

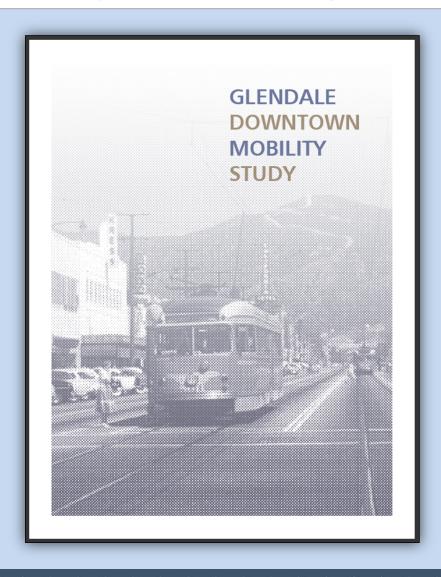


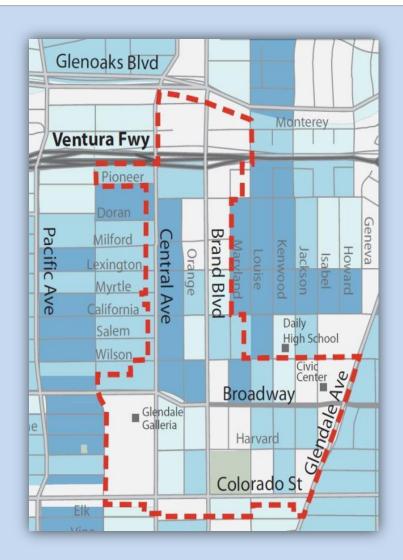
# Downtown Specific Plan Parking Recommendations

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# **Project Background**





## **Parking Recommendations**



- Focus is on DSP zone
- Designed to be implemented together
- Sensible adjustments to minimum parking requirements, and...
- Menu of options than can further adjust parking requirements
- Looked at numerous peer and best practice cities

# **#1: Minimum Requirements**

- NOT proposing a complete overhaul, but targeted adjustments
- Still just "minimums," not necessarily what will actually be built
- Focus on land uses where impact will be greatest – housing, office, retail
- Bring Glendale in line with peer and best practice cities



Land Use	Existing Standard	Proposed Standard
Multifamily in DSP		
1 bedroom	1.25 spaces	1 space
2+ bedrooms	2 spaces	2 spaces
Guest parking	.25 spaces per unit (w/ more than 4 units)	None or 1 per 10 units
Retail	4 per 1,000 sq. ft.	3 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Office	2.7 per 1,000 sq. ft.	2 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Medical/Dental Offices	5 per 1,000 sq. ft.	4 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Bars/Taverns	10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	5 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Nightclubs	28.6 per 1,000 sq. ft. or 1 per each 5 fixed seats	20 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Fast food restaurants	12.5 per 1,000 sq. ft.	5 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Restaurants	10 per 1,000 sq. ft.	5 per 1,000 sq. ft.

# **#2: Change of Use Regulations**

- Current code requires that any "change of use" over 2,000 sq. ft. be brought up to existing code requirements.
- Current code does also offer some exceptions:
  - Historic buildings
  - Change in use of a commercial space under 2,000 sq.
     ft.
- <u>Proposal:</u> Increase exception to commercial spaces under <u>5,000 sq. ft.</u> to encourage redevelopment and lower parking burden.
- Crucial for smaller buildings on South Brand
- Allows small local businesses to absorb a next door space easily without an exception process.



#### **#3: Toolbox to Meet Requirements**



- Not reductions to minimums, but tools to allow developers to meet requirements more efficiently.
- None of these alternatives are required.
- Developer would utilize these tools based on the specific project and current market conditions.

# #3.3: Implement an in-lieu fee

- Gives developers an **option to pay** a fee "in-lieu" of providing some portion of minimum parking spaces.
- Provides flexibility.
- Allows once financially infeasible projects to now move forward.
- Revenue collected can be used to:
  - Build consolidated public parking
  - -Manage parking supply more effectively
  - -Support mobility strategies



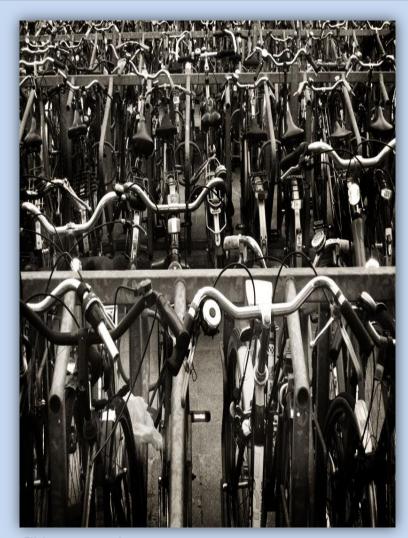
#### **#4: Provide Toolbox to Reduce Requirements**

- Provide additional design flexibility.
- Improve financial feasibility.
- Leverage City investments in transit and a multimodal downtown.
- None of these alternatives are required.
- Developer would utilize these tools based on the specific project and current market conditions.



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#### #6: Adopt a bicycle parking ordinance



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- City currently has limited requirements for bicycle parking in non-residential buildings
- Proposal: Adopt a comprehensive bicycle parking ordinance that applies to all land uses
- Similar to standard parking ordinances
- Allow bicycle parking to substitute for up to 10% of required parking

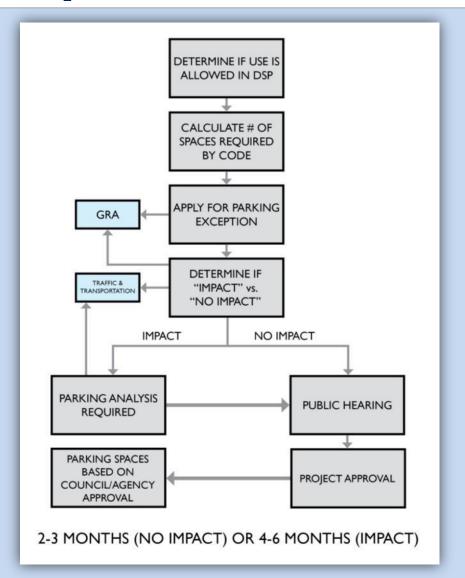
#### **#7: Allow reductions/alternatives as of right**

- Currently, City offers 2 methods to obtain a parking reduction:
  - Limited administrative exceptions
  - City Council discretionary process
- Current process has several drawbacks.
- By implementing revisions to minimums and offering alternative strategies as of right, City can greatly reduce need for discretionary processes.



#### **Existing Parking Exception Process**

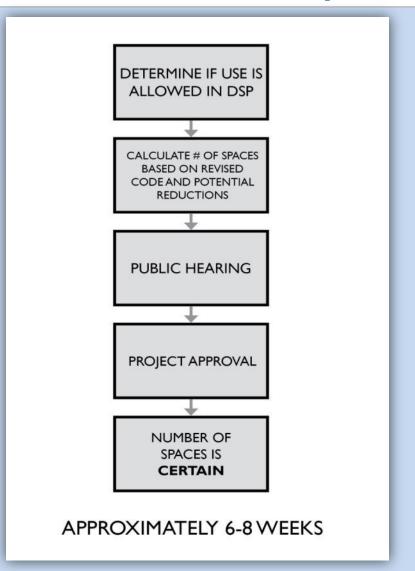
- 6-8 step process
- Involves at least 2
   City agencies and City
   Council
- Number of parking spaces is always uncertain
- Significant administrative burden
- Process takes anywhere from 2-6 months



#### Proposed Process (over 5,000 sq. ft.)

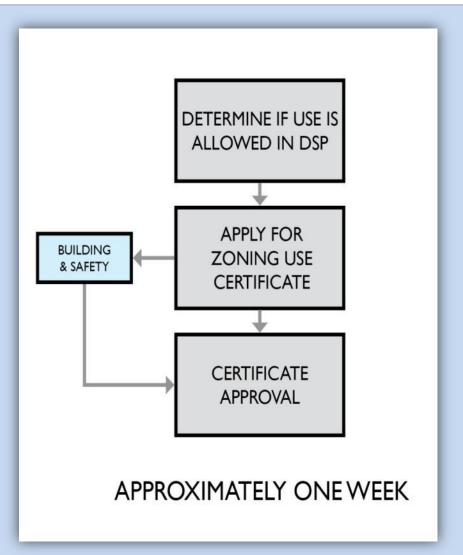
- 4 step process
- Number of parking spaces is certain
- Reduced

   administrative
   burden
- Process takes 6-8
   weeks



### Proposed Process (under 5,000 sq. ft.)

- 3 step process
- Number of parking spaces is certain
- Very limited administrative burden
- Process takes about1 week



#### **Addressing Stakeholder Concerns**

- Ensuring adequate residential supply
  - -Proposing a minimum 1-space per unit
- Existing and future parking demand
  - Recently completed downtown parking study to assess parking supply and occupancy
  - –3 days of data highlighting wide range of parking conditions
- Limit parking spillover
  - -Revised residential permit program
  - Improved wayfinding for existing off-street parking supply



# One "Hypothetical" Example

Proposed Project: 100-unit (50 1 bdrm, 50 2+ bdrm) multifamily residential project;  Located in DSP zone			
	Existing Requirement	With Proposed Recommendations	
50 1 bedroom units	62.5	50	
50 2+ bedroom units	100	100	
Guest Parking	25	0	
Baseline Requirement	187.5	150	
Potential Reductions Using Proposed "Reduction Toolbox"			
15-point TDM program (-30%)	n/a	45 space reduction	
Bicycle parking beyond minimum (-10%)	n/a	15 space reduction	
Additional Methods to Meet Baseline Requirement			
Use of tandem/stacked	n/a	Up to 100%	
Use of shared parking, if applicable	n/a	Up to 100%	
Use of an in-lieu fee	n/a	Up to 50%	

# DISCUSSION....