

## Parking Study Examines Current and Future Needs

In preparation for Downtown Phase II, the City of Hudson hired Walker Parking Consultants to perform a downtown parking study to determine parking needs for the Phase II project, as well as current parking conditions on North Main Street and in First and Main.

### Draft Parking Study Findings

The study looked at a variety of potential issues in the downtown, including existing employee parking, alternative parking areas, possible agreements with private property parking lots, the need for additional parking structures, better signage of public lots, and metered/paid parking and timed parking.

The study found:

- There are enough parking spaces available in the downtown and immediate areas. However, utilization of various parking areas is not even distributed.
- The study recommended the City work to expand shared parking opportunities for existing private parking lots not used during peak times.
- Greater parking turnover is needed within the core downtown parking spaces. Regulating turnover would require a mix of short-term and long-term spaces, and increased enforcement.
- Expanding the promotion of available long-term parking was suggested.
- Better signage is needed to guide employees and visitors in the downtown to available parking.

This parking study and a traffic study that was also performed are a key elements that will be used to refine the Downtown Phase II Concept Plan as the project moves forward toward development in 2018.

[Click here to view the Draft Downtown Parking Study.](#)

## SMART PARKING

### DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY RESULTS

- 1. PLENTY OF PARKING**

Adequate number of parking spaces, but not evenly distributed.


- 2. USE PRIVATE LOTS**

Expand shared parking opportunities with private lots not used during peak times.


- 3. INCREASE TURNOVER**

Regulate turnover with a mix of short-term and long-term spaces and increased enforcement.


- 4. USE LONG-TERM LOTS**

Expand promotion of available long-term parking areas to encourage use.


- 5. IMPROVE SIGNAGE**

Expand signage to guide employees and visitors to available parking.



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