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PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Frances Albrier Community Center - auditorium
2800 Park Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Minutes - Final

- The Commissions may discuss any items listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.
- Public Comment on agenda items shall be heard at each item (2 minutes per speaker).

1. **Call to Order** (Chair): 7:00pm.
2. **Roll Call** (Secretary): Present: Abshez; Diehm; Kawczynska; Rybczynski; Absent: Cox; Cardile; Hurtado.
3. **Land Acknowledgement**:
4. **Action: Approval of Agenda** (Abshez). M/S/C: Kawczynska/Diehm/U) Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Kawczynska; Rybszynski; Noes: None: Absent: Cox; Cardile; Hurtado.
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes** for Thursday, April 9, 2025 (Abshez).* M/S/C: Rybczynski/Kawczynska/U) Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Kawczynska; Rybszynski; Noes: None: Absent: Cox; Cardile; Hurtado.
6. **Public Comment** (2 min each). A) Paul Kamen, ferry feasibility; b) Laurel, marina; c) Jim McGrath, 10/12; d) Virginia Brown, Cesar Chavez Park; e) Julie Allen, marina ferry and rec amenities; f) Kelly Hammargren, fire department presentation on Thursday.
7. **Chair's Report**. (Abshez). Bay Festival (Abshez).
8. **Director's Report**: Update on special events, community engagement, capital and maintenance projects, forestry, and recreation (Ferris). Update was provided.
9. **Presentation**: PRW Spring/Summer 2025 Special Events (J. Bedon).* Presentation was provided.
10. **Discussion**: Update on Waterfront Parking TDM Study Addendum (L. McNulty).* Update was provided. Public Comment: a) Bill Feight; b) Julie Allen; c) Paul Kamen; d) Gordon Stout.
11. **Discussion**: Marina Fund Update (Ferris). Update was provided.
12. **Discussion/Action**: Proposed PRW Fee Increases FY2025 (Erickson).* Public Comment: a) Laurel; b) Paul Kamen; c) Kelly Hammargren. M/S/C to support increases for current programs, but need more time for marina fees, and create subcommittee to study marina fees (Allen and Claudia). Ayes: Abshez; Diehm; Kawczynska; Rybszynski; Noes: None: Absent: Cox; Cardile; Hurtado.
13. **Discussion**: Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Notice of Preparation (NOP) (Abshez).* Discussion was held.
14. **Information Reports**: Recent PRW Council Reports.*
15. **Future Agenda Items**: Update on Waterfront Specific Plan; Public Art in Aquatic Park (Lavvorn); Citywide Accessibility Plan; Locations for Dog Parks; Dog subcommittee.
16. **Communications**. R. Osevit, 2025-05-08; G. Reiger, 2025-05-09.
17. **Next PRW Commission meeting**: Wednesday, June 11, 2025.
18. **Adjournment**. 9:26pm.

* document is attached to agenda packet and on the commission website.

** document will be provided at the meeting.

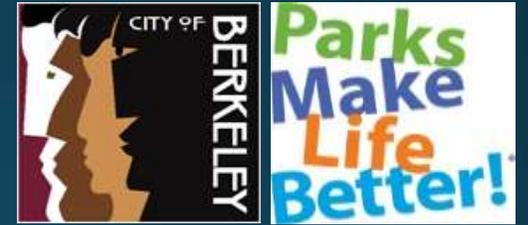
- Commissioners in attendance: 4 of 7 appointed.
- Public in attendance: 11
- Public speakers: 9

Approved minutes submitted by:



Roger Miller, Secretary, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Pier Replacement & Ferry Project Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission May 14, 2025



**WATER EMERGENCY
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR

Scoping Period

Item 10. Update - Waterfront Parking TDM Study Addend

- Notice of Preparation published on April 18, 2025
 - Announced at PRW Commission Meeting on April 9th
 - Published in Local Newspaper (Berkeley Voice)
 - Published on Project Website
 - Filed with County Clerk & State Clearinghouse
 - Emailed to >150 agencies, residents and stakeholders; hard copy to all jurisdictional agencies
- Public Scoping Meeting held May 5, 2025 (Zoom)
- Public Scoping Period Ends on May 19, 2025

EIR scoping comments should be directed in writing to:

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Parking & Transportation Demand Management: Key Findings

Item 10. Update - Waterfront Parking TDM Study Addend

March 12, 2025 Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission Meeting

City presented the Final Draft Parking & Transportation Demand Management Plan & Preliminary Parking Management Measures

Key Findings

- “Overflow parking can be established in locations that have low existing parking utilization ...at the Marina Boulevard lot or at the Skates/N Lot.”
- “...the combined overflow capacity at both the Marina Boulevard Lot and Skates / N Lot can easily accommodate the unmet demand.”
- “The City should implement a new wayfinding program before or concurrent with the launch of ferry service...”
- “the city must update parking regulations based on best uses for each parking lot at the Waterfront ... Appropriate parking regulations should be aligned with the preferred uses at each parking lot.”

Figure 5: Study Area with Year-One Parking Management Strategies

Parking Regulations will only allow shared Ferry commuter parking at:

Seawall Lot
Marina Blvd
Skates / N Lot



LEGEND

- Study Boundary
- Road
- Dock
- Path/Trail

- Slipholder Permit Parking
- Public Parking

- 1 Maximize parking at 199 Seawall Drive
- 2 Provide overflow parking at the Marina Blvd
- 3 Implement wayfinding plan

Parking & Transportation Demand Management

Key Questions

Key Questions:

1. How many days of mid-day car counts were included in the Draft Study?
2. Does the data collected in April – August, 2024, after the Study was initiated, impact the findings?

Pier Ferry Parking & TDM Plan

Existing Conditions: Data Sources

1. Existing Parking Inventory & Regulations

2. Parking Lot Utilization

- Over 18,000 Data Points (May, 2021 – February, 2024)
- Daily Parking Lot Counts at 10 am, 2 pm-4 pm (on weekends) and 8 pm

3. Parking Duration

- 5 Full Day Continuous Data Collection Periods (6 am – 9 pm on 3 weekdays & 2 Saturdays in Summer 2024)
- Sunday data collection to occur in Summer, 2025

4. Intercept Surveys

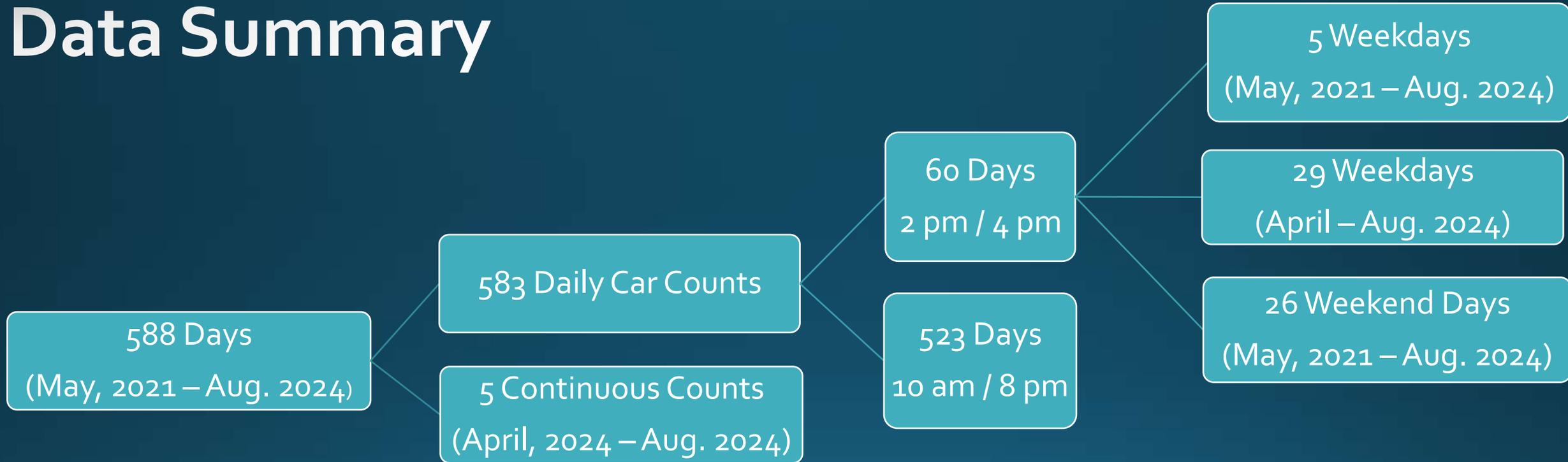
- 4 Weekdays & 3 Saturdays in Spring - Summer, 2024

What about data collected in April – August 2024?

How many days of mid-day counts were included in the Draft Study?

Parking & Transportation Demand Management Study & Addendum

Data Summary



Weekends

How many days of mid-day car counts were included in the Draft Study?

- Car Count Data presented in the Draft Study included mid-day car counts on **26 weekend days**
- Full-Day Continuous Data Collection (5:30 am – 9:30 pm) on **2 weekend days** (April 6, August 24)

Does the data collected in April – August, 2024, after the Study was initiated impact the findings regarding weekends?

No. April – August, 2024 data collection focused on weekdays. Only one partial mid-day weekend car count occurred during this period and it is consistent with the original data.

Weekend Mid-Day Data: Quality Counts Full-Day

Berkeley Waterfront Parking and Transportation Demand Management Plan DRAFT Addendum

Table 2: Weekend Parking Occupancy by Time of Day

Parking Lot	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	Capacity
D & E Lot	33	32	30	28	29	31	32	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #c8e6c9;"> Peak Occupancy (8 am – 6 pm) = 58 Available Stalls at Peak Occupancy = 92 </div>								129
F, G, H & I Lot	35	34	35	34	34	31	34	30									115
J & K Lot	65	71	71	74	81	80	85	91	93	93	93	87	91	82	75	92	
L & M Lot	34	36	34	36	32	35	44	47	51	47	49	44	41	36	32	34	91
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O Lot	44	45	45	46	55	64	58	56	59	62	63	68	65	41	42	39	72
Seawall Drive Lot	0	0	0	0	1	4	8	18	25	25	21	17	17	12	8	2	320
Seawall Drive	27	24	25	28	27	28	35	45	49	50	46	54	60	51	45	45	90
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South Cove East	0	1	8	26	42	73	92	87	81	82	79	65	52	44	26	9	96
South Cove West	33	34	34	38	44	72	84	88	85	86	83	33	25	10	5	86	
Spinnaker Way	7	17	28	44	56	69	91	81	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #c8e6c9;"> Peak Occupancy (8 am - 6 pm) = 62 Available Stalls = 75 </div>								127
Spinnaker Way Lot	5	8	10	13	17	24	23	21									36
Grand Total	333	347	372	448	489	583	685	705	717	718	700	676	640	563	530	451	1541

Source: Quality Counts data from 2024 compiled by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. 2025

Note: Darker Red lighted cells represent the higher parking occupancy number relative to capacity.

Weekend Parking Occupancy / Availability Summary

	Skates / N Lot	Marina Blvd	Seawall Lot	Total Spaces Available
Spaces Available per Quality Counts Data (Weekend)	75*	92*	250	417
Spaces Available during Peak Occupancy Weekend (2021 – 2024)	73	51	250	374
Spaces Available during Average Occupancy Weekend (2021 – 2024)	96	91	250	437

Summary of Weekend Demand for Parking Spaces:

- No paid parking (309-342 spaces)
- With paid parking (267-300 spaces)

The total spaces available exceed the maximum demand of 342 spaces in every scenario.

* Between 8 am – 6 pm, actual peak occupancy occurs at 8 pm

Weekdays

How many days of mid-day car counts were included in the Draft Study?

- Car Count Data presented in the Draft Study included mid-day car counts on ~5 weekdays
- Full-Day Continuous Data Collection on 3 weekdays (April 11, August 1, August 22)

Does the data collected in April – August, 2024, after the Study was initiated impact the findings regarding weekends?

No. April – August, 2024 collected mid-day data on 28 weekdays. The data confirms the availability of sufficient parking to accommodate shared use with Ferry parking at Marina Blvd and Skates/N Parking Lots.

Weekday Mid-Day Data: Quality Counts

Table 1: Weekday Parking Occupancy by Time of Day

Parking Lot	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	Capacity							
D & E Lot	30	30	29	27	27	28	28	29	29	27	28	25	29	28	28	27	129							
F, G, H & I Lot	52	53	50	50	48	40	41	45	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #c8e6c9;"> Peak Occupancy = 67 Available Stalls at Peak Occupancy = 83 </div>								115							
J & K Lot	37	38	42	43	44	48	58	58									92							
L & M Lot	36	39	37	37	45	46	45	47									44	40	41	49	55	32	32	91
O Lot	42	41	37	36	36	39	42	44									42	37	37	36	38	58	60	56
Seawall Drive Lot	0	3	3	5	6	4	1	3	2	3	5	3	4	5	4	1	320							
Seawall Drive	28	26	24	32	26	27	26	33	36	41	39	38	37	41	49	45	90							
South Cove East	0	0	2	11	27	34	36	47	54	56	61	74	65	54	40	28	96							
South Cove West	20	25	50	62	69	73	74	80	79	57	37	24	17	12	86									
Spinnaker Way	18	19	30	33	38	41	47	51	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #c8e6c9;"> Peak Occupancy (8 am – 6 pm) = 57 Available Stalls = 80 </div>								127							
Spinnaker Way Lot	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	7									560	536	538	534	537	562	533	427
Grand Total	314	325	356	394	433	450	482	548	560	536	538	534	537	562	533	427	1541							

Source: Quality Counts data from 2024 compiled by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. 2025

Note: Darker red cells represent the higher parking occupancy number relative to capacity.

Weekday Data: April – August, 2024 (28 weekdays)

Berkeley Waterfront Parking and Transportation Demand Management Plan
Figure 3: Peak Weekday vs Average Weekday Midday Parking Counts

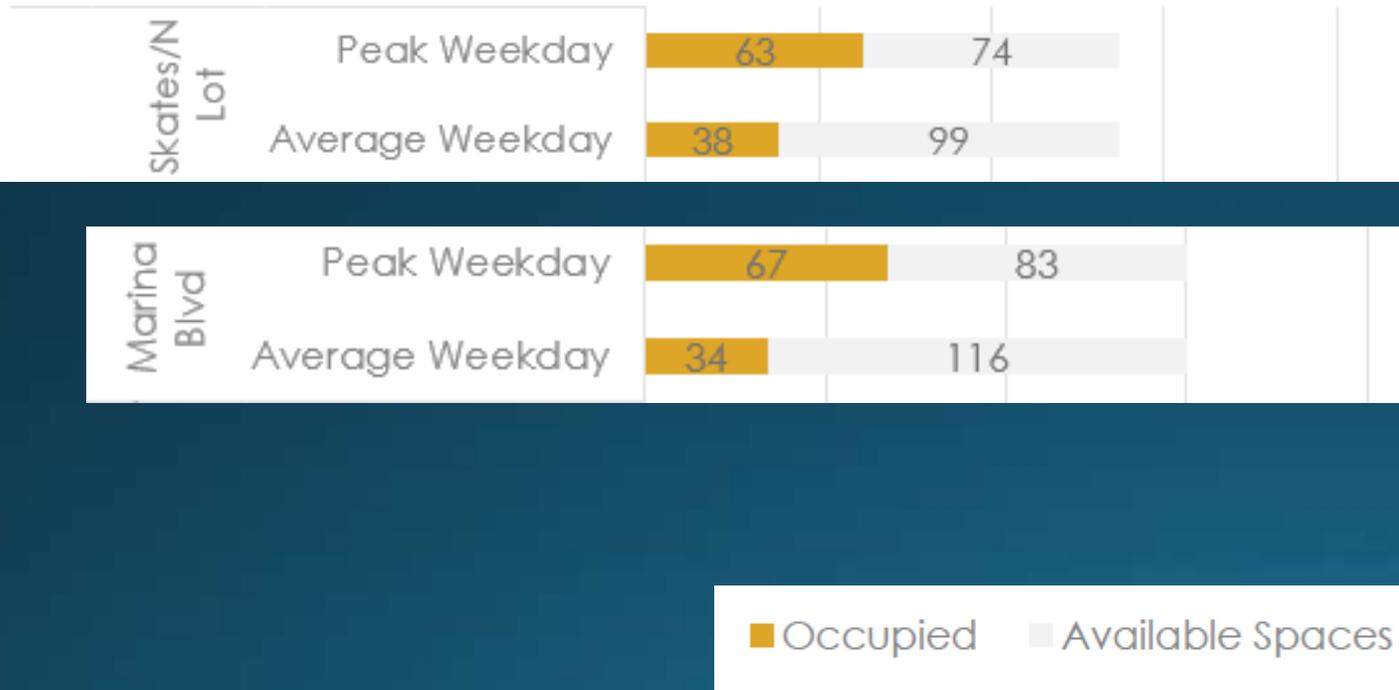
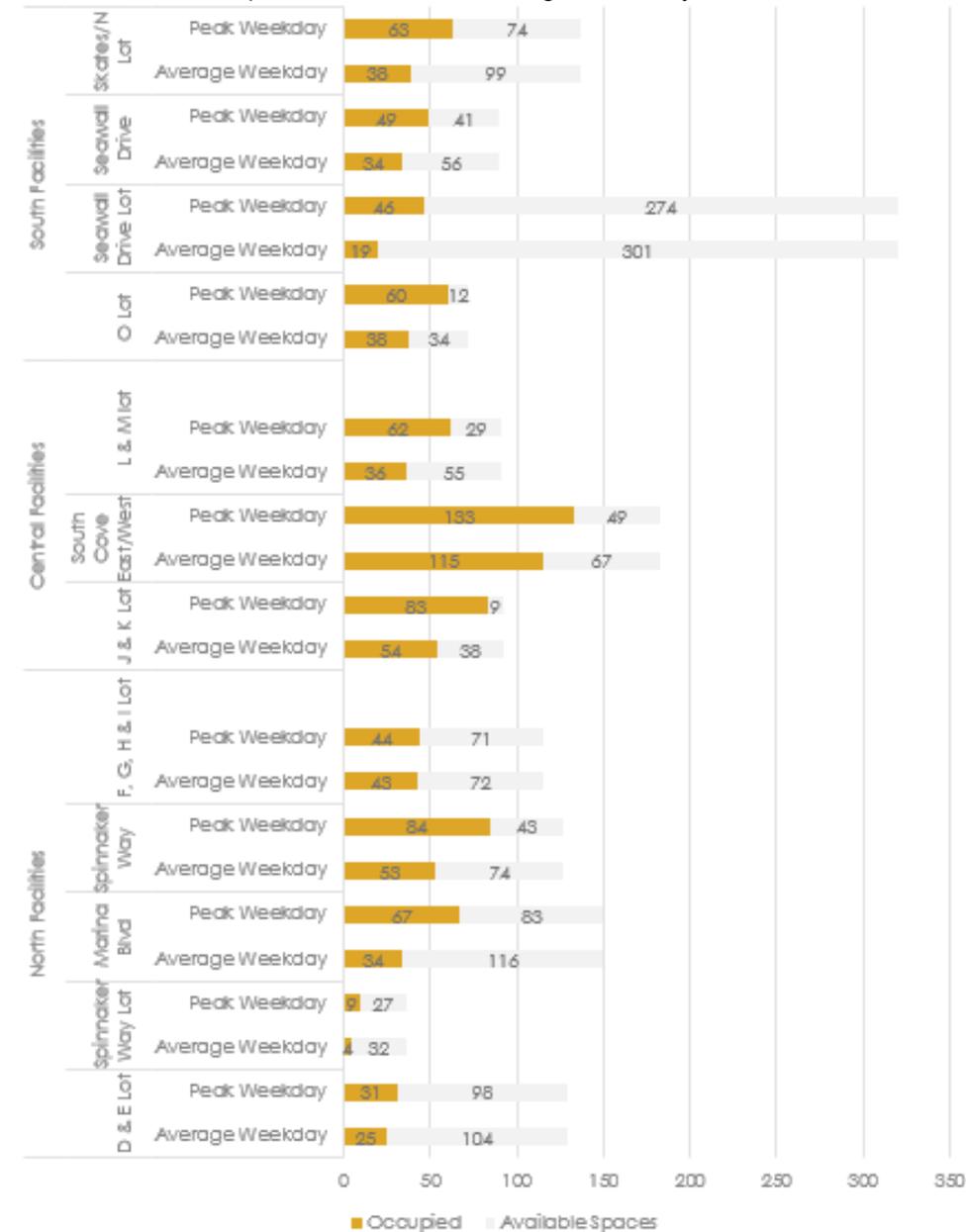


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Weekday Parking Occupancy / Availability Summary

	Skates / N Lot	Marina Blvd	Seawall Lot	Total Spaces Available
Spaces Available during Peak Weekday (2021 – 2024)	106	91	250	447
Spaces Available during Average Weekday (2021 – 2024)	127	109	250	486
Spaces Available during Mid-Day Weekdays, Peak (April-Aug 2024)	74	83	250	407
Spaces Available during Mid-Day Weekdays, Average (April – Aug 2024)	99	116	250	465
Quality Counts Data (Weekday)	80*	83	250	413

Summary of Weekday Demand for Parking Spaces:

- No paid parking (356 – 389 spaces)
- With paid parking (314 – 347 spaces)

The total spaces available exceed the maximum demand of 389 spaces in every scenario.

* Between 8 am – 6 pm, actual peak occupancy occurs at 8 pm

Next Steps for Pier Ferry Parking & Transportation Demand Management

- Continue the design of Seawall Parking Lot (Alternative 2) and TDM Improvements for Bicycle, Pedestrian, Transit and Bay Trail Extension Infrastructure
- Develop Signage Program for Wayfinding and Parking Management
- Develop Parking Regulations to limit Ferry Commuter Parking to Seawall, Marina Blvd and Skates/N Lots



Questions?



New Electrical Transformer
Gate
Canopy Shelter
Ferry Terminals
Pier
Breakwater

Plaza
Bike Lockers
Bus Stop
Restroom

Parking Lot
(see 4 drawings)

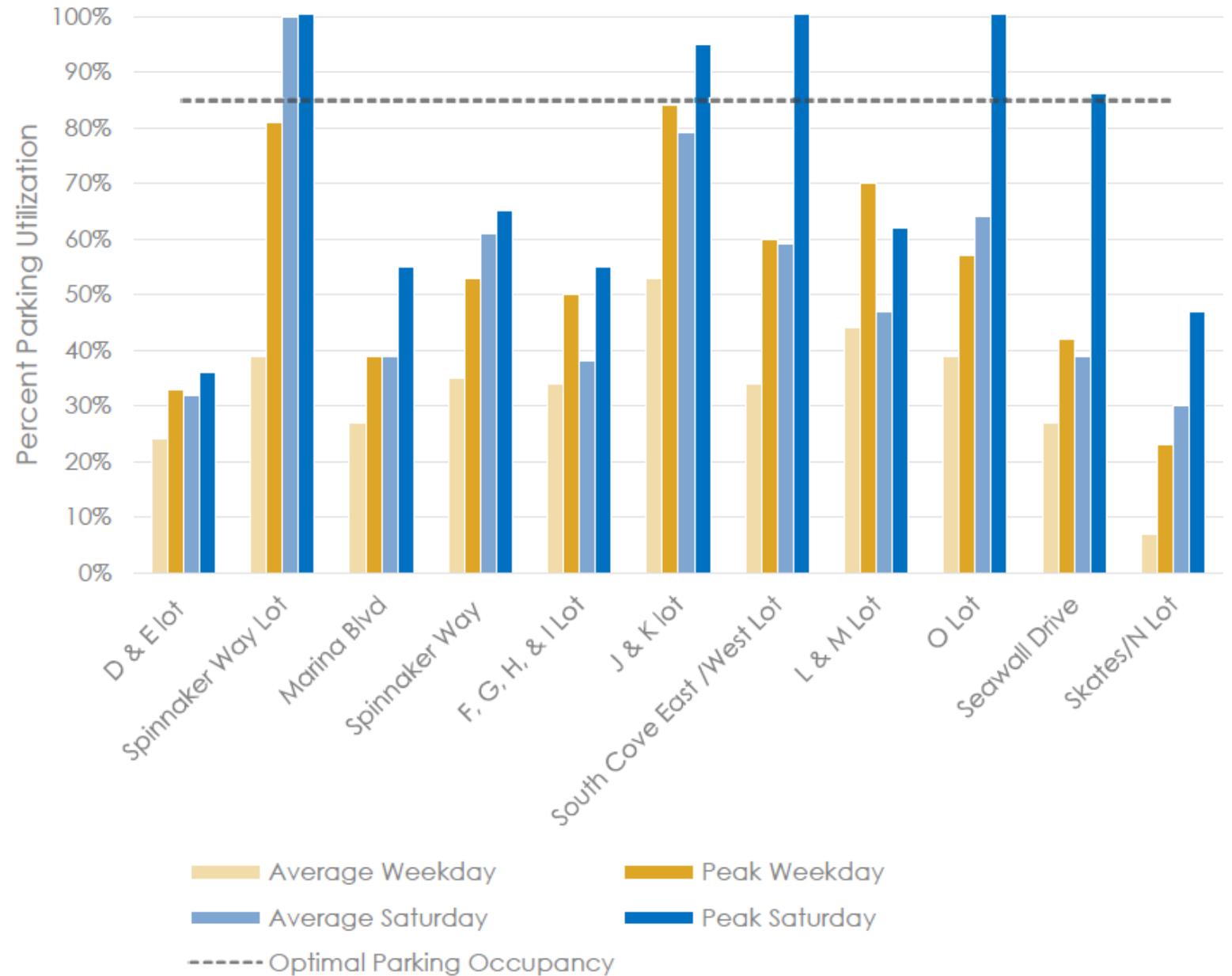
Pedestrian Access Ramp

Raised Cycletrack

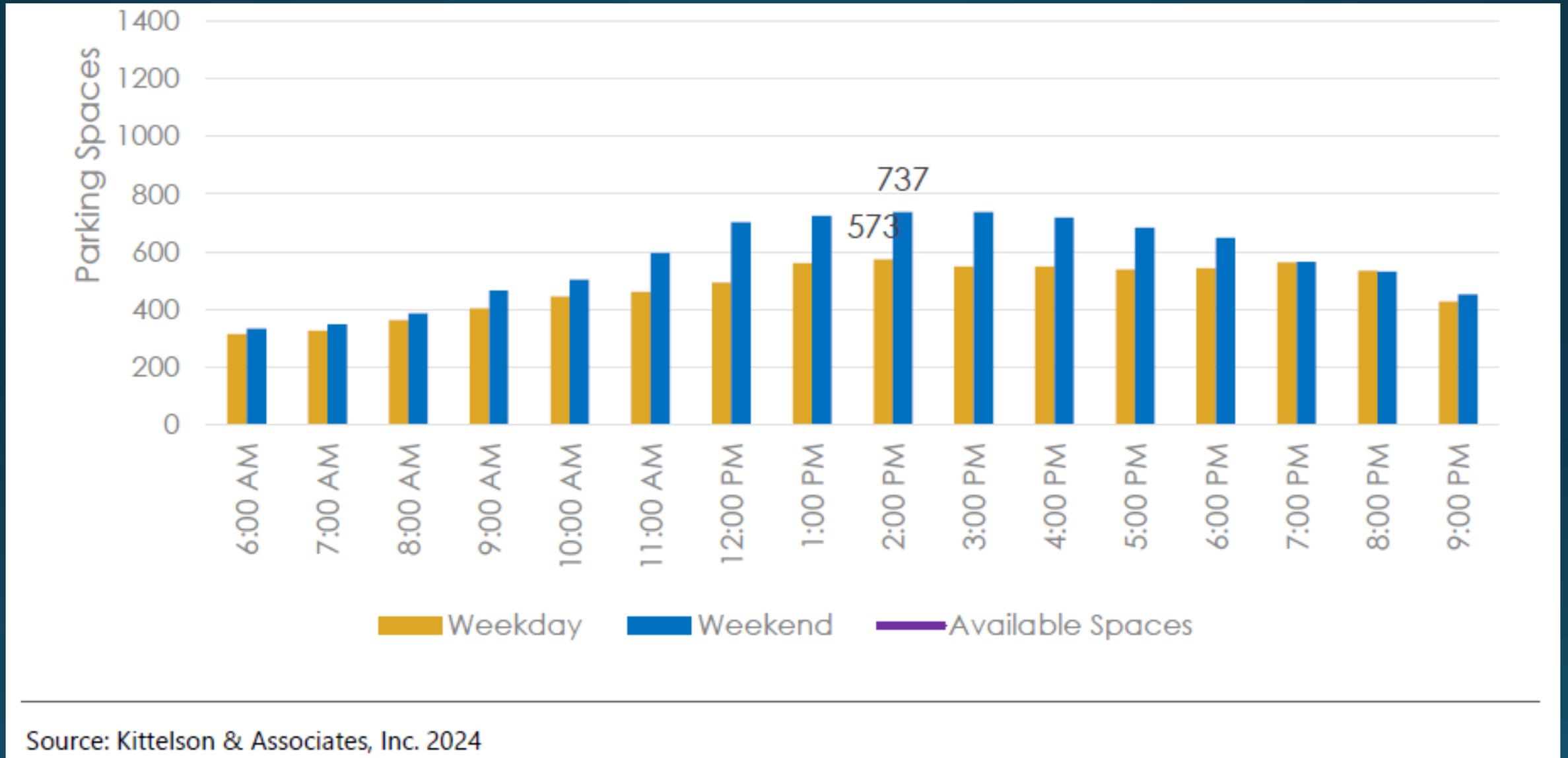
Existing Conditions: Average & Peak Parking Utilization

Figure 3: Average and Peak Utilization by Lot

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Existing Conditions: Time of Day



	Existing	Scenario 1 No Paid Parking	Scenario 2 Some Paid Parking	Scenario 3 All Full-Day Paid Parking
Spinnaker Way Lot	Baseline Restrictions*	Free 4-hr time limited	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
Marina Blvd	Baseline Restrictions*	Free Full Day Parking	Same as Scenario 1	Paid Full-Day Parking
Spinnaker Way	Baseline Restrictions*	Free 4-hr time limited	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
J&K**	Permit only 12 am – 10 am	Permit parking only 12 am – 10 am Free Full Day Parking after 10 am	Same as Scenario 1	Paid Full-Day Parking Free parking with Permit Only
South Cove East	No parking 11 pm – 9 am except Saturday & Sunday	Free 4-hr time limited	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
South Cove West	Baseline Restrictions*	Permit parking only 12 am – 10 am Free Full Day Parking after 10 am	Same as Scenario 1	Paid Full-Day Parking Free parking with Permit Only
L&M**	Permit only weekends 8 pm – 10 am weekdays	Permit only weekends Permit only 12 am–10 am weekdays Free Full Day Parking after 10 am	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
O**	Permit only 2 am – 9 am weekdays; 2 am – 6 am weekends	Permit only 12 am – 10 am Free Full Day Parking after 10 am	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
Skates / N	Permit parking only 12 am – 10 am	Permit only 12 am – 10 am Free Full Day Parking after 10 am Limited Free Full Day Parking	Partial Permit only 12 am – 10 am Free Full Day Parking after 10 am Partial Paid Full Day Parking	Free 4-hr time limited Limited Paid Full-Day Parking
Seawall Drive	Baseline Restrictions*	Free 4-hr time limited	Same as Scenario 1	Same as Scenario 1
Seawall Lot	Baseline Restrictions* when open (high demand only)	Free Full Day Parking	Free 4-hr time limited Paid Full Day Parking	Paid Full Day Parking

Does not include slip-holder only lots (D&E, F&G, H&I) where no changes are proposed, does not include dry boat storage
 * Baseline Restrictions include overnight restrictions (which vary by lot) and 72-hr Parking Limits (which applies to all waterfront parking lots)
 ** No changes to slip holder access