

CWNA Response to ETMA Request on Uniform Parking January 2004

1. **Current parking impacts (and restrictions) in the area.** Cambridge Woods for the most part consists of 2-hour parking limits. There is a long stretch of 1-hour limit along western portion of Oakland Avenue until you reach metered areas along commercial strips. There are also two short segments of one 30-minute and one 3-hour limits near commercial zones. The two blocks closest to UWM are heavily parked and the neighborhood is also impacted by vehicles from Riverside High School on southern side.

The neighborhood is subject to heavy cut-through traffic, and has implemented some traffic-calming measures to counter this impact. These measures have resulted in marginal improvements and the neighborhood has provided some recommendations for improvement to the City.

2. **How a uniform program could (depending on the scenario) affect the neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods.** CWNA feels that providing free long-term, on-street parking, would not encourage the reduction of vehicles coming into the area. Long-term parking limits would serve as a disincentive for use of transit, on-campus or remote parking use.

Car jockeying or circulation for open parking spaces is likely to remain under any scenario, and has more to do with proximity demand. Shorter-term limits may serve as a discouragement and provide nearby residents the opportunity to locate parking during the day.

Any uniform parking should be consistent throughout the UWM Commuter Impacted Area and should not disadvantage another area, block, or neighborhood.

3. **What would be an unacceptable proposal and process?** Any time restrictions longer than 2-hour limits.
4. **What would be an acceptable proposal and process?** CWNA recognizes the interest to reduce the number of parking restrictions in the UWM area to lessen confusion to users and improvement of enforcement. Improvements to enforcement should be specified and the merits of tying a Uniform Parking program to the Resident Parking Permit program should be explored.

The decision whether to include a 1-hour band, or have entire area a solid 2-hour limit is where uniformity should focus on, taking in the considerations of all surrounding areas.