San Francisco Parking Supply and Utilization Study

Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda Item 8

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Follow-up for Mobility, Access and Pricing Study

- Parking Supply and Utilization Study (PSUS) key recommendation from adoption of Mobility Access and Pricing Study (MAPS)
 - Funded through FHWA/VPPP, regional, and local sales tax
 - Can parking management/pricing be an alternative or complement to cordon based pricing for congestion management?
 - Study focus on commercial, offstreet
- Part of larger demand management approach



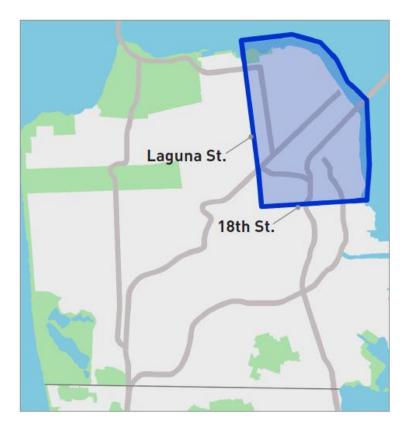
San Francisco Mobility, Access, and Pricing Study



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Key goals for study

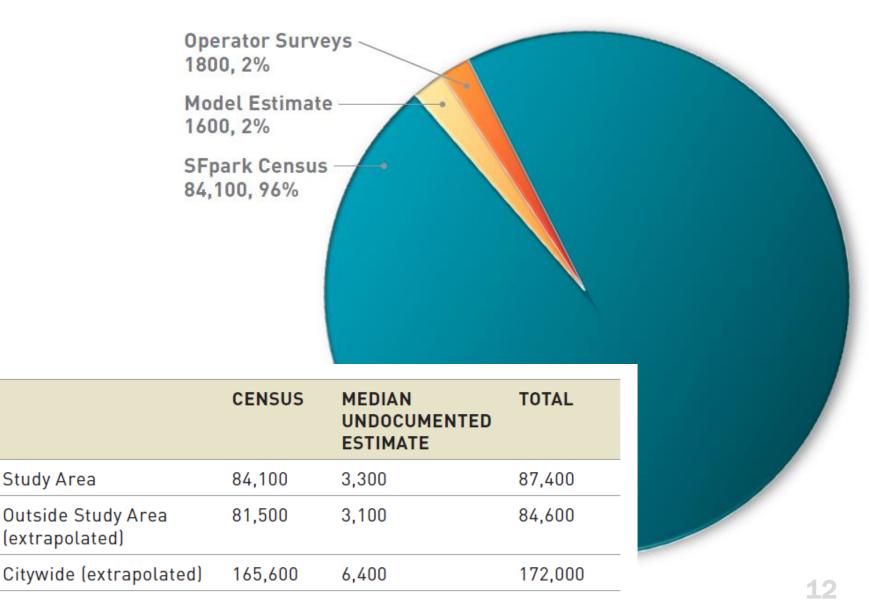
- Answer question: Can parking management/pricing be an alternative or complement to cordon pricing for managing demand?
 - Focus on commercial, offstreet parking in downtown
- Evaluation focused on changing mode and reducing congestion (Mode Share, VMT, and VHD); time shift
- Also estimate off-street supply not counted in SFpark census



13 Strategies Evaluated

CATEGORY	STRATEGY	TIME PERIOD
Fee-Based	Annual fee required to be passed along to driver	24-Hour
Fee-Based	Universal parking access fee	AM/PM Peak or All-Day
Fee-Based	Flat all-day fee	All-Day
Fee-Based	Flat peak fee	AM/PM Peak
Bulk Discount Elimination	Monthly and hourly discount elimination	24-Hour
Bulk Discount Elimination	Monthly discount elimination	24-Hour
Bulk Discount Elimination	Parking sales tax bulk discount elimination incentive	24-Hour
Bulk Discount Elimination	Parking fee bulk discount elimination incentive	24-Hour
Supply	SFMTA garage redevelopment	24-Hour
Supply	Parking supply cap	24-Hour
Supply	Parking supply cap and trade	24-Hour
Cashout	Increased cashout enforcement	24-Hour
Cashout	Expanded cashout law	24-Hour

Little new off-street parking discovered



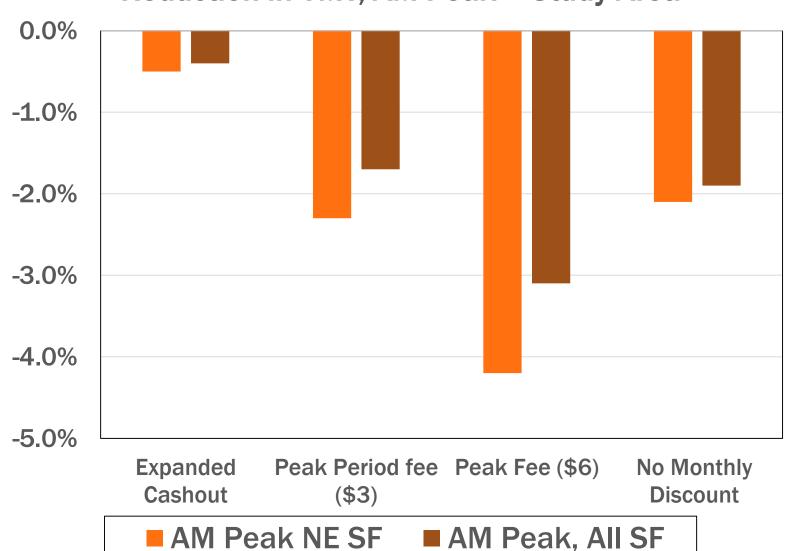
Evaluation Framework

- Congestion Metrics
 - VMT and VHD
 - Mode share
- Focus in downtown





Finding: Parking strategies have modest effect on congestion

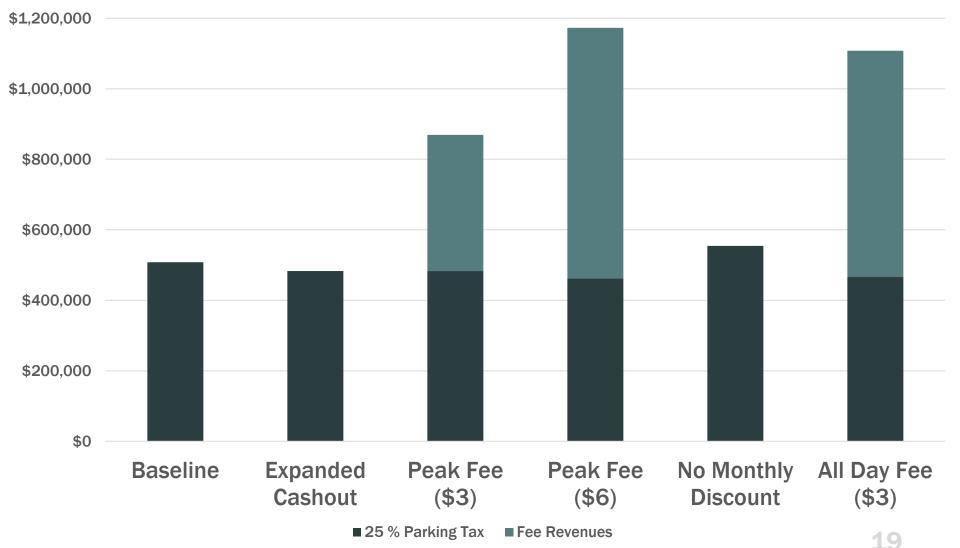


Reduction in VMT, AM Peak – Study Area

Finding: Scenarios generate revenues

BACKGROUND> SCREENING> SUPPLY> MODEL DEV> FINDINGS

Daily City of San Francisco Parking Revenues



Conclusion: Parking demand management helps meets SF

goals, but better tools exist for managing areawide congestion BACKGROUND> SCREENING> SUPPLY> MODEL DEV> FINDINGS

- Parking beneficial for local congestion/VMT
- Significant portion of traffic in peak would be exempt from parking fee versus cordon based pricing
 - Pass-through and residential



Other challenges with parking approaches

- Parking operator has different priorities
- Political acceptance
- Enforcement challenges
 - Technology/ Privacy
- Legislative and legal hurdles



Next Steps

- Outreach to stakeholders (May/June)
- Finalize report/results (June)
- Study approval (June/July)
- Continue development of other parking and pricing initiatives
 - Parking
 - Transportation Sustainability Program
 - On-street parking policies
 - Pricing
 - Treasure Island
 - Freeway Corridor Management Study
 - BART Incentives

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