

Transportation Commission December 7, 2022

Ferry Terminal Parking Pricing
Strategy



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Staff Recommendation

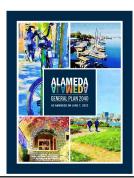
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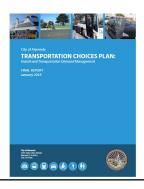


City Policy Requires Paid Parking at Ferries

Plans calling for paid parking at ferry terminals:

- General Plan (2021)
- Transportation Choices Plan (2018)
- Alameda Point Transportation Management Plan (2014)









Demand-Based Parking Pricing

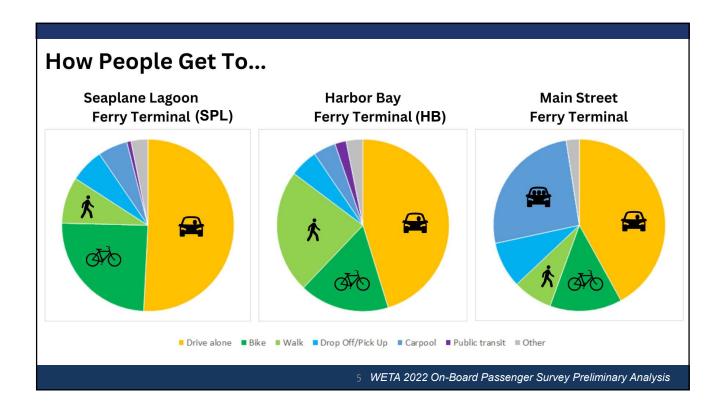
Demand-Based Parking Pricing

- Set parking rates based on parking demand
- Goal: ensure open parking spaces & reduce congestion
- Periodic, incremental rate changes:
 - Prices rise when parking spots are too full
 - Prices decrease when spots are too empty

Alameda plans/policies calling for demand-based parking pricing

- General Plan (2021)
- Alameda Municipal Code 12-4.5 (updated 2020)
- Transportation Choices Plan (2018)
- 85% parking occupancy goal (2014)





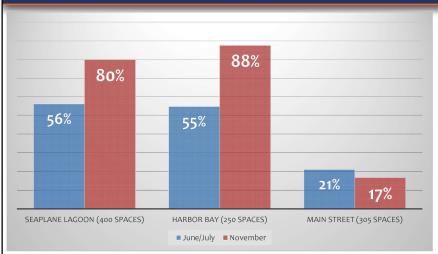
Ferry Ridership Increasing

- July 2021-June 2022 overall: 50% of prepandemic ridership but saw big increases in spring 2022
- Recovery outpacing other regional transit operators
- Beginning March 2022: largest increases in ferry ridership since pandemic
- Weekday ridership continues to increase, led by Seaplane Lagoon
- Oct 2022: 5 new midday trips added to SPL













Goals/Strategies

Reduce commute hour drive alone trips:

\$3.00 baseline fee at SPL & HB

Maintain parking availability for ferry riders:

Shift prices based on demand



Seaplane & Harbor Bay Pricing Proposal

Rate type	Min.	Max*	Price reduction threshold	Price increase threshold	Maximum frequency of price changes
Daily	\$3/day	\$7/day	Price decreases \$1.00 when occupancy is 60% or lower after last morning ferry (but not below \$3.00 minimum)	Price increases \$1.00 when occupancy is 90% or higher after last morning ferry (up to given maximum)	Quarterly
Hourly	\$0.75/ hour	\$2.50/ hour	Set price based on daily rate, rate equals the daily rate.	Quarterly	

* Maximum rate without a needs-based low-income daily parking pass.

Main Street Proposal: No Paid Parking Yet

Rate Type	Minimum	Max.*	Price reduction threshold	Price increase threshold	Maximum frequency of price changes
Daily	FREE PARKING until parking occupancy is 85% two quarters in a row. If pricing begins, \$2.00/day minimum	\$7/day	Price decreases \$0.50 when occupancy is 60% or lower at peak	Price increases \$0.50 when occupancy is 90% or higher at peak	After two years, revert back to free parking if parking occupancy is below 60% for three quarters in a row (inclusive of quarters during the second year).
Hourly	If pricing begins: \$2.50/hour \$0.50/hour		Set price based on daily rate, so that 4 hours at hourly rate matches the daily rate.		Quarterly; see above.

Permits & Exemptions

Promote equity: Implement low-income rate program as soon as feasible

Support carshare: No payment for point-to-point carshare services with fleets of vehicles used 100% for carshare

Don't encourage daily driving: No regular monthly permits

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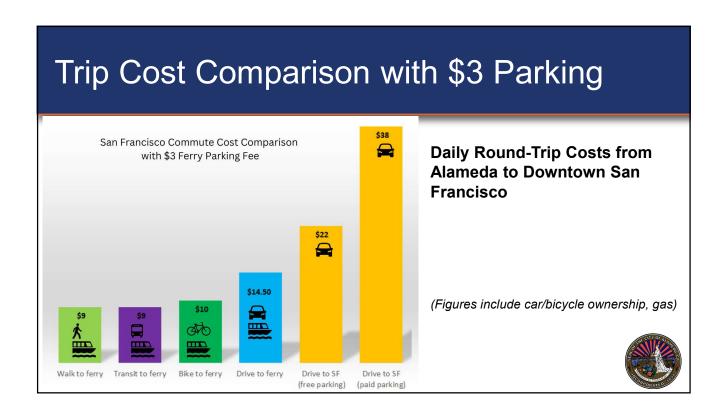
Current Rates at Area Transit Lots

Location	Daily Rate
BART Fruitvale, Lake Merritt, & Coliseum	\$3.55
BART West Oakland	\$12.40
Caltrain system-wide	\$5.50
AC Transit Richmond Parkway Transit Center	\$3.00
Golden Gate Ferry (Larkspur)	\$2.00
Vallejo Ferry	\$8.00
Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	\$3.00

Free parking:

- Jack London Square ferry
- Richmond Ferry Terminal





Payment & Communication

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Remote/after boarding: app, browser, phone call
- In person/before boarding: pay station
- · Payment tied to license plate

OUTREACH

- Flyers on vehicles
- On-board communications
- Press release
- Social media posts
- · Web updates fleets





Presentation to the Transportation Commission, 12/7/2022

Cost/Revenue Estimates

Item	Seap	lane Lagoon	Hark	oor Bay	Ongoing	
Paid parking revenues	\$	180,000	\$	120,000	Annual	
Citation revenues		99,000	\$	66,000	Annual	
Pay station purchases		(36,500)	\$	(21,900)	Up-front	
Pay station data fees	\$	(1,500)	\$	(900)	Annual	
Mobile payment provider	\$	-	\$	-	Annual	
Parking signage		(5,000)	\$	(4,000)	Up-front	
Outreach design and printing		(1,500)	\$	(1,500)	Annual	
Enforcement ongoing		(65,000)	\$	(65,000)	Annual	
Enforcement capital*		(71,000)	\$	-	Up-front	
Operator for maintenance, pay station management/collections,		(20,000)	\$	(20,000)	Annual	
payroll costs only						
Lot maintenance capital funds		(5,000)	\$	(4,000)	Annual	
Lot sweeping 2x/month		(9,600)	\$	(4,800)	Annual	
Parking occupancy data collection		(3,200)	\$	(2,800)	Annual	
Staff management for operations, enforcement, & demand		(20,000)	\$	(20,000)	Annual	
responsive pricing						
Net Year 1	\$	40,700	\$	41,100		
Annual net Year 2+ with no price/occupancy changes	\$	153,200	\$	67,000		
*Revenue estimates attribute enforcement capital costs to SPL, but would be used in both lots						



Revenues/Costs in Parking Fund

City Parking Fund

- Covers ferry lot maintenance, security, equipment, enforcement
- Holistic fund includes all parking program costs/revenues
- Fund not yet revenue-positive; when it is, City Council can determine best use of funds



Managing Spillover Parking

Seaplane Lagoon

- Monitor area parking occupancies
- Implement time limited parking as needed
- · Consider an on-street daily parking permit
- If ferry lot price nears \$7, explore sites for overflow lot

Harbor Bay

- Additional enforcement of existing Residential Parking Permit area
- Annual permit fees pay for enforcement and signage

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Next Steps

- Early 2023: City Council endorsement
- Spring 2023: Paid parking at Seaplane Lagoon
- Later 2023: Paid parking at Harbor Bay later in year



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