

Wichita Old Town Cinema Garage Open House and Survey May 2017

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Purpose and Overview

This document provides information about the open house event and survey to collect public input about the City of Wichita projects to install parking time limit signs and speed bumps in the Old Town Cinema Garage.

Open House Event

The open house for the City of Wichita Old Town Cinema Garage time limits project and speed bumps project was held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Distillery 244 event space. The event was attended by ten individuals, and provided an opportunity for participants to: review a series of stations with information about the two projects and provide input.



Stations

Below are descriptions of the stations presented at the open house event.

Sign-in Table

Participants were asked to provide their name and email address both to track the number of participants and to disperse project information to those interested. Comment forms were also available for participants to provide written comments on parking related issues.

Station 1: Parking Time Limits Overview

This board described the time limits project, with information about:

- Why the time limit signs were installed;
- How the project was initiated;
- Why the open house event was being held; and
- How to stay updated and involved in the process.

Station 2: Old Town District Parking Overview

This station provided information about how the public parking in Old Town functions and a map of the Old Town District.

Station 3: Time Limit Comments

This station provided an opportunity for individuals to post comments about the proposed speed bumps project.

Station 4: Speed Bumps Overview

This board provided information about the proposed speed bumps project, including the following:

- why the speed bumps are proposed;
- what types of speed bumps are proposed; and
- where the speed bumps would be installed.

Station 5: Speed bumps Comments

This board provided an opportunity for individuals to post comments about the proposed speed bumps project.

Station 6: Garage Map

This station consisted of the designs for the garage on a table with an opportunity for open house participants to provide comments on the document.

Public Comments – Open House

Below are the comments received at the open house event. Comments were only received for Station 2. No other stations had comments, and no comment forms were submitted.

Station 2 Comment
Employees of businesses pay for parking
The surprise of the signs caught employees off guard, they did not have time to move cars.
Business employees prefer to stay and frequent businesses in Old Town.
Levels of parking. Could we shrink the footprint of 3 hour parking?
Time limits in garage during business week – businesses need parking.
Seems like a good idea for square customers and clients.
The times are well chosen to not inconvenience customers.

Online Survey

In addition to the open house event, the City of Wichita posted an online survey. The survey was available from May 16, 2017 through May 23, 2017, and received 22 responses.

Questions

Below is a listing of the questions asked in the online survey and the responses received. The online survey questions were developed in order to be similar to those posed at the open house event.

1. Please share your thoughts and suggestions for the Old Town Cinema Garage parking time limits.
I think that the spaces taken for use of the parking time limits was aggressive. There may be a need for limited hours of parking there is no need for the entire 1st floor to be used. Our firm was one the first tenant in the square and we have continually shopped and frequented the locations in an effort to be supportive of their business. Please rethink the need for all of the 1st floor to be used and maybe limit it only to the east wall.
First you started putting limits on parking on Mead St. Now the parking garage. I'm sorry but that is a bit much. I understand the mead street part but the parking garage should be put back to the way it was.
This means I have to move my car every day when I park for work. Where else am I supposed to park? I could understand a time limit after 5 PM, but before it seems silly.
Several. First, no notification given about the change to employees in business in the square. Second, tickets were handed out that day (again no notice to stores/business). Third, no consideration for employees of business that they work all day and do not leave. Fourth, no limits the number of spaces available to normal business hour employees to a very small number of covered spots. Fifth, now makes Wednesdays more of a mess w/Warren traffic
I do not believe there should be time limits inside the garage at all. This is a major inconvenience for all of the people who work in the square. I do believe the outside time limits are good, and should be enforced.
I do not support imposing a 3 hour time limitation on the 1st Floor of the Old Town Cinema Garage. Those those people who work in Old Town Square, such as the Warren Theatre, The Wichita Eagle, the various restaurants and shops, including my own firm, there would be no

alternative place to park without any time limitations. Often, I am at work for 9 or more hours straight. A time limitation of any sort would impose a drastic hurdle on me doing business in Old Town Square. I understand the Warren would likely benefit from a time limitation and its customers could find parking spots easier, but this could be accomplished by simply imposing a time limitation on the street level of the garage and allowing the other floors to be unlimited. Alternatively, if this proposal is approved, I suggest providing each business located in Old Town Square with a number of parking passes its employees may use so as to not receive a parking ticket while they are at work.

This is a crazy idea & not fair to the people that work downtown.

I understand the driving forces behind the change, and fully support our retail neighbors desire to have ample parking for customers. However, it seems as though parking for those of us who work on/near the square continue to get pushed farther away, and the lack of notification has caused issues (one employee receiving a parking ticket only hours after sign installation). Not so much the action that bothers me, but the way it was implemented.

I do not mind having the 3 hour parking limit on a limited number of spaces on the 1st floor parking garage BUT I have worked in Old Town since it was built (we were the first tenants here) and I do not think you need to limit the parking to 3 hours on every space on the first floor parking garage. I have watched in it the mornings and afternoons at different times each day this week and virtually every space has been empty on the first floor. The main reason I park on the first floor is due to the increasing number of break ins in cars on the second floor of the garage over the years since we have officed here. I just do not believe that you need to limited that many spaces on the first floor of the garage. Yes, there are busy times, like Wednesdays in the summer for \$5 movie days. The first floor will be packed but it always, every summer. People adapt. And, as soon as 5:00 rolls around there are plenty of spaces available for people to park.

I greatly dislike them. Almost ALL parking in Old Town is now limited in time making it difficult for employees and people who wish to have lunch and a movie or enjoy lunch and the fountains. And if the time limits are meant to allow for traffic to enjoy the amenities here, why are they only during the work day and not evening hours?

First, when did the City of Wichita Old Town public parking garage become the Old Town Cinema Garage? Second, the 3-hour parking signs were installed without any notice to the surrounding businesses, at least not to Morris Laing, and instantly parking tickets were issued. I work for Morris Laing and have been parking in the garage, mainly the first level, since its availability years ago. I refuse to park on the upper levels because of the lack of control of 1) the vandalism, theft, and other damage to vehicles that have been ongoing, 2) homeless people or other people that roam the area, 3) signs that are notices that there are video surveillance cameras when there are in deed, none. 4) When the 2-hour limited parking signs were placed outside the parking garage, I believe there was notice to the local businesses, which I do not have a problem with. Work hours are early mornings and some late evenings, meaning after dark which makes this even more than less ideal concerning safety of person and/or property.

1. No notice of the limits, the signs just appeared; 2. I am an older individual with a knee replacement and osteoarthritis, and at times difficult to navigate the stairs (I refuse to use the elevator for either the vomit, the urine, the homeless sleeping inside, or the possibility of breakdown); 3. Being forced to park on the second level gives better chance for vandalism and/or attempted car theft (as has happened to several co-workers) in the constant absence of any law enforcement - plus we cannot park at the square itself as that was posted as 2 hour

parking; 4. Issues with ice and snow on the ramp entrance/exit to Third Street - issues with ice and snow on the stairs; 5. The homeless people sleeping in the stairwells.

Needs to be long enough to accommodate a movie

I think that it is absurd that there are now "time limits" in the lower level. The whole plaza out of the garage was made to 2 hour parking, so I feel it doesn't make a whole lot of sense for the garage to be on a time limit. There are people that work in offices around here that HAVE to leave their car all day, and they clearly can't do that all day out in the plaza. Also-there are so many break-ins in upper levels, it is unsafe for anyone to want to park up there.

Fine with limited parking on bottom floor. Personally don't see a lot of traffic downtown out side of the lunch hours Monday-Friday so you are mostly taking away from local business parking.

I am opposed to making the entire first floor of the old town cinema garage time limit parking. There is not enough business down here through the hours of 9-3 to warrant the entire first floor of the garage to be on a time limit. The Warren is not even open during that time period. If it is necessary to make time limit parking, I would suggest making only half of the first floor time limit parking. It has been a few weeks since the Wichita Eagle has moved in and I have not noticed a significant increase in parking down here that would warrant making time limit parking in the garage. Time limit parking has already taken over the entire parking area outside of the garage. We have had some vandalism/car break-ins on the second floor of the garage and I feel if we move more cars to the second and third floors it is going to attract more vandalism/car break-ins. Those individuals can figure out that the cars parked on the second and third floors are going to be parked there for a longer period of time allowing vandals longer to do damage. We also have clients that come to our office for time periods longer than 2 or 3 hours. So they are going to be forced to park on the second and third floors as well? Our business is as important to Wichita and the old town area as are the shops and restaurants down here. When storms, particularly hail storms, are predicted there is a car business down here somewhere that moves all of their cars into the second floor covered parking of the old town cinema parking garage. Those cars take up quite a bit of space, which will be made unavailable to us and our patrons.

I supported the 2 hour limit within the square but am extremely angry about the new time limit on the first floor. I leave later in the evening and already dread going into the first level of the parking garage. I've seen a group of men loitering on the second level, heard motorcycles racing on the upper levels, encountered homeless people in the parking garage and seen numerous windows broken out of cars parked on the upper levels. I would like to remind the retailers/restaurants in this area that I am also their customer. This action was unnecessary, I have never heard complaints that the parking garage is completely full.

I think it's absurd. I don't believe the business get much business during the day anyway besides people who work there. The Warren is closed till like 5. If you are gonna make it timed parking just have at least one row. The people that work there should get permits so they don't get ticketed. I feel safer parking on the first floor. Employees that work in the square provide a lot of revenue to the square. So help everyone not just customers who come to shop or eat once or twice a year.

There is not enough foot traffic between the hours of 9-3 to warrant the ENTIRE 1st floor of the garage being blocked off. I don't even believe the first floor needs ANY spots to be blocked off for three hour parking. There is enough 2 hour parking around the square & even the street is 2 hour parking. If the Eagle is the reason for the parking in the garage to be changed that is unless also because there is usually only around 40 people there rotating. I have never heard this "Old Town Parking" garage be referred to as the "Cinema Garage". If it is Mr. Bill Warren doing the push for the 3 hour parking that does NOT make sense either. On a Wednesday his customers

can park on the 2nd or 3rd level just like anyone can. Just because someone can't park ground level and has to go to the 2nd floor, they are NOT going to say just cause I can't park on the first floor then I am not staying. Nothing tells criminals where the long term parking people's vehicles are like those signs. Not sure why this was even done without first asking for comments and thoughts. There was no warning issued and tickets on the first day, really! At least a one day warning/grace period Wichita!

I think the employees of the businesses on the west side of the square (from YoB to Lucindas) need to be able to park near the rear entries of the facility. Whether that be designated spots, passes or car stickers. Also, there a few times when safety is an issue; if i work a long shift and walk alone to my car at night, I like the convenience of a nearby spot. Overall I feel the Wichita Eagle (or Old Town Square mgmt?) should have planned better for this new surge of parking needed and shouldn't affect the nearby businesses and their employees.

To post notice of a three hour parking limit on the first floor of the Old Town Cinema garage a/k/a Public Parking after working in the square for 14 years is not necessary and ridiculous. There is not enough retail traffic to warrant such a time limit during the weekday. The "Cinema" does not run movies during the business hours from 8 am to 5 pm and the current two hour parking limit seems sufficient to appease the eating establishments of the square (so long as the parking cop is actually patrolling the area and marking tires--which is rare). To be frank, it was quite a shock to find out about the "new" parking limits without being provided any notice or discussion of the change. This survey seems to be an afterthought. My question to the City AND with this change, will police and or security presence be amped up to eliminate issues of vehicle break-ins and vandalism that seems to be prevalent on the second and third floors of the garage?

1. I didn't like it that we weren't given any advance notice about the change – this is where we have parked for years and it is a big change to our everyday lives. 2. A lot of my coworkers choose to park on the second floor, the people who park on the first floor usually have a reason for doing so. One co-worker recently sprained her ankle, one recently had a heart attack, one has bad knees – for them, the stairs are challenging. For these reasons, I think we should have the option open to park on the first or second floor. 4. We have clients, attorneys, court reporters, etc. that come to our office for periods longer than 2 or 3 hours – it's an inconvenience to them to ask them to park on the second floor – especially if they are elderly or carrying large files. 3. As people who are part of the Old Town community – people who not only work, but also eat, shop, and attend entertainment in Old Town, we should be given just as much courtesy as customers who are not here all the time. I think the best compromise would be to have part of the garage as 3 hour parking and part without time limits.

2. Please share your thoughts and suggestions for the proposed speed bumps at the Old Town Cinema Garage to prevent speeding and drifting.

Please put the speed bumps in the garage. I am so tired of hearing and seeing these people racing their cars. The rubber scratch marks, along with the trash from parties is concerning. One of these days one of these racers and their car will strike one of the pillars or even one of the outer walls as they try to drift around. They speed and pay no attention to people walking through the garage and my biggest fear is of having a pedestrian hit because of their foolishness. Again, please put the speed bumps in the garage.

No issues with that.

Yes, please put in speed bumps. I have seen much "racing" through the garage recently.

I support this proposition.
I agree and see kids upstairs drifting on Friday's.
Personally, I hate speed bumps, but I understand the need. Please be judicious in installation, however. It won't require that many to slow people down.
Why doesn't the City spend their money more wisely? I think this is a terrible idea.
I think the better route would be to increase patrols when the illegal activity is more likely to occur rather than put speed bumps in. If they are doing these things when the garage is empty in the middle of the night, speed bumps won't stop the activity; they'll just drive on the pavement through the parking spots.
I think that would be very helpful.
I have no objections to any speed bumps placed anywhere.
Undecided.
No issue
This I can agree with, I have heard on multiple occasions people racing or doing some sort of drifting from inside our office. People drive very fast through the garage, so a speed bump would limit that .
That is fine
Speed bumps would be good as long as appropriately placed. People do speed through there and race upstairs. But make the speed bumps effective and not pointless .
I fully support. I've heard motorcycles racing in the upper levels..
I would agree with the proposal to install speed bumps in the old town cinema parking garage. I have seen many individuals speeding through the second floor of the garage. Recently, numerous tire marks have appeared on the second floor as well which appear to be from cars or motorcycles driving erratically.
A better presence of police officers or security would better serve the square and "Old Town Cinema garage" than speed bumps to prevent speeding and drifting. There are ways to get around speed bumps that makes like more interesting for the individuals who like to be challenged.
I'm fine if speed bumps go in.
Speed bumps are a pain for cars that sit low.
Looking at the garage floor it appears as if someone has been doing all of the above & that would probably be wise.
Great

3. Please provide any additional suggestions / comments below.

I would appreciate it during the winter months when there is snow and ice on the ramp to the second floor that it is cleared quickly. Most winters we have a period of time that it is a challenge to get your car up the ramp without sliding around. Also if you could put a trash can by each stair entrance maybe it would cut down on the trash left in the garage.
More covered parking & options for business that aren't retail to give their employees better parking options. Especially since most square retail traffic hits after 5
Security is a problem. Too many cars being vandalized.
What is the reason for parking time limits? I just don't get it?
Work on communication/notification of changes, and provide at least a 1-to-2-day grace period where warnings are issued. People that park in there everyday didn't necessarily notice the signs right away. Issuing tickets on day one (especially when some of the signage wasn't installed until

mid-morning on Monday, when people were already parked for the day) was completely uncalled for.

Maybe limit the 3 hour parking to 20 spaces and see how it goes. It would have been nice if you would have proceeded with this meeting first rather than spending all your money on signs, etc prior to putting them up and now having the meeting.

Better lighting and more patrols. I am constantly hearing about car break ins and panhandling in the area.

In addition, I would suggest more police coverage and more lighting in the Old Town area in general.

Parking lots South of Second Street are already at capacity for all the businesses and/or construction in those areas with no time limits imposed. I utilize the "public" parking garage n/k/a Old Town Cinema Garage as this is the area of my employer - cannot park on the street because of additional imposed parking limits (of which I have been compliant), so just where else are we supposed to go? Therefore, if the cinema/businesses in this area do not like the fact that I am employed in this area and need a place to park to earn a living, then I can certainly take my earned dollars elsewhere instead of purchasing products or services from them in Old Town Square. Additionally, the bar crowds are evenings and the cinema is evenings and weekends, so why is it a problem for us to be eliminated from the parking garage from 9 am to 3 pm anyway?

I notice a lot of teens loitering the garage, this makes me uncomfortable at times.

I have a problem with ticketing an area so soon after putting the signs up. Seems like a game of capturing quick cash on tickets to your local downtown businesses. Why not send out notices before or give warnings first? The "gotcha" process for this ticket is a joke and makes me lose trust this government and leadership as the "care" about downtown and it's citizens. Also, you should really work on repainting the second floor garage lines. The drive through area next to the covered section is unclear to if people should park there or if it is a driveable area. Also would love to see more covered parking options available to workers downtown as you took away a majority of options by limiting parking on the first floor.

If the time limit parking in the old town cinema parking garage is going to be permanent, then I would like the ramp to the upper levels of the garage be maintained, especially in snow/ice storms because it is very dangerous and difficult to get up that ramp when it is snow packed and icy. I also would like the City to make sure that the lights are continuously working because in the dark it can be dangerous to walk in that garage. I would also like there to be working cameras installed so that any vandalism or break-ins are recorded. I would also like the City to ensure that the elevator is maintained in working condition so that it is accessible to anyone who has difficulty with stairs.

I cannot attend the meeting but would like to know who pushed for this change.

If you are gonna make the employee who park in the garage daily park upstairs make sure one it's patrolled by cops. There are people that hang out on the stairs that are questionable and it's makes me nervous going up and down them. Also make sure the snow and ice is cleaned off consistently before we come to work. Those stairs are steep. I will not the elevators because there was once people living in it. Multiple cars have been broken into on the 2nd floor. It needs to me controlled daily. Kids also race up on the 2nd floor. It's crap it's not controlled. That parking garage is a lawsuit waiting to happen. Keep it safe for everyone not just convenient for the businesses. The employees provide a lot of business and revenue to the businesses in the square. If you are also going to improve the parking garage please fix the low spot on the first floor towards the ramp. Water gathers really bad and it's a giant sinkhole when it rains. The whole garage is bad when it rains the people who work down there and park on garage know

that and people who come down there once a year don't know the hazard and the how dangerous the garage can be. Employees know how to avoid it and prevent it. Please work with people who work in the square, for their safety and security and piece of mind. Piece of mind their cars won't get broken into, they don't get attacked and they are safe.

The biggest issue in Old town square for parking is the old chicago patio. The city should make it smaller so cars don't stick so far out making it hard. You already have to watch for bikes, cars, and people while you are driving and having to watch out for cars coming the other direction now because people can't read compact cars on those spaces and park their extended bed pickups with trailer hitches sticking 3 foot past the parking spot making it impossible for a car to drive both directions at the same time on mead st by old chicago. If the city can't manage to take the space back from old chicago then don't allow trucks or vans to park in those spots.

Appendix A: Station Boards

The following boards were displayed at the open house.

Old Town Cinema Garage Parking Time Limits Overview



Why were time limit signs installed?

The time limits were established for the 1st floor of the Old Town Cinema Garage due to expressed concerns about having accessible parking available for customers and visitors to businesses in the area.

How was this project initiated?

This project was initiated by the City in response to area stakeholders who expressed concerns about the following items:

- accessible parking for customers and visitors to area businesses; and
- safety and security regarding speeding and drifting in the Old Town Cinema garage.

The City Parking and Mobility Division staff moved forward with having the time limit signs installed without additional public consultations because of the following factors.

- A company with approximately 80 employees was planning to relocate to the area soon.
- The concerned stakeholders indicated that they had consulted with other property owners and businesses about the desired changes, and would continue to update them.
- The project was limited to signage, was relatively low-cost and could be adjusted as needed.

Why hold an open house event?

The City of Wichita is hosting this event in response to citizen comments about the installation of the time limit signs. This event is an opportunity for you and other stakeholders to provide feedback and to review the proposed project to install speed bumps. Comments received today will be used to help determine if adjustments are needed for either of the projects.

How to stay updated and involved

You can stay informed about proposed changes to parking in Old Town by providing your email information at the sign-in station or on the comment form.



Old Town District Parking Overview



How does public parking in Old Town work?

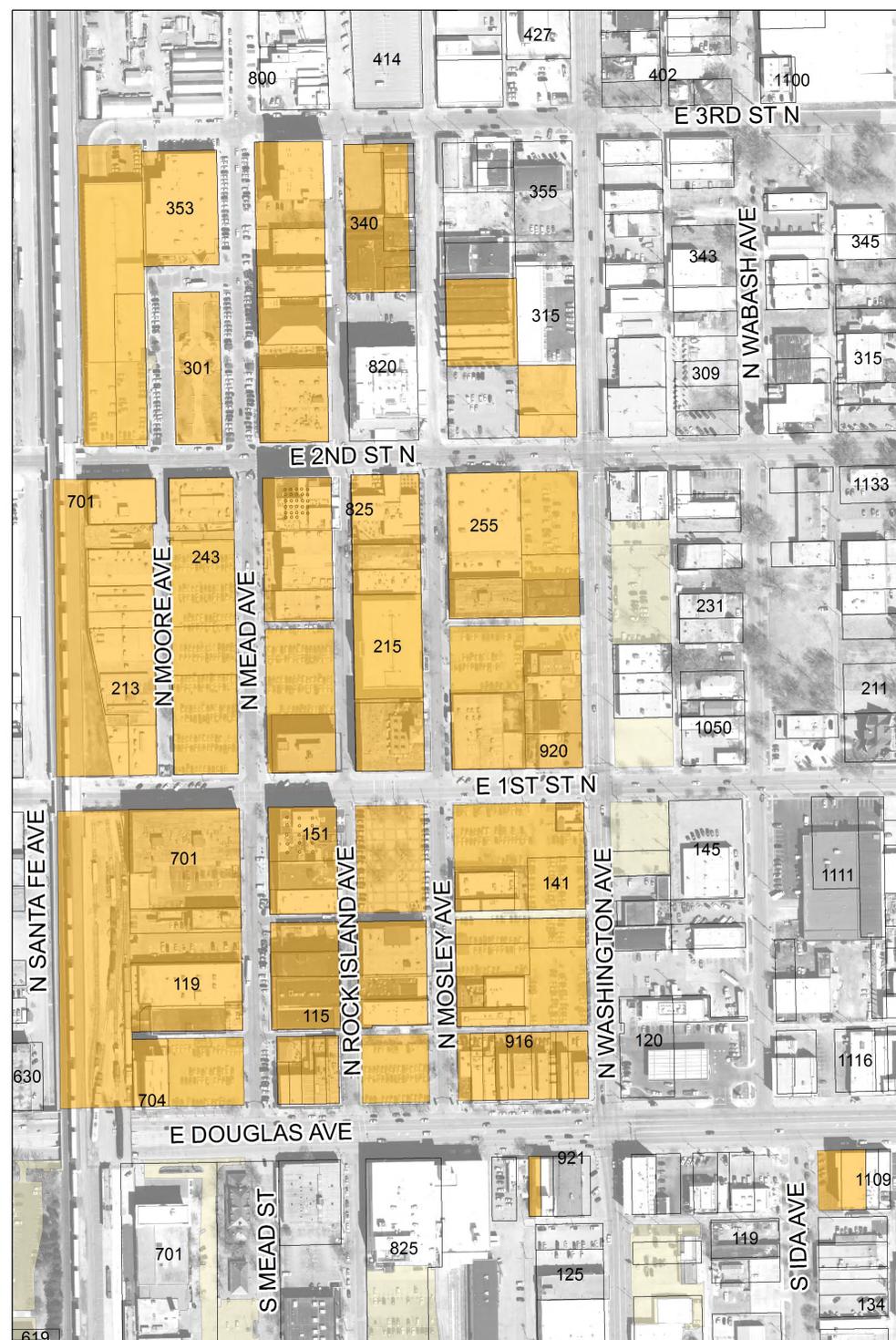
Businesses and/or property owners located within the Old Town Overlay District property owners and/or businesses pay the City for parking, and in return the City provides shared public parking that meets the requirements established by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code. The amount of the payments for parking depend on the size and type of land use.

The parking provided by the Old Town Overlay District consists of multiple surface lots, one 241-space garage and a 500-space garage. The spaces are not pay-to-park and some have time limits. None of the public spaces are reserved for specific businesses or property owners.

Map of Old Town Overlay District

City of Wichita Old Town Overlay District Boundaries

4/17/2017



Old Town Cinema Garage Parking Time Limits — Comments



Please use the sticky notes to post your thoughts and suggestions for the Old Town Cinema Garage parking time limits.

Old Town Cinema Garage Parking Speed Bumps — Overview



Why are speed bumps proposed?

The City is proposing to install speed bumps in response to area stakeholders who express concerns about safety and security regarding speeding and drifting in the Old Town Cinema garage.

The speed bumps have been identified as a preferred action to address the speeding and drifting because they:

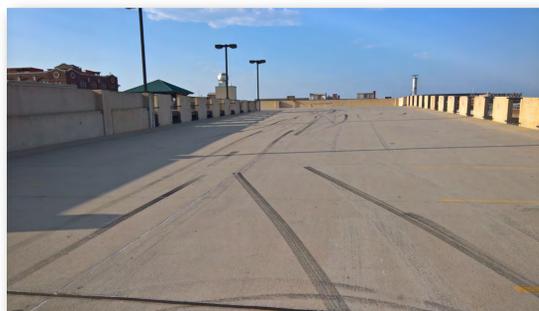
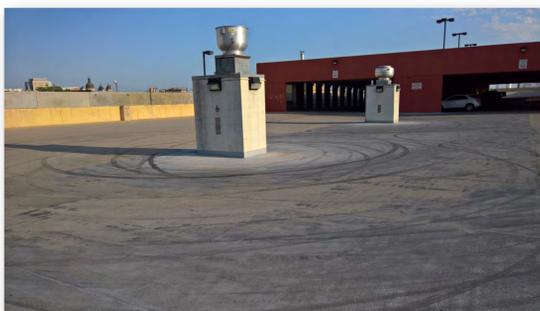
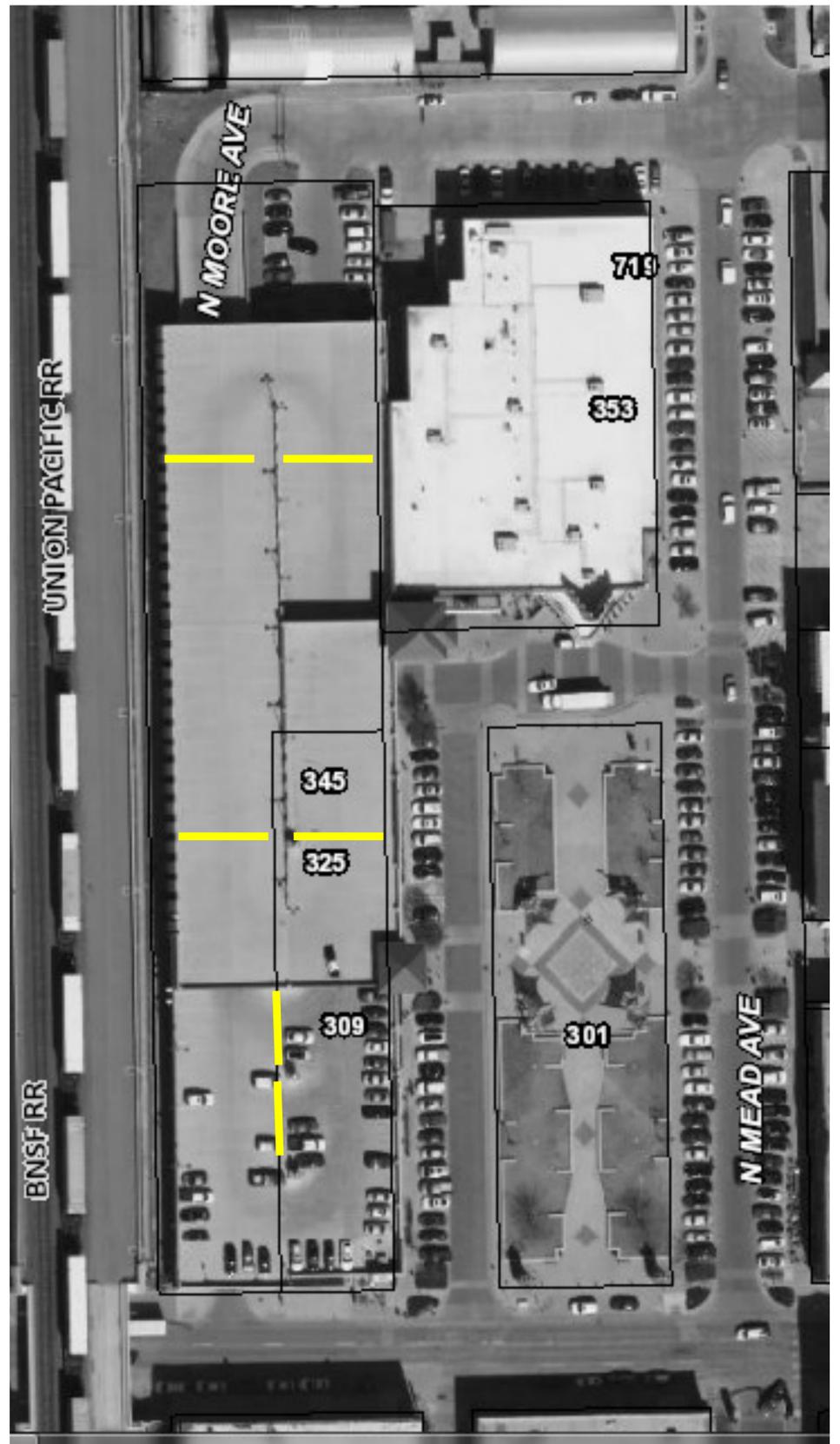
- are in place 24 hours / 7 days a week;
- result in physical changes that encourage different behaviors;
- can be installed relatively quickly; and
- can be changed or modified as needed.

What type of speed bumps are proposed?

The City of Wichita is proposing to install speed bumps that consist of interlocking pads that allow them to conform to the garage surface. These should be more durable and longer-lasting than other types of speed bumps.

Where would the speed bumps be installed?

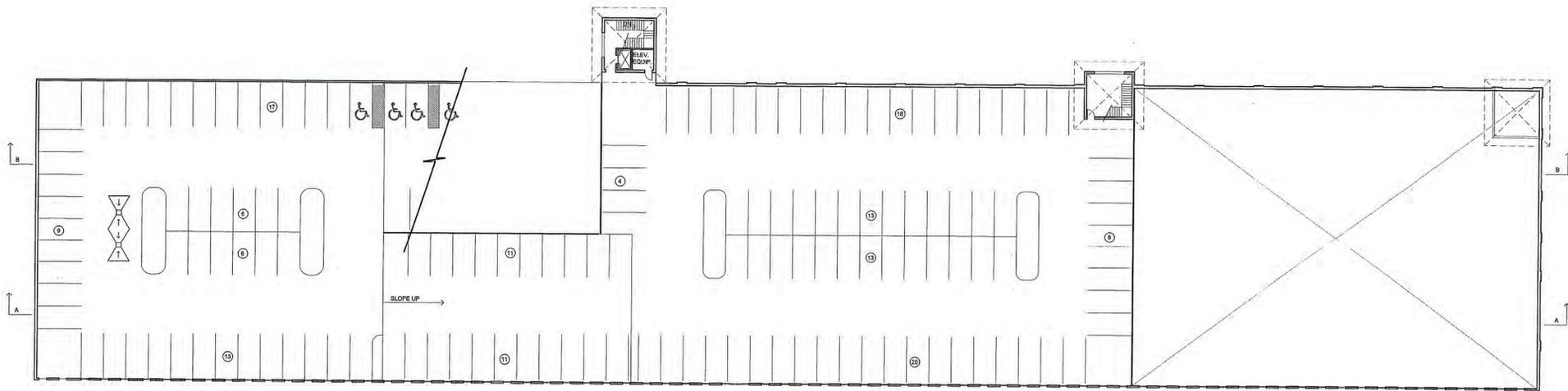
The speed bumps would be installed in phases at the locations identified on the map to the right.



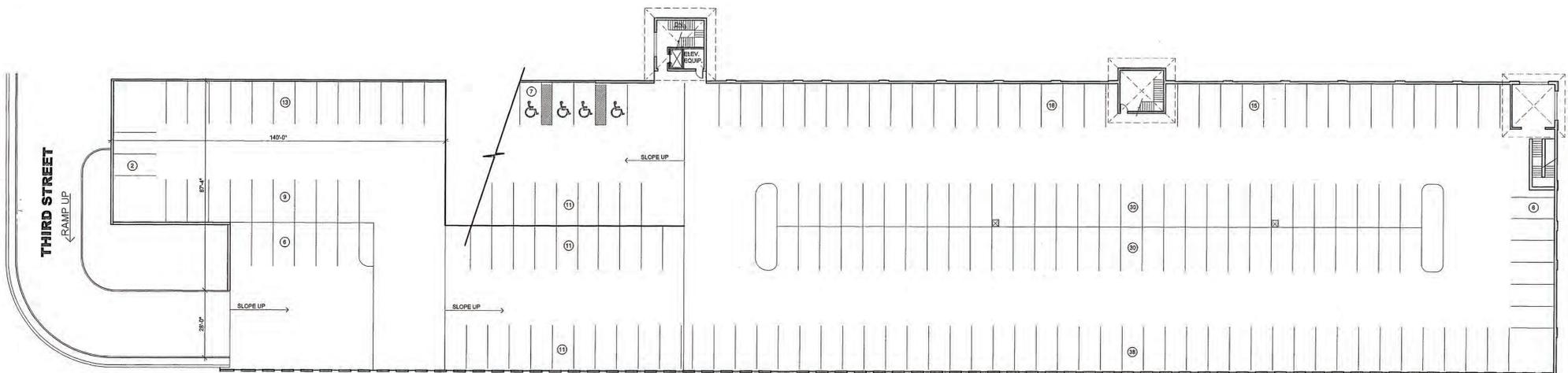
Old Town Cinema Garage Parking Speedbumps — Comments



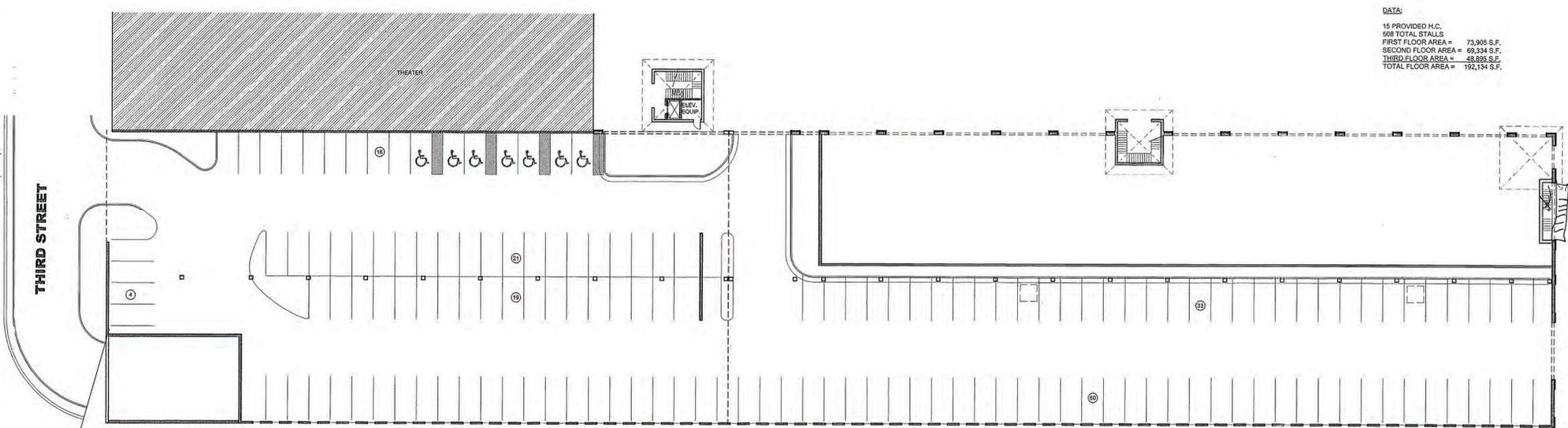
Please use the sticky notes to post your thoughts and suggestions for the proposed Old Town Cinema Garage speed bumps.



THIRD FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"
181 STALLS



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"
212 STALLS



DATA:
15 PROVIDED H.C.
608 TOTAL STALLS
FIRST FLOOR AREA = 73,905 S.F.
SECOND FLOOR AREA = 69,334 S.F.
THIRD FLOOR AREA = 48,895 S.F.
TOTAL FLOOR AREA = 192,134 S.F.

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"
182 STALLS