

Section VII: Summary

Spokane has done a good job in managing its parking assets to this point in time. What is lacking is a clear, flexible and consensus based blueprint for using parking management to support and facilitate the longer-term strategic vision. This plan provides that blueprint. It will serve as a guide to maximizing the City's existing parking resources and as a means to assure cost effective solutions for access, which includes new parking supply and transportation demand management programs and strategies.

This parking management plan defines the intended use and purpose of the parking system; manages the supply and enforces the parking policies; monitors the use and responds to changes in demand; and, maintains the intended function of the overall system.

In addition, the City of Spokane is striving to promote growth that fits into the future vision of *The Plan for a New Downtown* and is consistent with future transportation goals. In light of these issues, the parking management plan is intended to promote sustainable economic vitality through sound parking management for customers and visitors to Downtown, while also providing a framework that is supportive of other alternative mode programs for access.

This plan has been developed to build upon guiding principles and operating principles that are based on the fundamental values and objectives for Downtown Spokane. The parking management strategies were identified to optimize the use of existing parking in Downtown Spokane. These strategies include policy, zone specific and on-going area wide strategy recommendations. The success of the plan is dependent upon its adoption, including the guiding principles and operating principles. Adoption of the plan will be essential to implementation.

It is apparent that as Downtown Spokane grows, so too will demand for parking. New development, a faster pace of trip growth, losses of current parking supply on surface lots, parking and transportation demand management programs and/or other events can work to accelerate or moderate the need for new parking supply.

In summary, the plan developed through this process recognizes the importance of parking and access in the success of downtown's economic development future. The plan and its associated strategies provide a context from which coordinated and strategic parking management can begin.