

Timeline for Development of Comprehensive Downtown Dover Parking Solution

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- Separate city parking authority existed through 2008.
- Parking oversight became part of Downtown Dover Partnership (DDP) in 2008; DDP Parking Committee formed.
- *Downtown Dover Parking Study* completed by Dover/Kent County MPO (January 2018)
- DDP parking garage RFP issued by City of Dover to address perceived lack of parking. Finding: parking garage too costly. (2019)
- Parking remains an ongoing source of negative perception and complaints of insufficient parking and confusion among shoppers and investors alike.
- To develop a unified solution, in Fall 2019 the DDP requested and received permission from the City to explore creation of a holistic parking solution for the central business district.
- October 2020, DDP received permission to include the City's on-street right-of-way parking inventory in the overall parking solution.
- June 2020: RFI (Request For Information) process completed. Colonial Parking Inc. was selected through the nationwide search and review by stakeholder committee and DDP board of directors.
- November 2020: Public/private process launched to develop comprehensive parking solution; many public comments heard.
- December: No meeting held due to proximity to holiday and likely merchant inability to attend.
- January 2021: Discussed businesses anticipated to open 2021, Loockerman Way Plaza anticipated groundbreaking, and need for parking plan to be in place; concept of Parking Benefit District/Old Pasadena, CA; combination of paid/free parking; desire to compare similar cities; use of alleyways/connectors; need for enforcement to create turnover bringing efficiency and convenience to users; many public comments heard.
- February: Guest speaker from Old Pasadena (OP) presented. In OP revenue is used to revitalize district, use of bond-fund and projects; many public comments heard. Need for, and value of, development of proactive parking solution emphasized again.
- March: Implementation of downtown lighting underway. Comprehensive survey was distributed for entire month, and results analyzed. Preliminary results presented midway through survey.
- April: Presentation of survey results and preliminary parking management plan (Chris Hankins, Colonial Parking); public comments to be heard.
- Two public meetings (in addition to all DDP Parking Committee meetings, which are public) will be scheduled, dates to be determined.
- Anticipated completion of parking plan development: latter half of 2021
- Implementation date: Undetermined

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in the development of the parking solution.

Public monthly meetings take place via Zoom at noon on the third Wednesday of each month.

For project updates and meeting information, visit: [Tinyurl.com/DoverParkingSolutions](https://www.tinyurl.com/DoverParkingSolutions)



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