



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6336
September 19, 2023
Public Hearing**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6336: Public Hearing on draft Town Center Parking Study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Conduct the public hearing and receive staff update on project timing.	

DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
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COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Draft Town Center Parking Study
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to conduct a public hearing on the draft Town Center Parking Study (Exhibit 1) and update the City Council on next steps for adopting the Study by the end of 2023.

- On July 5, 2023, the City Council resumed the process to adopt the Town Center Parking Study ([AB 6291](#)).
- The public comment period opened with the publication of the draft Study on July 31 and concludes with the public hearing at the City Council meeting on September 19, 2023.
- Public comments have been collected through Let’s Talk and via e-mail (see [Let’s Talk](#) for more details).
- Following the public hearing, staff will provide a brief update on the timeline for completing adoption of the Study by the end of 2023.

BACKGROUND

On July 5, 2023, the City Council directed staff to resume the process to adopt the Town Center Parking Study (Exhibit 1). The Study is informed by parking inventory and usage data as well as community input collected from March to September 2022. It includes strategies to achieve the following goals identified by the Council:

1. Create a parking program that activates Town Center, supports small businesses, and enhances the Town Center visitor experience.
2. Ensure Mercer Island residents have priority access to public transportation.
3. Determine if on-site commercial and multi-family residential parking is adequately supplied and utilized. Identify options for increasing and/or regulating its use.

Once adopted, the Study will be used to develop and implement City workplan items related to improving and enhancing Town Center parking.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The public comment period opened with the publication of the draft Study on Let's Talk on July 31, 2023. Community members were invited to provide feedback in the following ways:

- Post comments on Let's Talk using the Comment Forum created for the draft.
- E-mail comments directly to City staff.
- Participate in the public hearing tonight.

Staff promoted the public comment opportunities through the MI Weekly, the *Mercer Island Reporter*, and direct outreach to the Chamber of Commerce and Town Center businesses, property owners, and property managers. The public hearing at the City Council meeting on September 19, 2023, concludes the public comment period.

Following the public hearing, staff will provide a brief update on the remaining timeline for adopting the Town Center Parking Study, which staff anticipate completing by the end of 2023.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will compile comments received during the September 19 public hearing, collate them with other public comments, and present common themes for Council discussion at the October 17, 2023, City Council Meeting. City Council members are encouraged to send questions, suggested edits, and other comments to staff ahead of the October discussion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Conduct the public hearing and receive staff update on project timing.