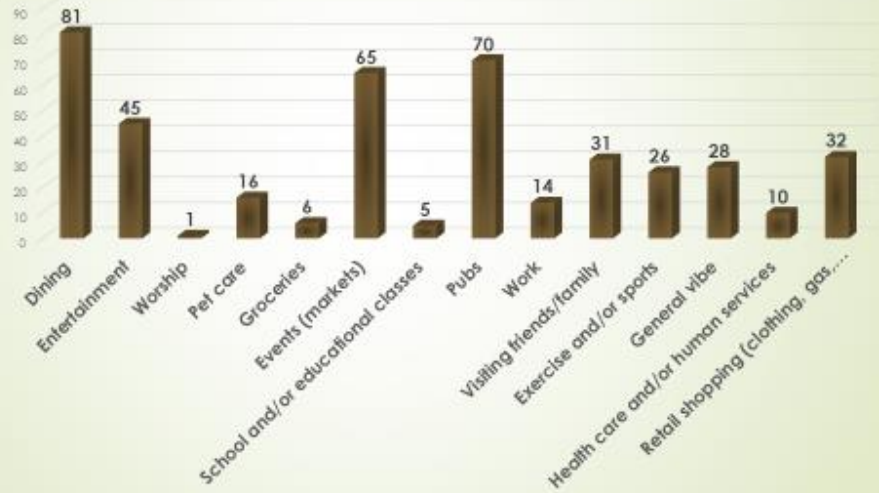
#4 – When do you usually park your car in the Perry Business District? Check all that apply.



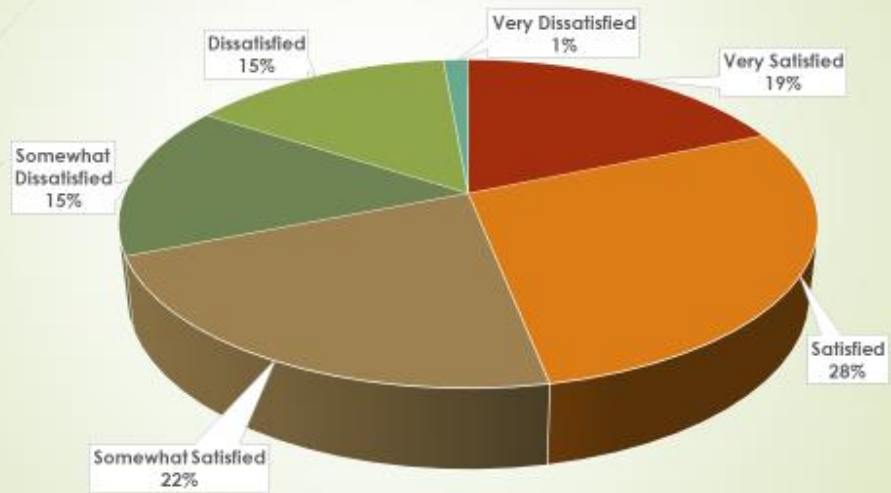
#5 – How long do you typically park your car when you visit the Perry Business District?



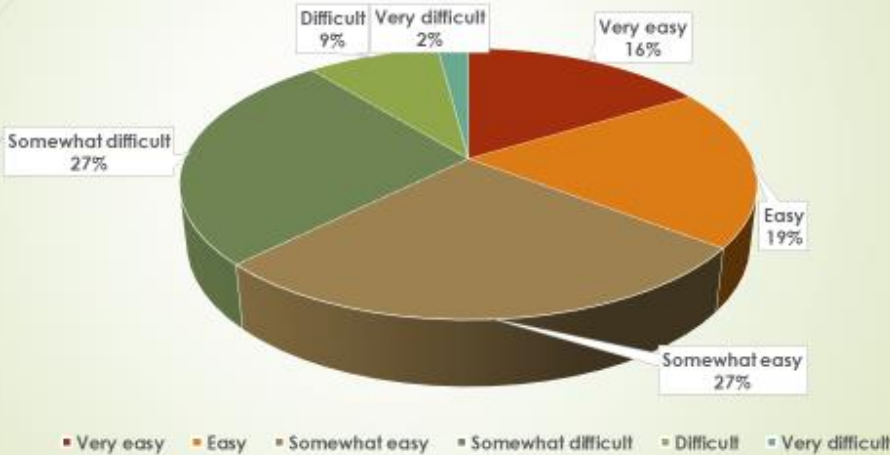
#6 – Why do you come to the Perry Business District? Check all that apply.



#7 – How satisfied are you with Perry's public parking?



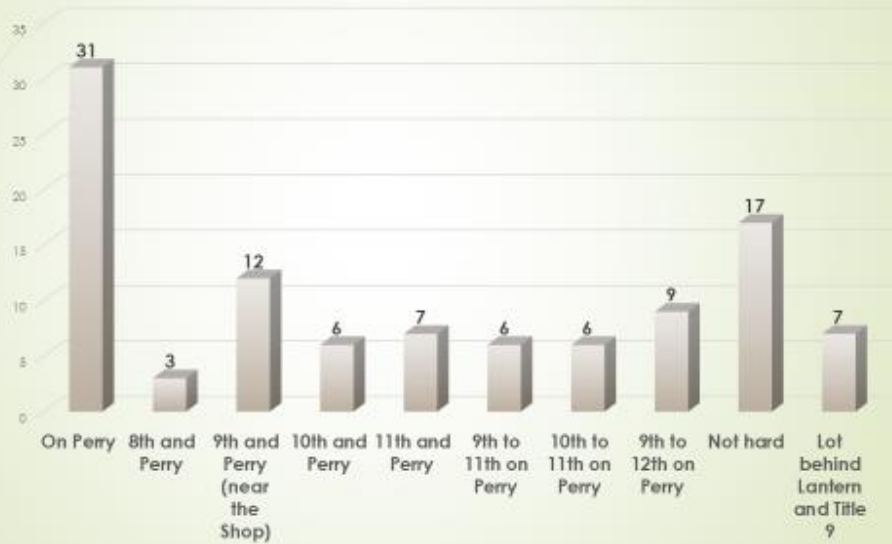
#8 – How easy is it to find parking for the Perry Business District?



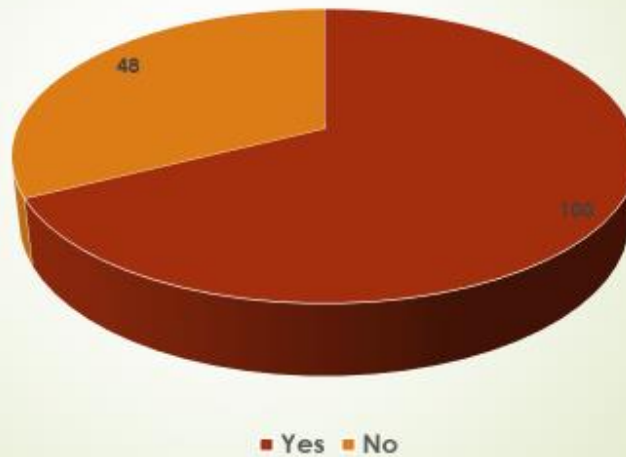
#9 – From your experience, when is it hardest to find parking in Perry? Check all that apply.



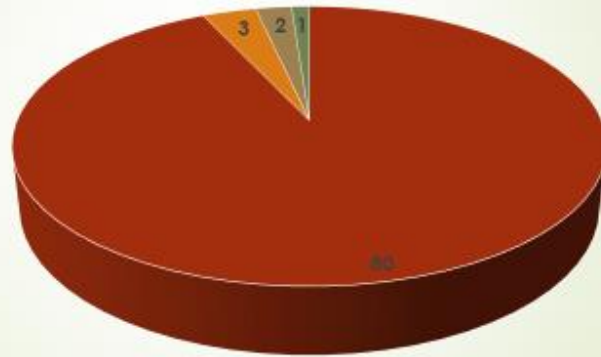
#10 – Where is it hardest to find parking in the Perry Business District?



#11 – Do you rent or own property in the Perry District?

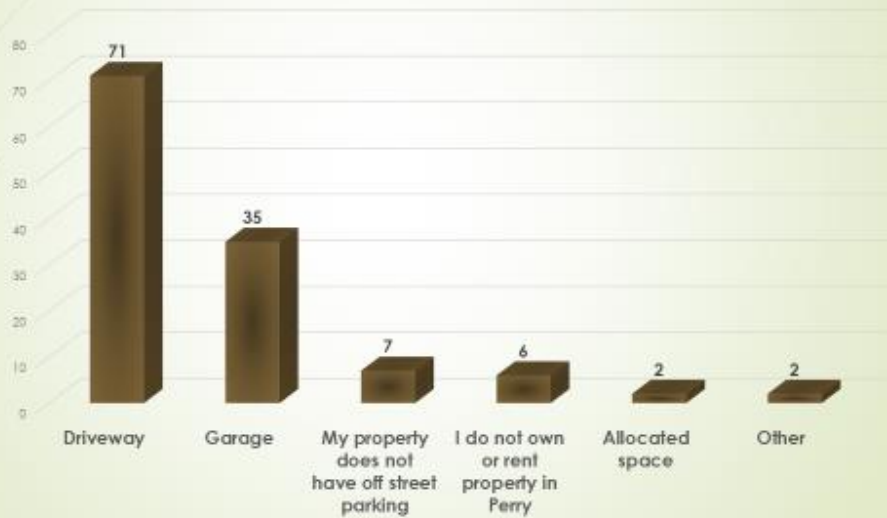


#12 – What type of property do you own or rent in Perry?



■ Home ■ Business ■ Other ■ I do not own property in Perry

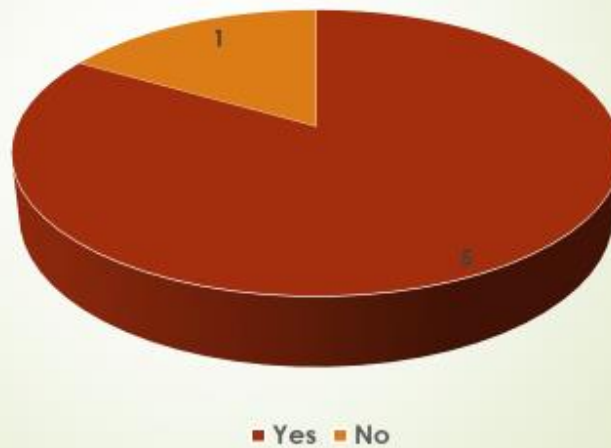
#13 – What type of off street parking does your property have? Check all that apply.



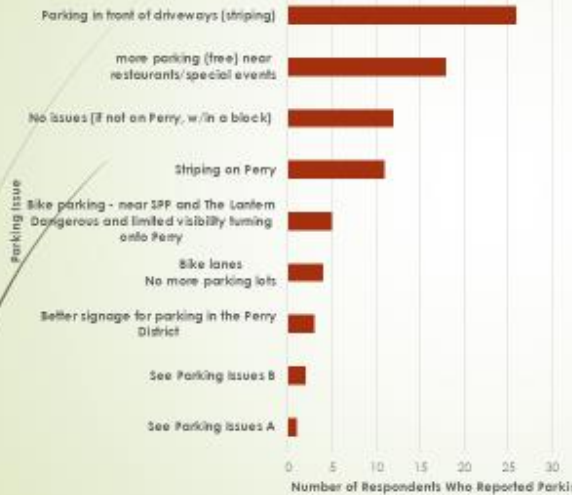
#14 – Are you an employer in the Perry District?



#16 – Do you encourage your employees to reserve the most desirable parking for customers/visitors?



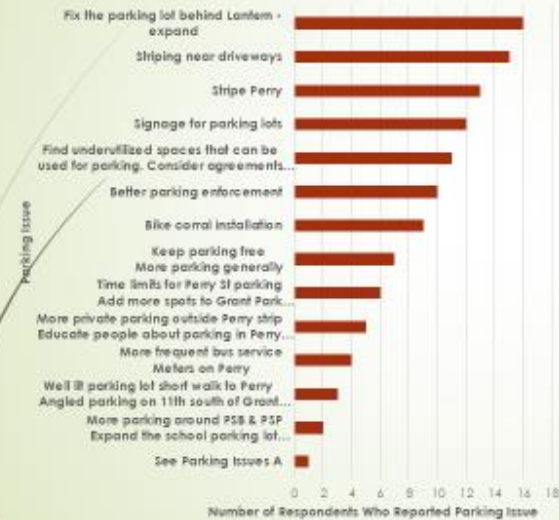
#17 – Are there any parking issues in Perry that you would like to see addressed?



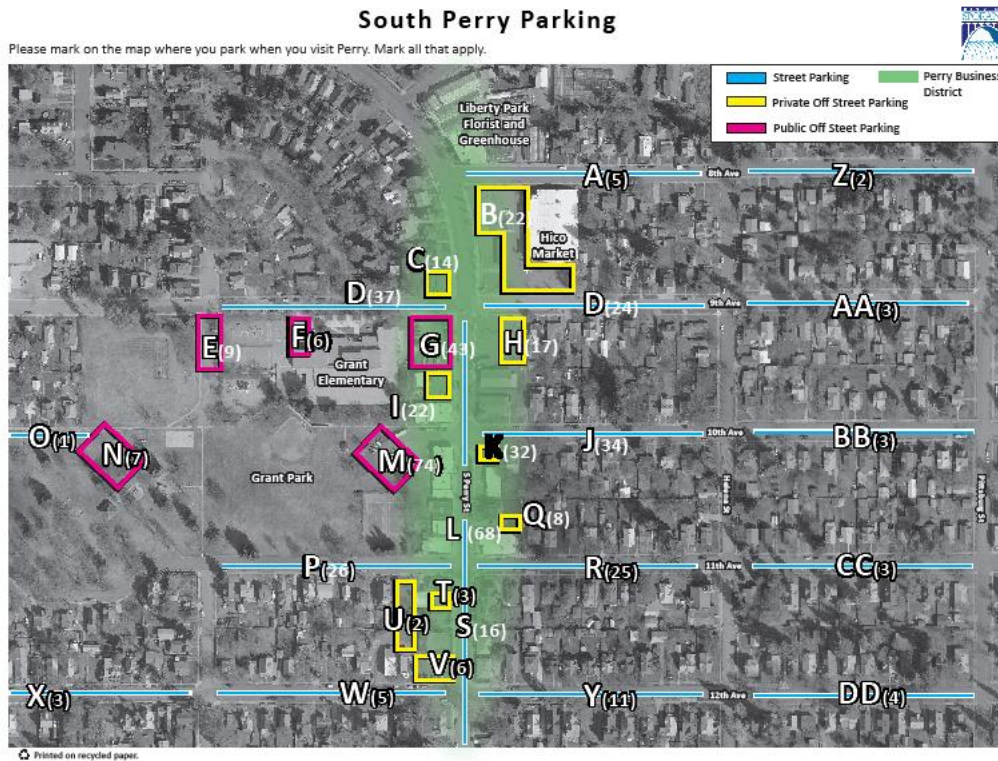
■ Parking Issues A: Round about to stop speeding, Need designated event parking, Bad visibility for pedestrians between The Lantern and SFP, Parking near PSB, No building unless parking provided, Hard to find off street parking, Education about residential parking, Take a look at parking on 11th - angled, Require parking for new development, Speeding on Perry, Residential parking permits would solve, Designated visitor parking, Bike connections to DT and Centennial Trail need to be completed, One of two bus routes cancelled, Educate property owners that curbside parking is public use not private property, 9th and Perry is full of visitors parking, Have more small businesses in the neighborhoods instead of just on the main drag, Improve security in the parking lots in Grant Park, Should eliminate all on street parking on Perry - build lots, Under utilized parking lots in Perry, Traffic diversion around Perry

■ Parking Issues B: Tolerant neighbors towards vibrant center, The parking lot behind the lantern needs improvement, Metered parking on Perry - residents park all day, Handicap parking, Better ped crossing at 9th & Perry, Better ped crossings all along Perry, Removing parking on 9th was dangerous, Bigger school lot, Bad parallel parking on Perry, Improve the parking lot at The Shop, Pedestrian bumpouts limit driver visibility, Keep parking free, Need parking time limits on Perry, Parking too close to intersections off Perry

#18 – If there are parking issues, what are your thoughts on useful solutions or resolutions to these problems?



■ Parking Issues A: Issue is peak time conflicts, Turn the lot behind PSB & PSP into parking, Need speed limit signs, Why does the lantern get to have chairs and tables on the sidewalk? It messes with the flow of pedestrians and is unsightly, 4 way stop or traffic light on 9th, Stop building multi-housing units in the area, Temporary parking in front of adjacent residential housing/A parking zone on residential streets where restrictions apply, Special parking for bikes during events and alternative route for the bus in CLOSE proximity to Perry Street to encourage alternative modes, Yes impose parking maximums on any new business/Make sure that any new buildings are not allowed to build surface parking, Dedicated bicycle lanes along Perry St, Fill all available parking in lots before parking in residential areas, Commitment from businesses owners to leave most convenient spots for visitors/shoppers/eaters (This includes non-profit folks like me), Re-line all parking lots in the district (recognizing that some of them are private lots) The Shop parking lot comes to mind as an issue, Directed parking during special events that isn't blocking roads, Make the existing lots safer for public use and more efficient, Make the lot behind the businesses a pay lot, Require parking for all new buildings, Designated parking for residents only and designated visitor parking



Solutions Workshop

The engagement phase of this project took place during the summer and early fall of 2018 and sought answers to the following questions:

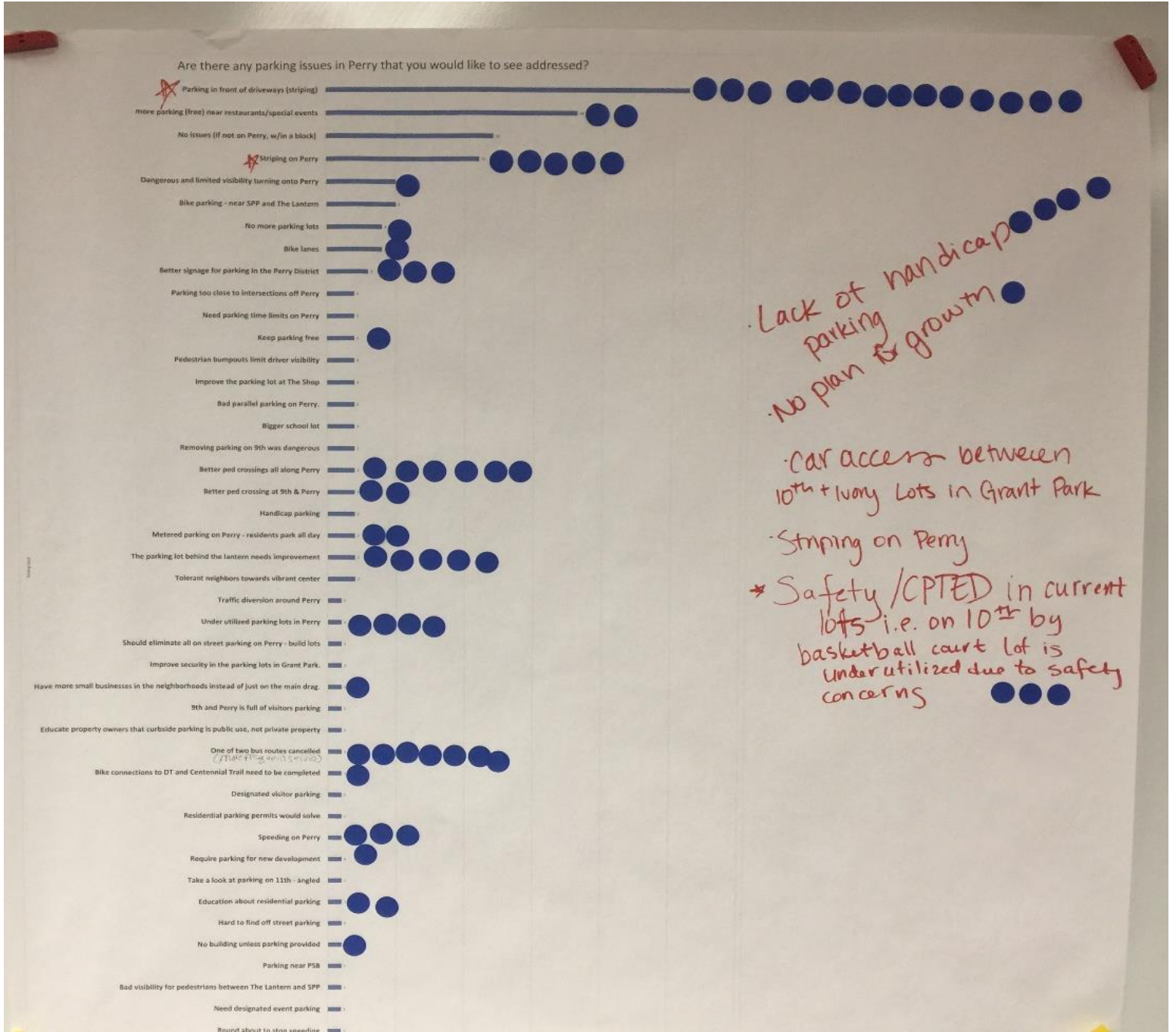
- How do you get to Perry?
- What are you doing when you visit Perry?
- Where do you park in Perry?

In the month prior to the solutions workshop the SPBNA reviewed the results of the survey, and the answers received to questions above.

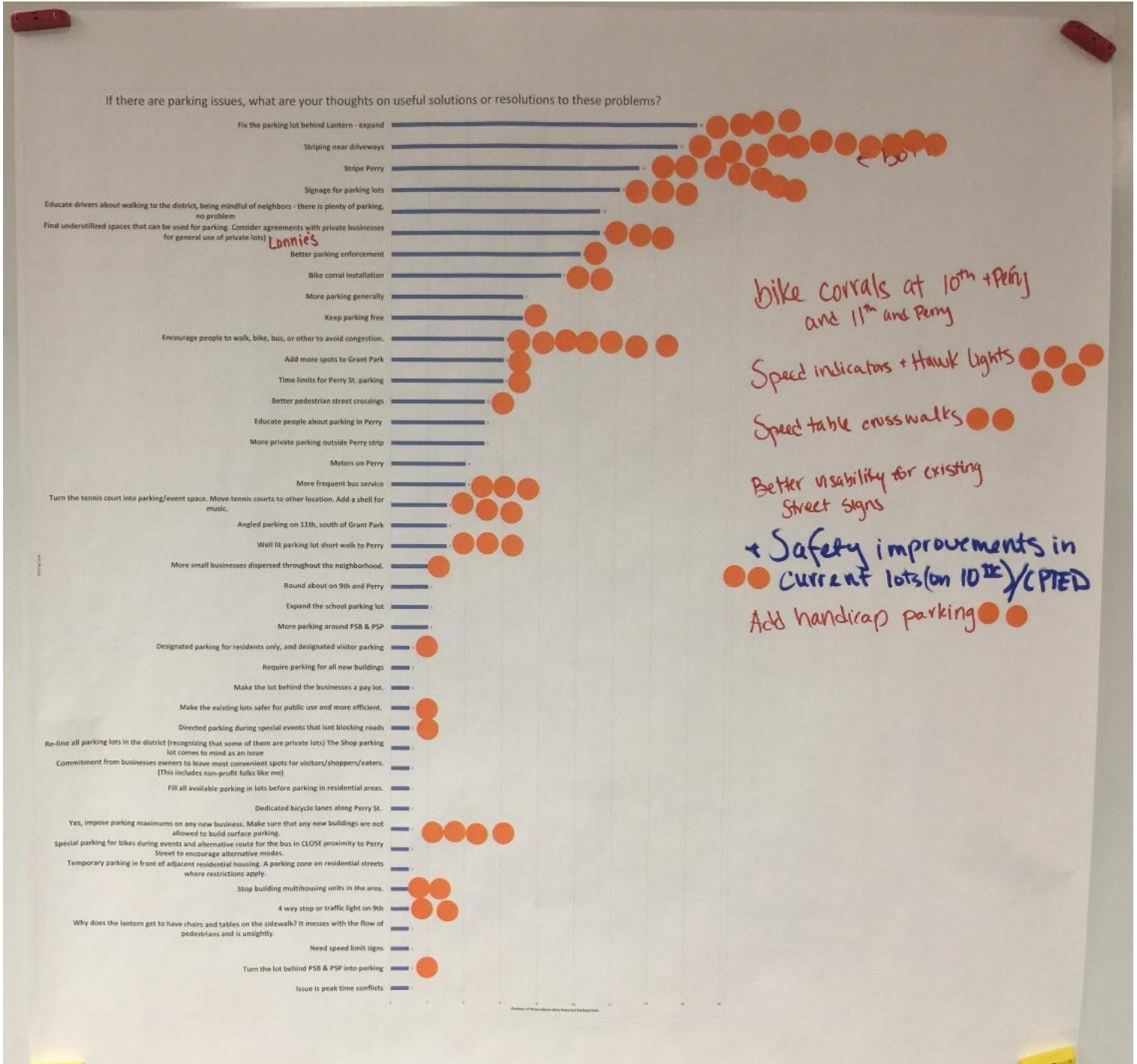
The Solutions Workshop was held at the regular October Meeting of the SPBNA on October 9th, 2018 and involved roughly 25 participants. During the solutions workshop the participants discussed and ranked both the parking issues and solutions that were aired in the survey.

The following photos capture the prioritization activity that SPBNA undertook.

South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association Issue Prioritization



South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association Solution Prioritization



Summary of Issues and Proposed Solutions

The four highest ranked issues identified by the survey:

1. Parking in front of driveways
2. More free parking needed near restaurants for special events
3. Third highest response was - there are no issues parking on Perry or within one block
4. Inefficient parking on Perry street – calling for striping

The South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA) prioritized the following issues:

1. *Parking in front of driveways*
2. *Cancellation of one of the two bus routes*
3. *Better pedestrian crossings all along Perry Street Business District*
4. *Tied between – Striping on Perry, and improvement and expansion of the parking lot behind the lantern.*

The top five solutions identified in the survey:

1. Fix and minimally expand the parking lot in the park, behind the Lantern
2. Stripe near driveways East of Perry
3. Stripe parking spaces on Perry
4. Better signage and wayfinding for parking lots
5. Finding underutilized spaces that can be used for parking, considering agreements with local businesses with extra parking or peak parking availability

The SPBNA prioritized the following solutions:

1. *Striping near driveways*
2. *Stripe Perry*
3. *Encourage people to walk, bike, bus, or take other modes of transportation to Perry to avoid congestion.*
4. *Speed indicators (e.g. hawk lights)*
5. *Fixing and minimally expanding the parking lot behind Perry*

Recommendations and Next Steps

Recommendations

- ▶ PARKING ISSUE #1: Parking in front of residential driveways
 - ▶ SOLUTION: Pursue striping 2 blocks east of Perry between 9th & 11th & on 11th west of Perry.
- ▶ PARKING ISSUE #2: More free parking near restaurants for events
 - ▶ SOLUTIONS:
 - ▶ Renovate & minimally expand parking within parks department lot on 10th & Perry west of business district.
 - ▶ Consider establishing 'joint use parking agreements' with adjacent private businesses for special events (Hico, Emmaus Church, NW corner of 9th & Perry).
 - ▶ Install 1 or more bike corrals on or immediately adjacent to Perry St. between 9th & 12th
- ▶ PARKING ISSUE #3: No parking issues on or within one block of Perry Street
 - ▶ TAKEWAYS & SOLUTIONS: Emphasize wayfinding for events
 - ▶ 62% of respondents reported it is "easy to park" & 69% are "satisfied" with parking today.
 - ▶ Create parking availability map showing available lots – distribute to businesses.
 - ▶ Install wayfinding signage – "Circle with P"
- ▶ PARKING ISSUE #4: Striping on Perry St. (spaces underutilized)
 - ▶ SOLUTION: Stripe parallel parking on Perry Street to improve efficiency.

Next Steps

- Coordinate with city departments to explore options for striping in residential neighborhoods, as well as on Perry Street.
- Create parking map and work with SPBNA, and businesses to promote it.
- Explore installation of bike corrals in Perry.
- Work with the Parks Department on potential scope and timeline for parking lot improvements behind the Lantern.
- Work with Streets Department and Parks to understand wayfinding options for parking in Perry.
- Enter into conversations with SPBNA and businesses on opportunities for joint use agreements for parking during peak demand events in the District.
- SPBNA to work with East Central Neighborhood Council on potential traffic calming projects in the district, and independent application for school associated traffic calming program.
- SPBNA and businesses to develop educational materials to support walking, biking, bussing and other modes of transit to visit the Perry District.