Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Division of Parking Management

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- https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-parking/index.html

- This Presentation may be viewed at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/Resources/Files/Pyeongtaek%20Delegation%20Presentation%2011-1-2018.pdf

OR

- https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/ParkingAZIndex.html#P – Parking A-Z index (Letter P)

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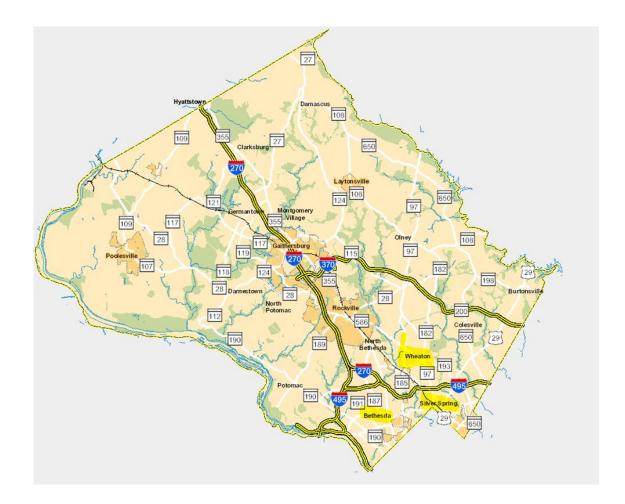
Questions From the Delegation

- Where are some of your public parking lots?
- Who manages the public parking lots?
- Are there city managed parking lots?
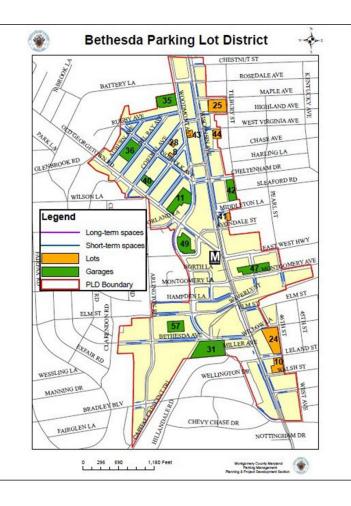- How are they operated?
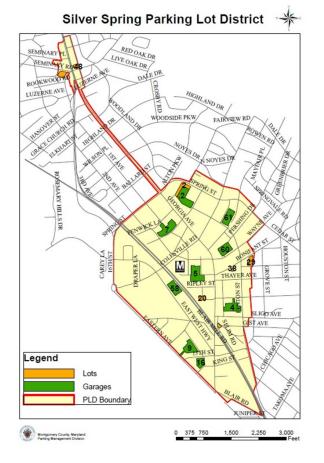- How are parking fees charged, amount, etc.?

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The Parking Lot Districts

- Montgomery County Maryland Department of Transportation MCDOT through it's Division of parking management operates parking garages and lots in three Parking Lot Districts (PLDs), Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton. These PLDs share the same basic boundaries (see map) as the Central Business Districts that compromise the densest development areas of the County.   Please note that the Cities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Takoma Park are separate municipalities within the County and manage their own parking.
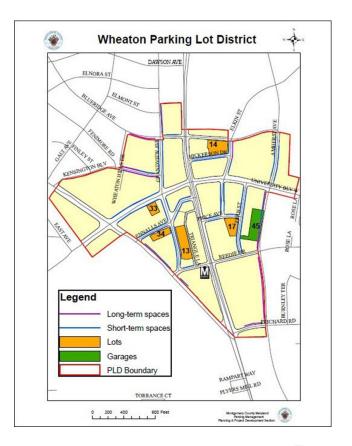
The PLDs

Parking District Services Mission

- Parking management is an important tool for achieving public objectives of economic development and transportation management.
- Support the role of public parking in commercial areas throughout the County.
- Support the comprehensive development of the Silver Spring, Bethesda, Wheaton, and Montgomery Hills central business districts and promote their economic growth and stability by supplying a sufficient number of parking spaces to accommodate that segment of the public demand which is neither provided for by developers nor served by alternative travel modes.
- Promote and complement a total transportation system through the careful balance of rates and parking supply to encourage the use of the most efficient and economical transportation modes available.
- Develop and implement parking management strategies designed to maximize the usage of the available parking supply in order to enhance the economic development of specific central business districts.

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- When 2 current projects are complete, the program will consist of over 22,000 parking spaces, incorporating 20 garages, 17 surface lots and on street spaces. All facilities will have a 2 station electric vehicle charger with a year.

- We self-manage our facilities with an in-house staff of 52 people and several contractors who manage our gated facilities, clean the garages and lots and perform enforcement, collections and security. Although we have 40 facilities, only 3 in Bethesda and 2 in Silver Spring have dedicated on-site management (contracted).

- All facilities are self-park, customers park and retrieve their own vehicles and are responsible for their payments, whether at individual meters, pay by cell or central pay stations, with the exception of one cashier facility which will soon be converted to pay on foot or pay by space. Additionally, we sell monthly permits by PLD that allow unlimited parking in any long-term "metered" space.

- Following is an example of how a customer would find a parking space and then determine how and how much they would pay by clicking on this link:

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- https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/Resources/Files/PLDSilverSpring.pdf
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- If a customer wanted other general information about our program or facilities, they could go to our home page using this link:

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- https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-parking/index.html
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- In order to pay a fine if a citation was received or to find out how to fight a fine, a customer would go to this link:
- https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Parking/faq/pay-ticket.html

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Garage 31 Bethesda Interior

Parking Operations

- MCDOT does not reserve parking for individuals or work with outside companies that do (such as spot hero or parking panda) but we do sign spaces for short term (under 4 hours and long term over 4 hours), accessible or handicap spaces (standard and van accessible), carpool (reserved until 9:30 A.M.) and a small number of Parking Convenience Sticker – PCS permit spaces.

- MCDOT Parking Management is a member of the Mid Atlantic Parking Association (MAPA) and the International Parking and Mobility Institute (IPMI) and has won several awards including best parking garage design and most innovative marketing and communication program.

- The entire parking program is self-funded through an Enterprise Fund for each PLD and does not rely on General County Taxes or Revenue. This is done through a mix of Parking fees, fines and in the recent past a tax on commercial properties within each PLD.
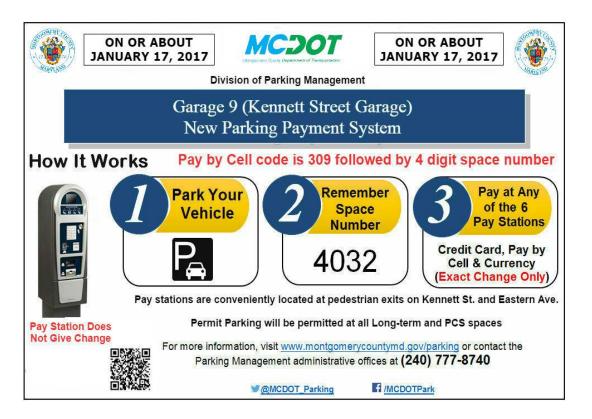
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Parking Fees

- **NEW RATES EFFECTIVE ON OR ABOUT JULY 5, 2017**
- **Cordell-St. Elmo (Garage 40), Metropolitan (Garage 49), Bethesda-Elm (Garage 57): $1.25 per hour.**
- On-street: **$2.25** per hour
- Lots: **$1.50** per hour
- All other Garages: **$1.00** per hour
- Parking Convenience Sticker (PCS) Monthly Permit: **$150.00**. To learn more about parking permits, **click here.**
- **Hours Requiring Payment**
- On-street: Mon-Sat, 9am - 10pm
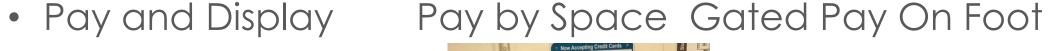- Lots: Mon-Fri, 7am - 10pm
- Garages: Mon-Fri, 7am - 10pm

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Payment Methods

Payment Methods

- Pay and Display

Pay by Space   Gated Pay On Foot

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