Addressing parking and improving transportation for Chinatown

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Tonight's Agenda

- Project & workshop goals
- About you – keypad polling
- Visual preference activity
- Overview of project
- Parking Management Strategies
- Strategize group activity

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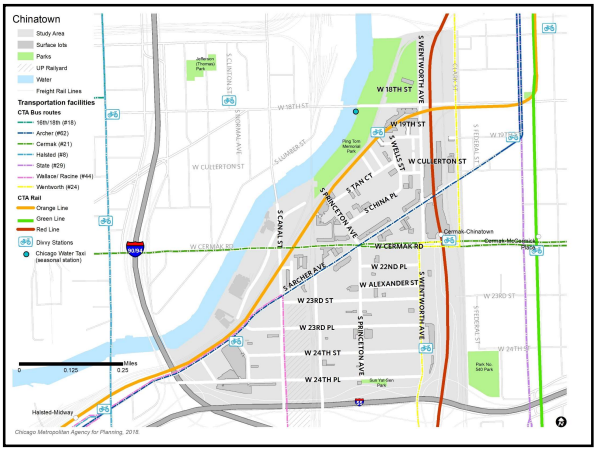
Project & workshop goals

Project

- Identify parking strategies that accomplish goals of Chinatown Community Vision Plan, help support local businesses, and improve the vitality of Chinatown.

Workshop

- Understand neighborhood priorities
- Understand current parking challenges



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How did you get to the meeting tonight?

1. Walk
2. Bike
3. Train
4. Bus
5. Drive
6. Other

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Do you live in Chinatown?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not anymore

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Why do you primarily come to Chinatown (Select 3)?

1. I work in Chinatown
2. I come for recreation / fun
3. I attend religious services
4. Other services (doctor / acupuncture / banking / hair)
5. I do my grocery shopping in Chinatown
6. I buy retail goods in Chinatown
7. I go to restaurants
8. I visit friends / family
9. Other / I live here

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Age

1. Under 19
2. 20-34
3. 35-49
4. 50-64
5. 65-79
6. 80 or better
7. Prefer not to answer

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What is your preferred language (select 1)?

1. English
2. Mandarin
3. Cantonese
4. Spanish
5. Other

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Gender

1. Female
2. Male
3. Prefer not to answer

What is the end goal of "improving parking"?

Better public Spaces?

Easy to find parking?

Residents can find a spot when they come home?

Less traffic congestion?

A parking garage?

Easy to get around without a car?

Safer to walk?

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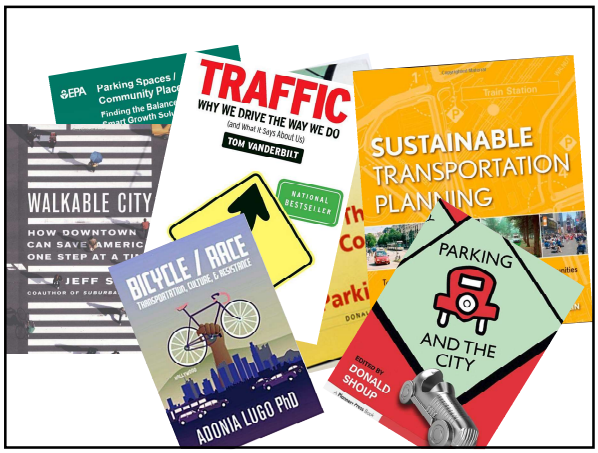
Chinatown Identity (Future vision)

Chinatown is a _____ neighborhood!

I love it because _____, _____, and _____.

(10 minutes)



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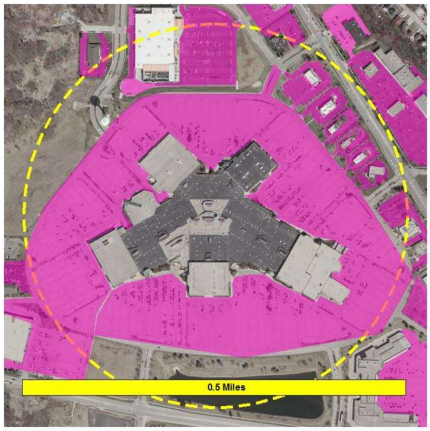
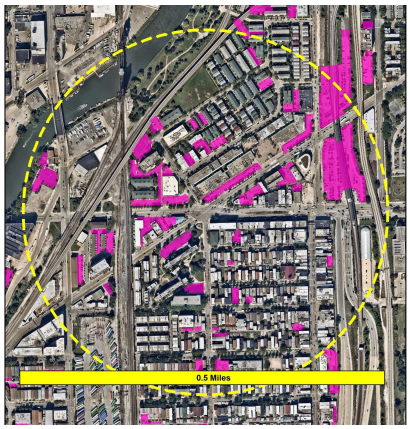
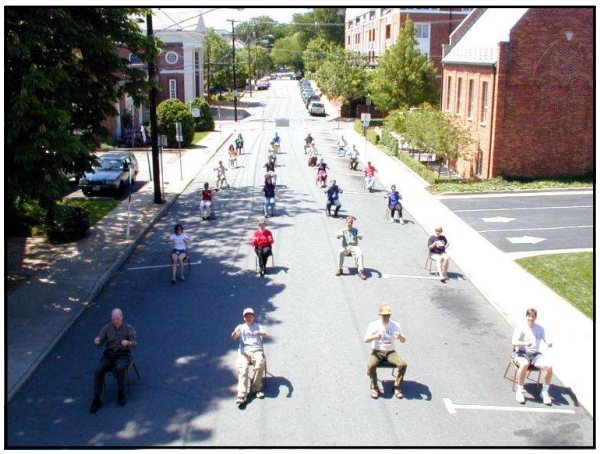
The Importance of Parking

- Parking influences the character and function of our communities
- Parking is important for visitors, residents, and local businesses
- Goal of creating a vibrant, safe community
- Too much parking makes walking and biking unsafe, makes housing expensive, and increases flooding







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Good streets move people, not just cars

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When you decide how you're going to travel, what are your top 2 priorities?

1. Travel time
2. How easy it will be to find free parking
3. How much parking costs
4. If transit goes there
5. How comfortable/safe I feel walking
6. How safe I feel biking
7. Cost of travel
8. Other

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What is the biggest parking challenge for parking in Chinatown?

1. Parking availability for businesses/visitors
2. Parking availability for residents
3. Distance to available parking
4. Safety concerns for walking
5. Traffic congestion from cars looking for parking
6. Confusing signage
7. Loading zones

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What is the best way to get some people to drive less?

1. Improve bus service and frequency
2. Make enhancements to the Chinatown red line station (cleaner enclosed areas, lighting)
3. Nicer bus shelters with arrival times and better information about where buses go
4. Improve safety for walking (lighting, underpasses, crossing streets)
5. Improve safety for riding a bike
6. Increase parking costs, reduce transit costs

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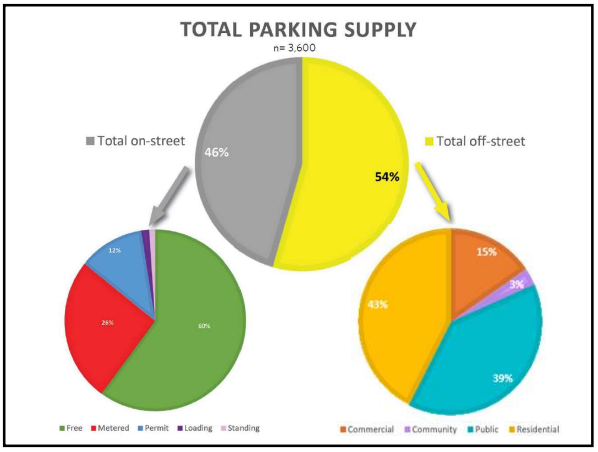
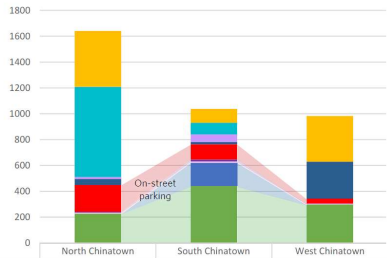
Understand current conditions

- Determine how much parking there is
- Count number of parked cars at different times of day for several days (a weekday, Saturday, Sunday), 6 time periods
- Create maps showing occupancy by time of day





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Off-street	Residential	432	106	354
	Public	699	89	0
	Community	14	60	0
	Commercial	47	18	286
On-street	Meter	207	118	37
	Loading	7	15	1
	Standing	7	10	7
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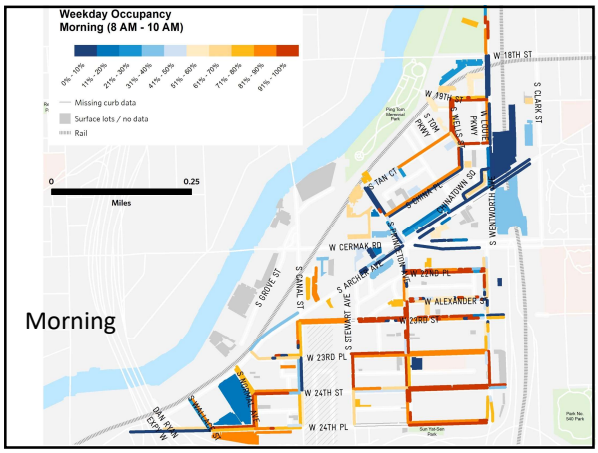
	Free	228	442	298
	Total	1,641	1,037	938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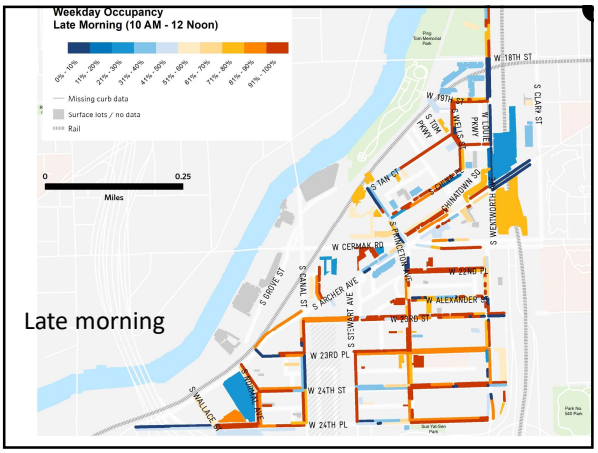
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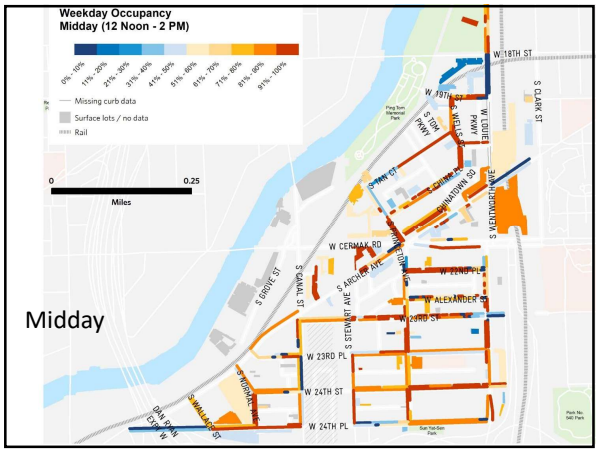
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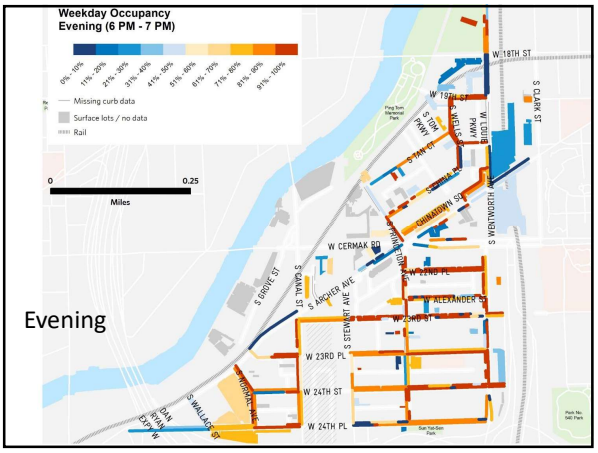
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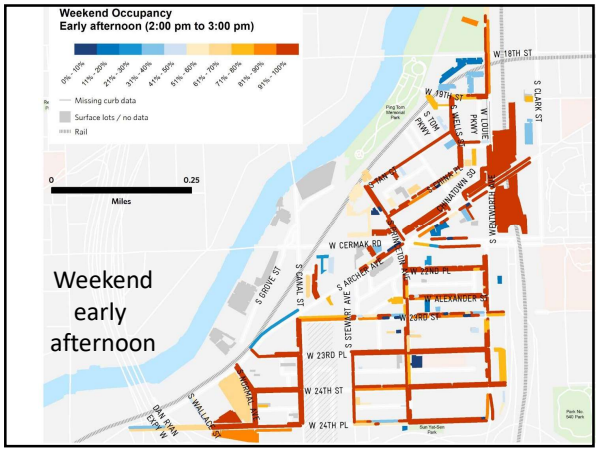
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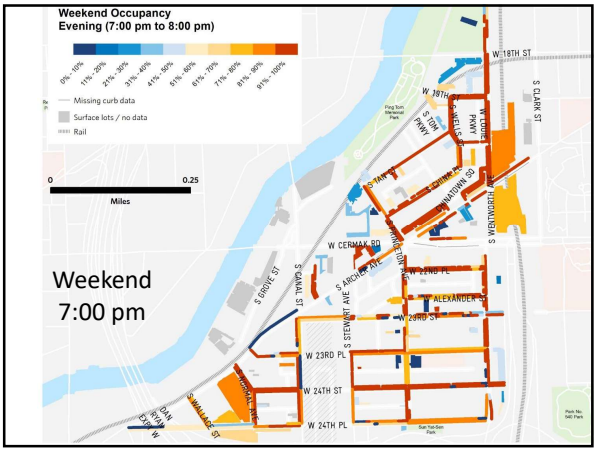
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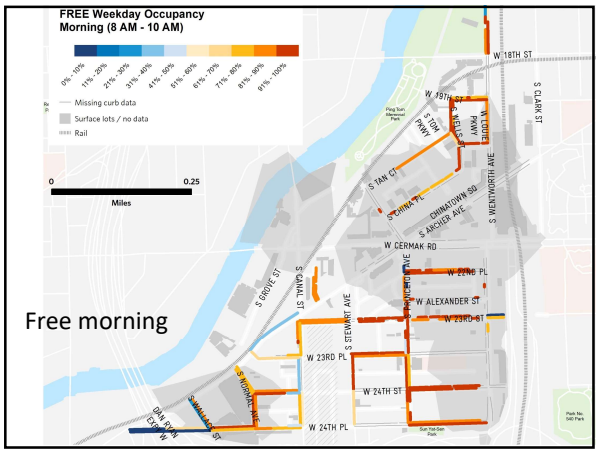
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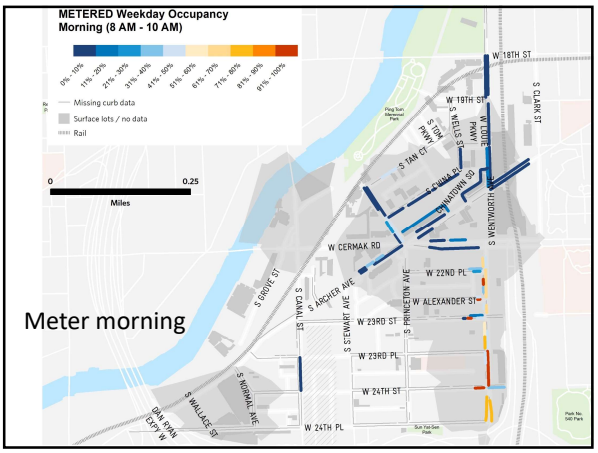
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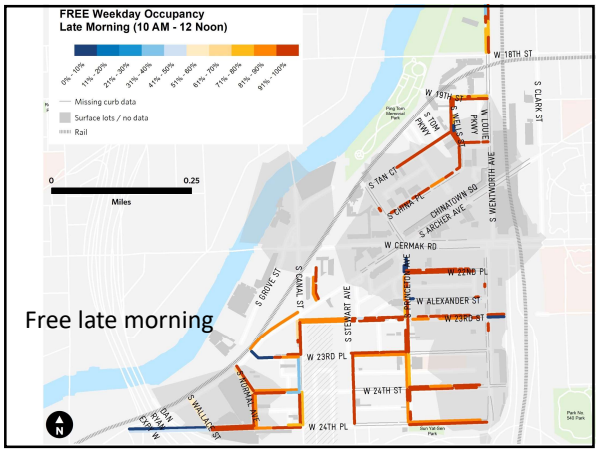
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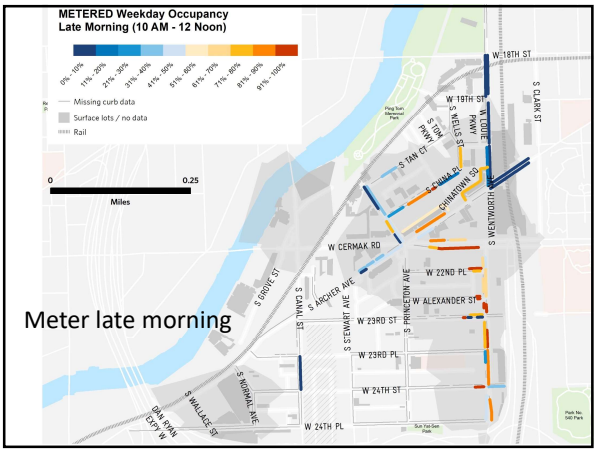
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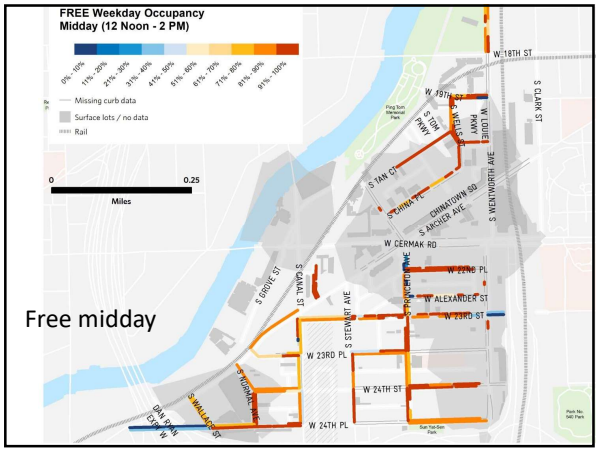
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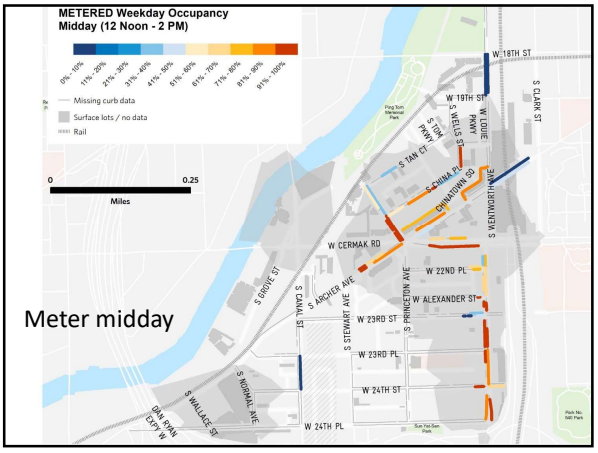
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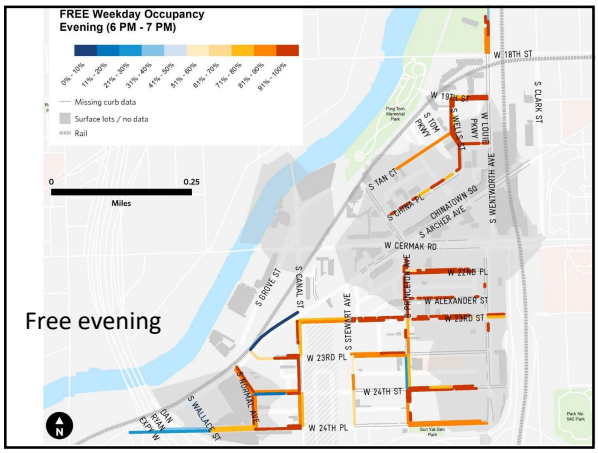
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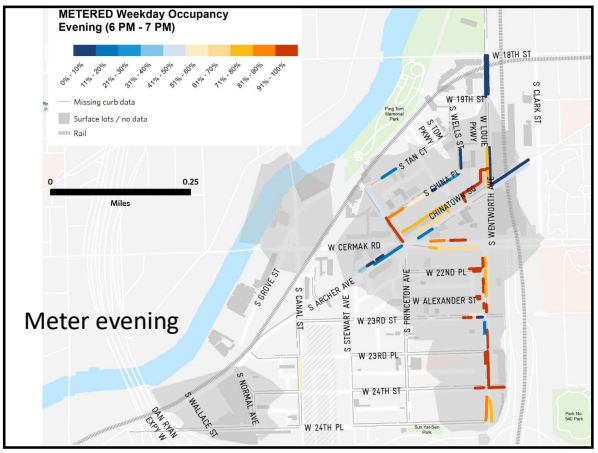
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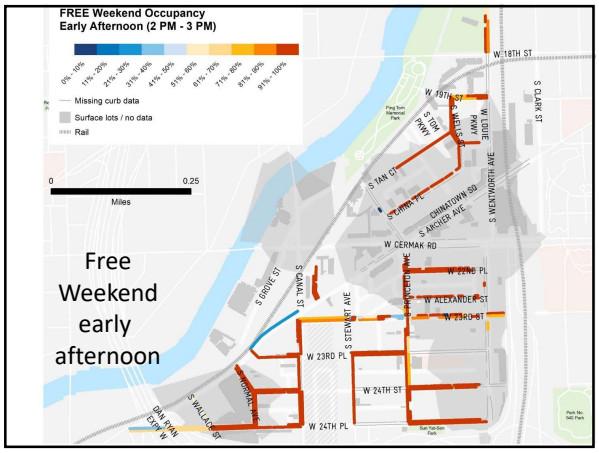
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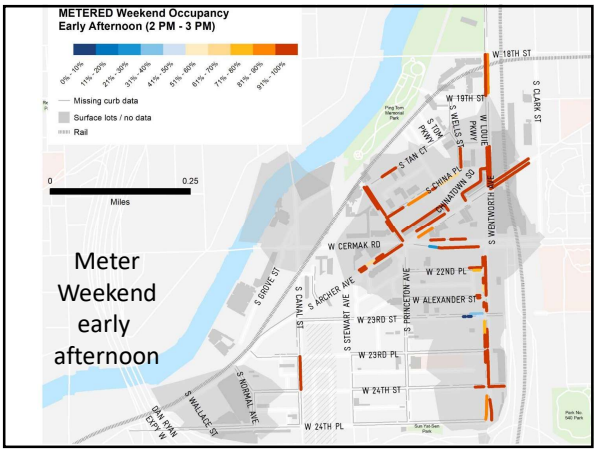
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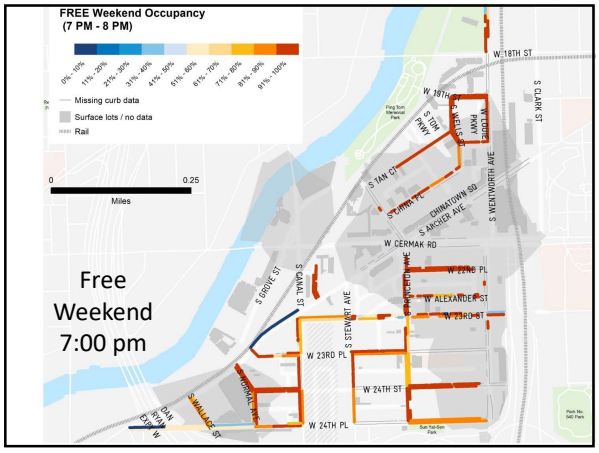
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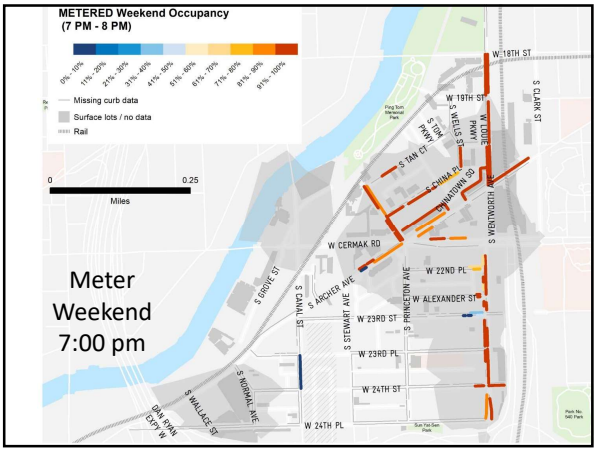
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We cannot solve a parking problem by building more parking

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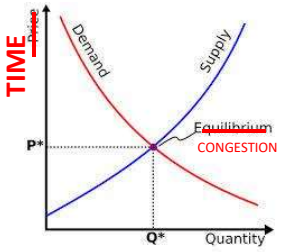
Supply & Demand

Without pricing, congestion is the equilibrium point



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Congestion!

More people drive

Widen Roadway / Add parking

Faster driving / easier to park

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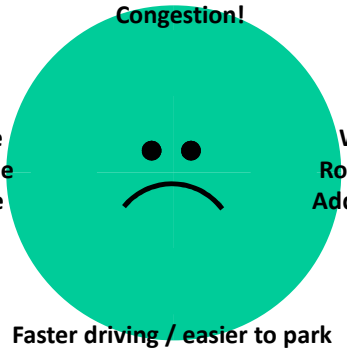

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Additional comments or questions?

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Potential recommendations discussion

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Things we've heard & discussed

Improve feelings of safety for people walking in (at least) one of the underpass walkways. Make it brightly lit, super clean, with art to connect west side

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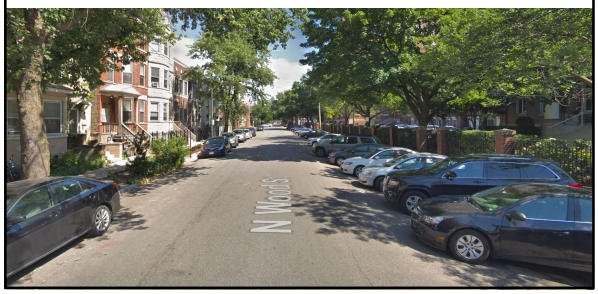
Expand public parking supply in South Chinatown, potentially adding on-street spaces with street re-design



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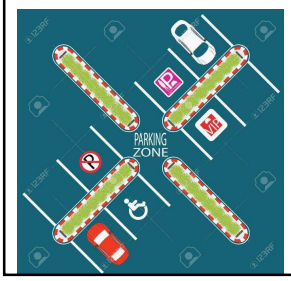

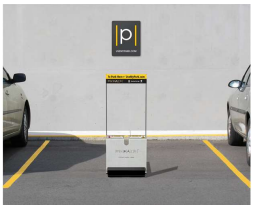

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1. Improve feelings of safety for people walking in (at least) one of the underpass walkways
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Potential Strategies

To keep Chinatown a _____ place, and address [top parking problem], we'd like to see [strategy 1] and [strategy 2] pursued.

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Thank you!

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