



Agenda

Committee of the Whole Meeting

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, June 2, 2025

5:00 PM

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- B. COMMUNICATIONS**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- D. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**
- E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
- F. WORK SESSION**
 - 1. Downtown Parking Update
 - 2. Transformational Brownfield Plan - Project Overview
- G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- H. ADJOURNMENT**

Downtown Kalamazoo

2025 Parking Updates



Initiatives

Optimize Parking Availability

- Two-Tiered On-Street Pricing
- New Parking Meters
- Improved Barrier-Free Parking



PARKING+

A Mobility-Centered Parking Management Plan
for Downtown Kalamazoo

Strategic Blueprint + Action Plan

June 2019



+ MKSK + Mission North

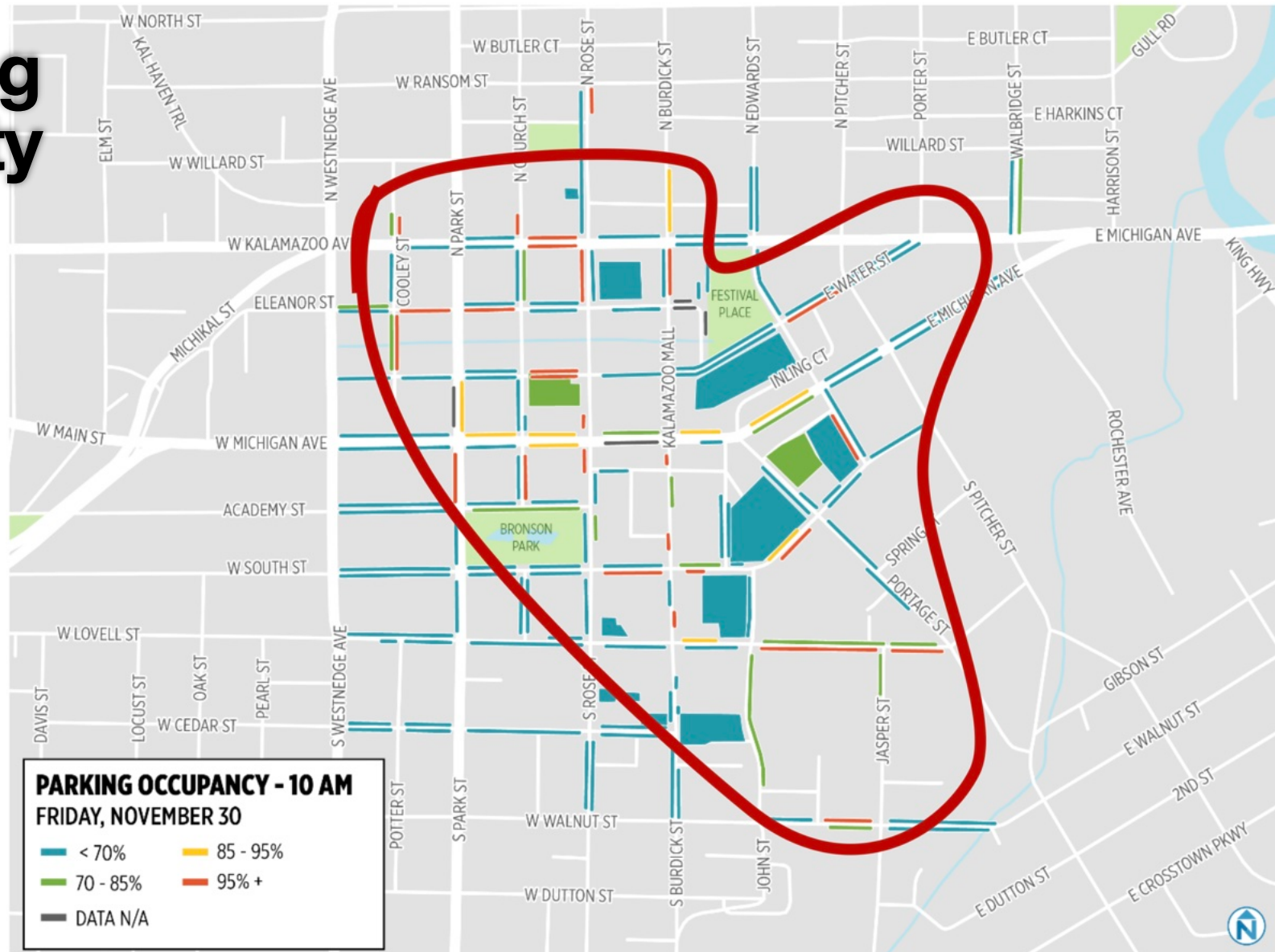
2019 Recommendation



Measuring Availability

2018

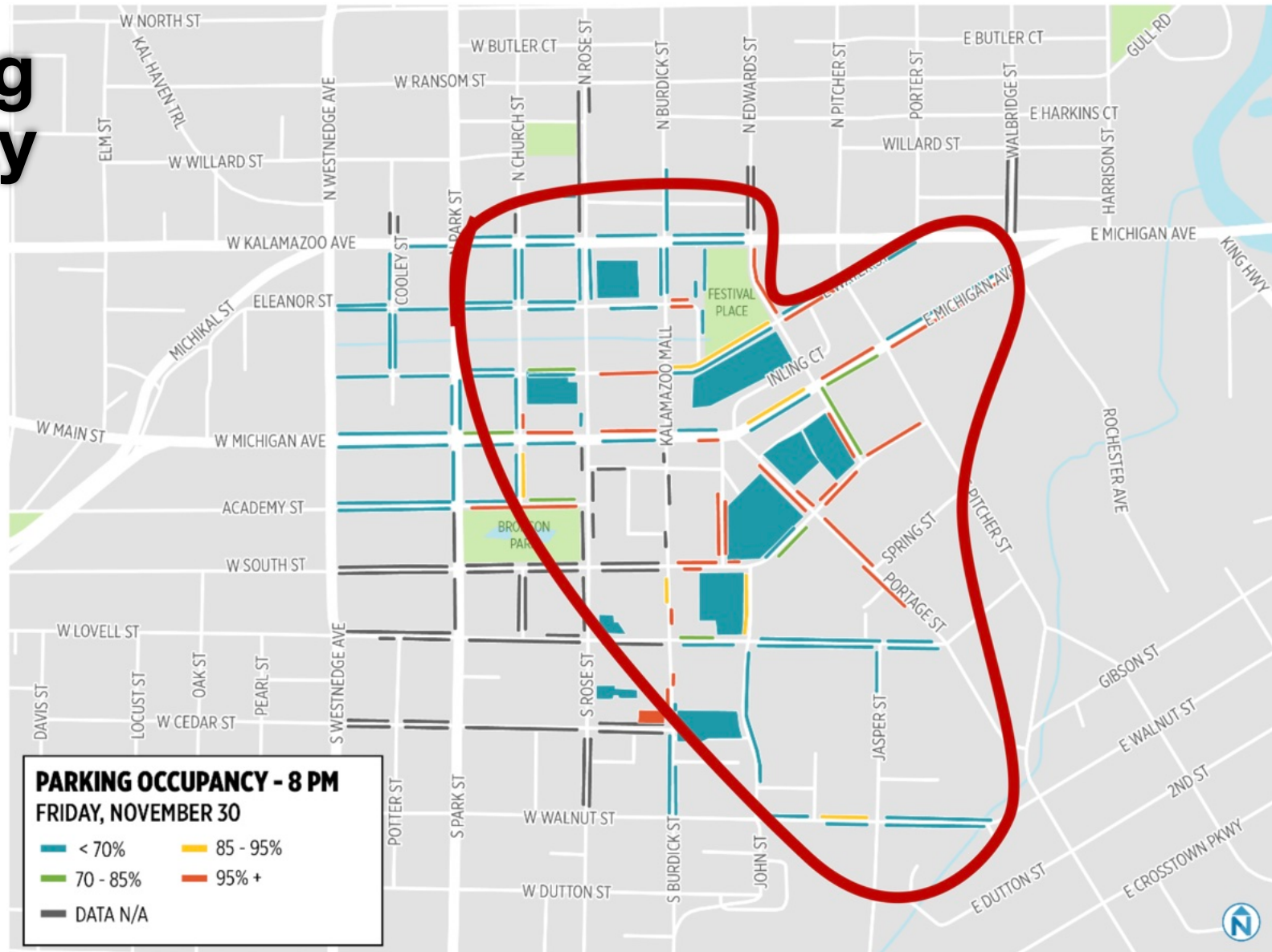
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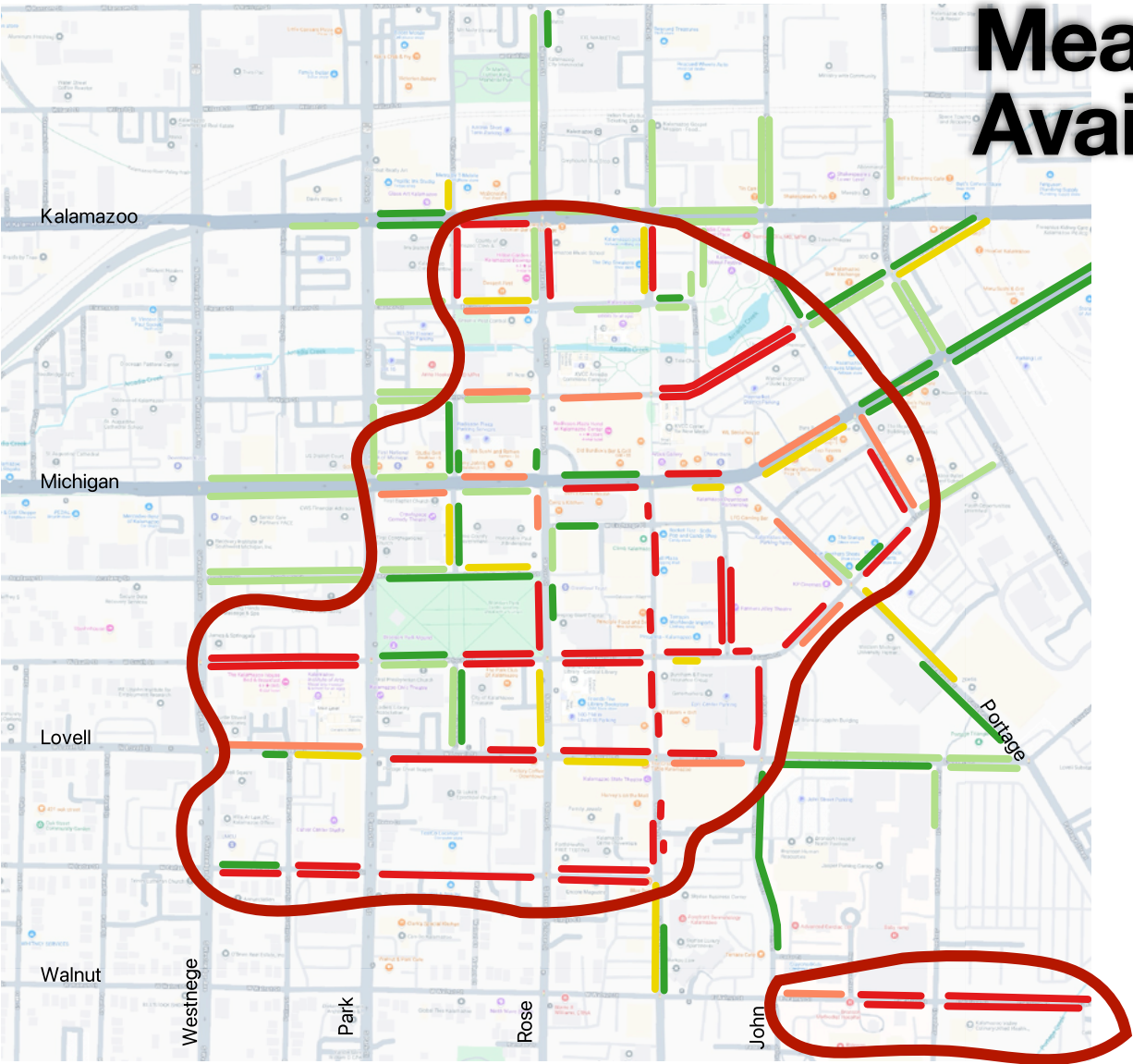
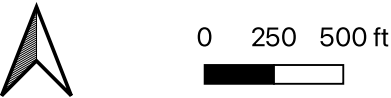


Occupancy

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7 PM

- Occupancy
- 0 - 25%
 - 25 - 50%
 - 50 - 70%
 - 70 - 85%
 - more than 85%

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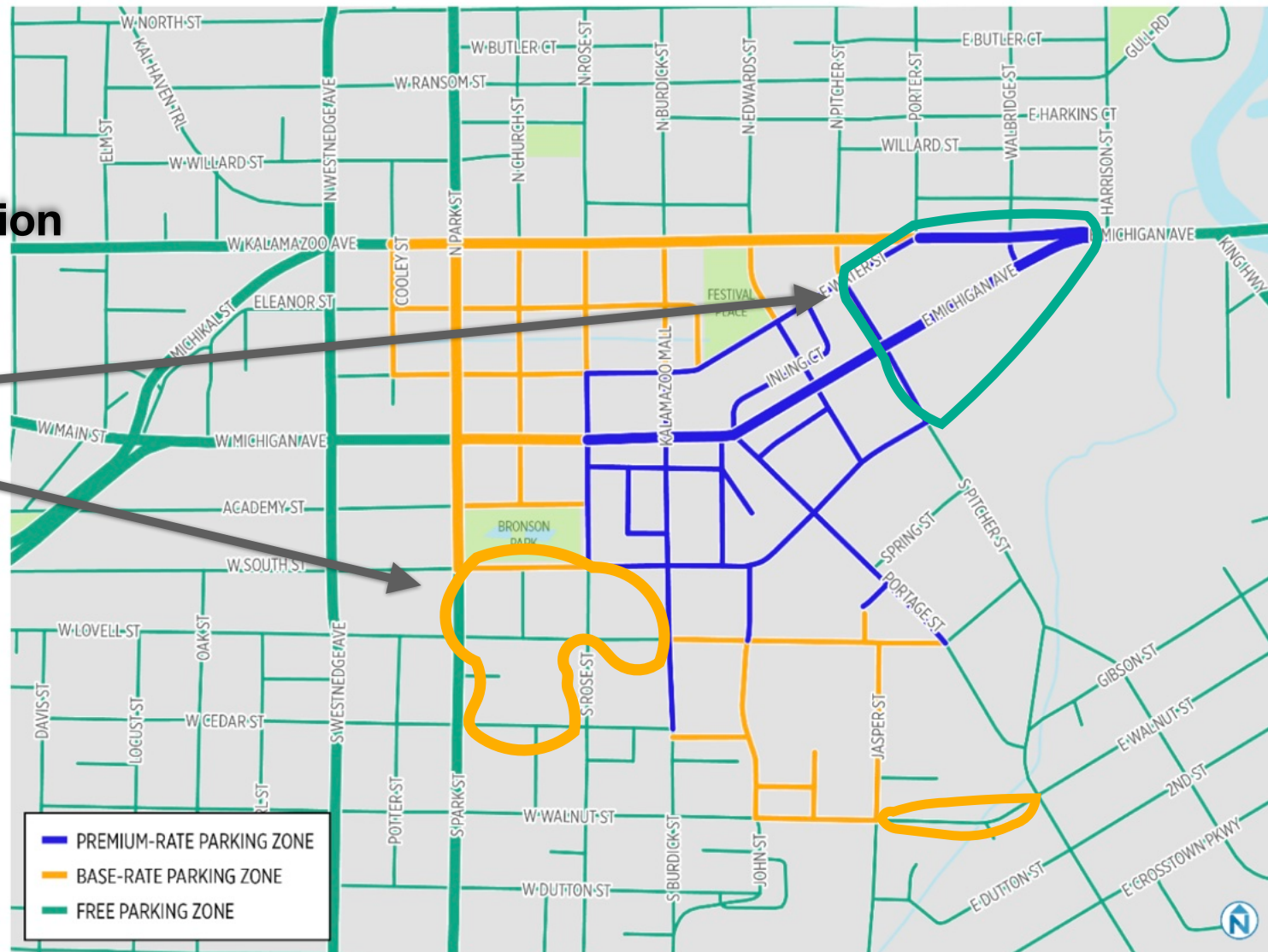
Measuring Availability 2024

Two-Tiered Pricing

2025 Recommendation

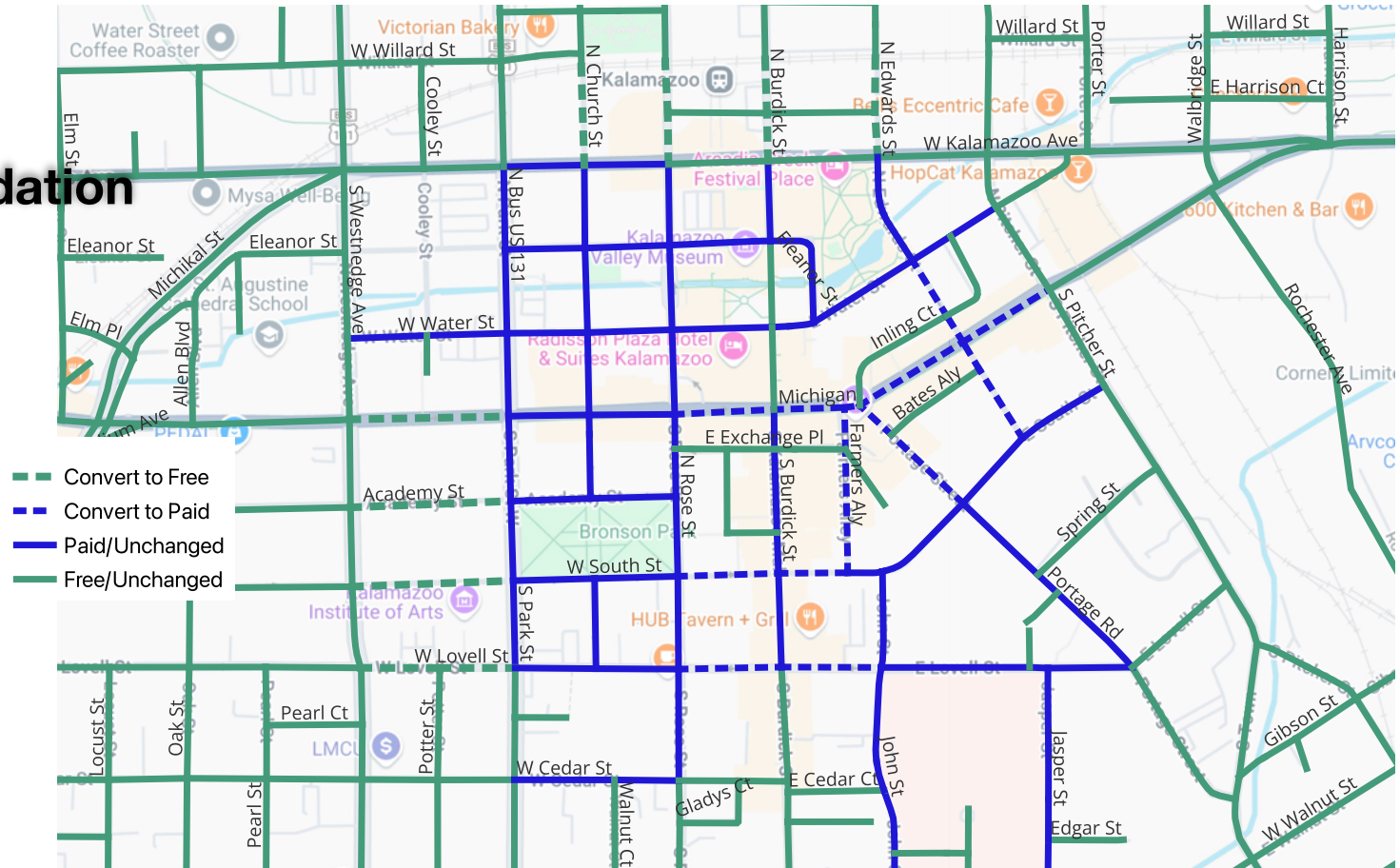
Free Parking
Base-Rate Parking

Michigan, Academy, South and Lovell west of Park will be converted to free parking, as will Church, Rose, Burdick, and Edwards north of Kalamazoo.



Pricing Changes

2025 Recommendation



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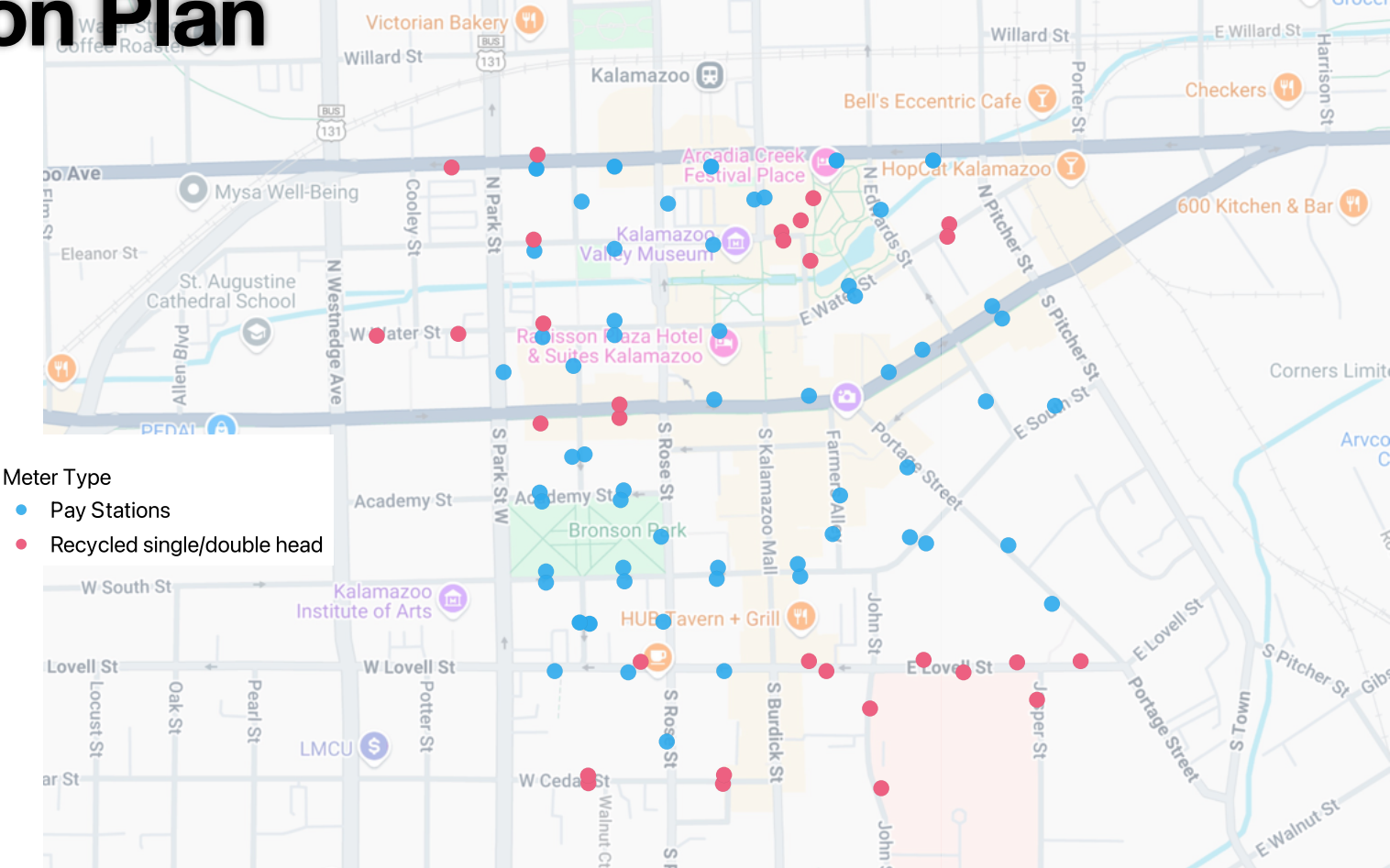


New Parking Meters

- Replace single and double-head meters that are largely obsolete.
- Current meters are beyond their support life; thus, any changes to duration or rate are extremely costly or impossible.
- Modern 'smart' meters provide quick communication to the home office, enabling efficient enforcement, swift policy changes, and metrics tracking.



Pay Station Plan



05/29/2025



Meter Cost Estimates

General Purchase Budget is \$366,984

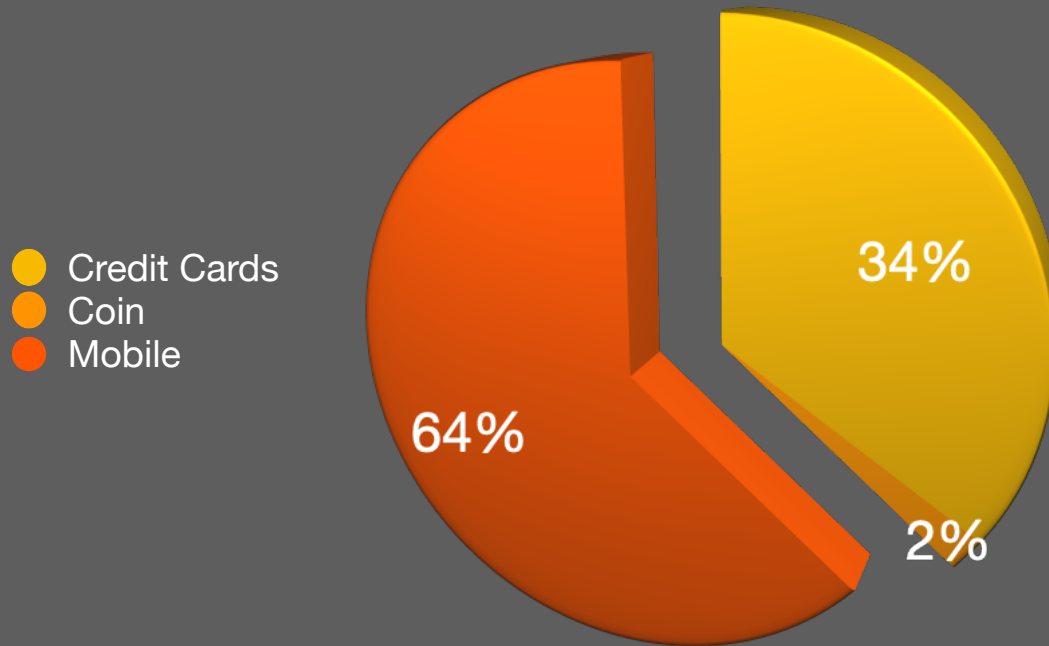
Meter Cost by Purchase Group

	St. Johns Place	Kalamazoo Ave	General Purchase	Recycle	TOTAL
# of Pay Stations	2	5	46	n/a	53
Cost Estimate	\$16,000	\$40,000	\$366,984	\$0	\$422,984

Because the cost for the general purchase exceeds the budget, we will phase pay station acquisition and recycle single meters in certain areas until pay stations can be purchased.

Pay Options for On-Street Pricing

Kalamazoo Mall - April



- Pay Stations accept card and coin, effectively and efficiently
- Mobile pay is now the prevailing payment option at the Kalamazoo Mall, where all payment options are offered.

Meter Roll Out

- Chamber Town Hall - July
- Information Flyers - July
- Meter bid authorization- August
- Informational Flyers and standing cabinet signs- September/October
- Chamber Town Hall - October
- Meter installation - October
- Press rollout after meters are fully installed and working*

* We learned last year the importance of testing after installation and before launch

Barrier-Free Parking

Table R211 On-Street Parking Spaces

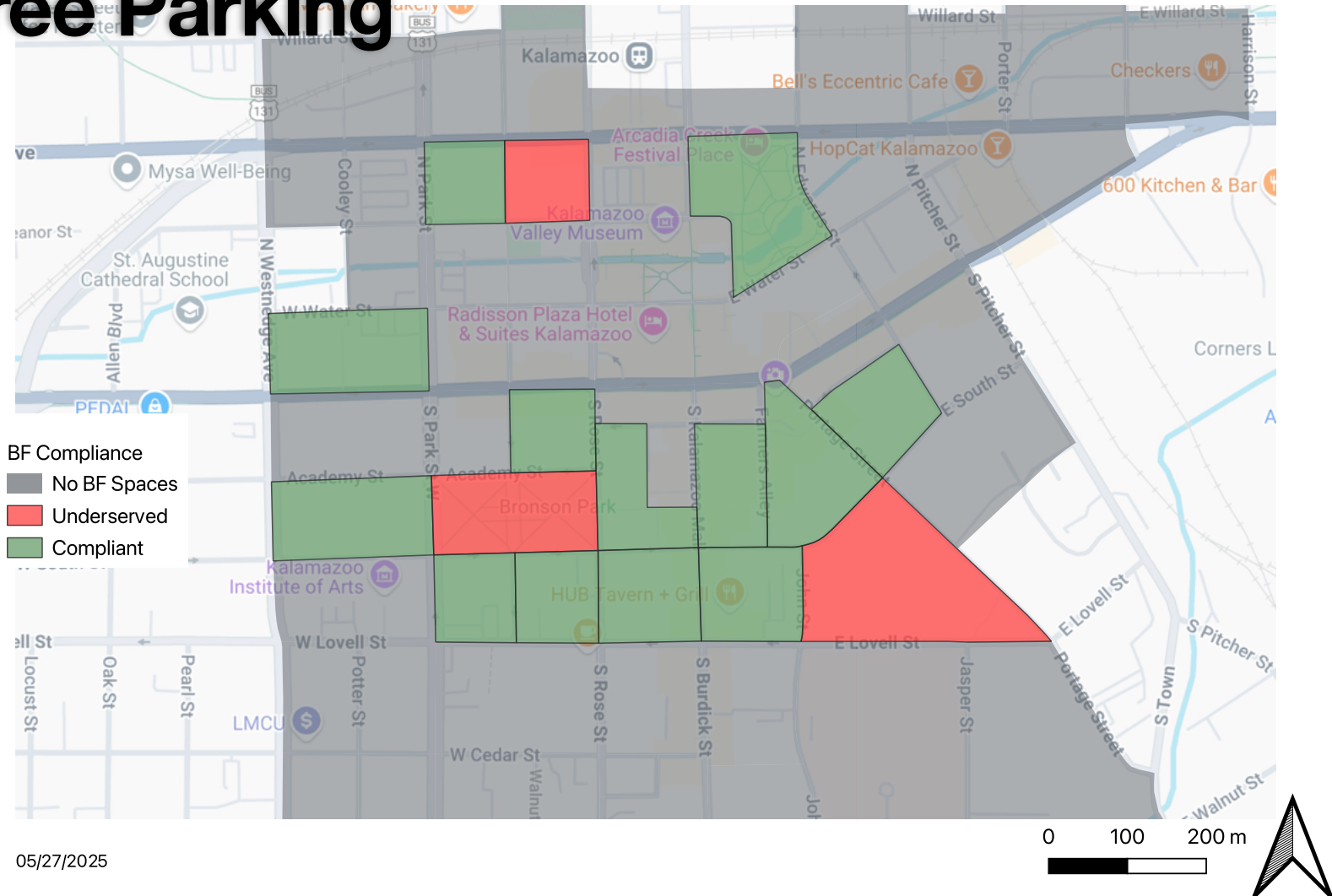
Total Number of Metered or Designated Parking Spaces	Minimum Required Number of Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 and over	4 percent of total

“Where parking spaces are provided on a block perimeter and are metered or designated by signs or pavement markings, accessible parking spaces... shall be provided in accordance with Table R211.”

U.S. Access Board, Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines.

Barrier-Free Parking

Overview



Goal Summary

- Parking Availability - Any parker can find a space where they want to go
- Greater uniformity - Simplify the parking options for the public
- Improve operational efficiency - do more with less



