



## DCR Curbside Parking Proposal Frequently Asked Questions

General Program Questions	
What percent of DCR's budget does this proposal cover annually?	This proposal is estimated to generate up to 4% of DCR's operating budget, or about 1.5% of DCR's overall budget - between \$4-5 million annually.
How much will enforcement cost annually?	DCR has designated a percentage of time for Rangers and support staff adding up to approximately \$250,000 per year. Though parking enforcement will be a primary duty for some Rangers, they will also be available to provide a wide range of other Ranger services (e.g. assist with motor vehicle accident response and traffic direction, 1st Aid/CPR, lost person searches, building security, wayfinding and public information, rules education and enforcement, etc.). State Police do have the authority to enforce any DCR regulations, and DCR gratefully accepts their assistance and partnership, but MSP enforcement is done as part of a Trooper's regular patrol, not at additional cost to DCR.
What is the cost for the metered unit machines, and the ongoing maintenance?	Initial investment in the necessary equipment will be approximately \$1M with a budget estimated \$400,000 annual maintenance and data connection cost
Will DCR have RMV enforcement to collect violations? What will the fine be for a violation?	Yes – Failure to pay a DCR parking citation within 21 days after the date of violation will result in a "hold" on renewal of the vehicle's registration with the RMV until the citation is paid in full. The fines are determine based on the infraction. The fine for a meter violation will be \$25.
Will revenue collected be allocated to the communities impacted by this proposal?	This proposal is estimated to generate up to 4% of DCR's operating budget, or about 1.5% of DCR's overall budget - between \$4-5 million annually. 20% of all revenue collected by DCR goes directly to the Commonwealth's General Fund. The remaining 80% will help support park operations across the Commonwealth -- for the maintenance of 600 lane miles of parkways, including the roads where the parking change will occur, and well-known parkways such as Storrow Drive, Soldier's Field Road and Memorial Drive; locks and dams along the Charles and Mystic Rivers that provide vital flood protection to surrounding communities; 450,000 acres of park and conservation land; hundreds of recreation facilities, areas and athletic fields; statewide forest management and fire control; and the inspection and repair of more than 3,300 dams statewide.

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What does "non-punitive" enforcement mean?	Although our aim is to ensure compliance with parking regulations, our enforcement Rangers will not operate on a quota system, but will focus on changing behavior patterns through a combination of signage, education, and enforcement.
What does "Enhanced decision-making through data analysis" mean?	By using smart parking technology, namely the proposed parking meter and mobile payment applications, DCR will be able to analyze key metrics (e.g. occupancy and turnover rates by zone) in order to adapt and improve parking operations.
What legislative action is necessary to allow DCR to charge more during Fenway events?	There is NOT a legislative mechanism to implement fees associated with specific events or times (i.e. Red Sox games). The only way for this to occur would be through a change in the current regulations for DCR parking fees.
Will there be a time limit on any of the metered parking?	The hours of operations will be from 8:00am to 8:00pm. We do not currently plan to have a parking time limit for metered spaces.
Will the lighted panels of the parking meters remain lit or will they darken when not in use?	The LED display panel on the pay stations will illuminate at night only when the buttons are pressed. The machines will enter sleep mode and the lights will dim when not in use.
Can you please provide a list of DCR properties that have metered parking?	DCR's pay to park locations are listed here: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/parking-fee-locations-schedule-updated-52720/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/parking-fee-locations-schedule-updated-52720/download</a>
How is this going to affect wheelchair-accessible designated parking spots?	The curbside parking program will not affect accessible parking spaces. Patrons with a valid disability plate or placard can park free of charge, whether they are parked in a designated Accessible Space or not.
Where can we find plans (engineering site plans) showing parking spaces designations, meter locations, etc.?	Those plans will consider input from our public meetings. Once completed, the information will be available on DCR's new parking webpage.
Was the aesthetic impact of these meters considered? Many DCR parkways are historic, designed by Olmsted.	The aesthetics of DCR's historic parkways was considered when selecting the type of meters to install. The proposed meter (MS1 paystation) offers improved aesthetics as it reduces clutter when compared to the alternative (single space meters).
Were any other parkways or DCR managed lots in these cities considered but not included in this parking meter proposal?	DCR considered installing meters in various areas statewide. The areas in this meter proposal were selected based on revenue potential and consistency with programs already in place in the host communities.





<p>Is DCR coordinating with municipalities to assess whether any of these corridors may be the site of future on-street bus/bike infrastructure?</p>	<p>DCR does have a long-term plan to build bicycle infrastructure on many parkways, which today have excess vehicle lane capacity. The parking meter project does not preclude continuing with those plans. The parking meter kiosks will be installed in the same space that is occupied by other existing parkway elements such as sign poles, benches, trash receptacles, and other street furniture. Space for new bike infrastructure will, in nearly all cases, be taken from existing vehicle travel lane space.</p>
<p>Will you be convening meetings with our elected representatives and leaders/members of neighborhood associations? How will you report back to us?</p>	<p>DCR held two virtual public meetings on the curbside parking meter proposal, and the presentation that we shared <a href="#">is posted on our website</a>.</p> <p>The public was invited to share comments on the proposals both during the meetings and, after them, <a href="#">at DCR's public comments page</a>, or by emailing <a href="mailto:mass.parks@mass.gov">mass.parks@mass.gov</a>, with a deadline of November 2, 2020.</p> <p>DCR will review all input received, and when implementation plans are finalized, will keep the public informed of the details through -- a webpage (a link to which will be posted on our website under the link - noted above - to the meeting presentation), press advisories, and social media.</p> <p>Finally, DCR will continue to brief and have dialogue with state and local public officials on the matter.</p>
<p><b>Questions Regarding Fenway/Park Drive/Charlesgate in Boston</b></p>	
<p>Parking on the Fenway is impacted by Fenway Park -- not just ballgames but concerts and other events. What consideration is being given to Fenway resident parking needs?</p>	<p>DCR will maintain the same number of "Resident Parking Only" spaces on The Fenway, Park Drive, and Charlesgate East. DCR anticipates that installing meters will increase turnover and the availability of parking spaces for all, including residents (particularly on Red Sox game nights, with "overnight" Resident Parking Only spaces going into effect at 8pm instead of 10pm). Currently unregulated parking spaces on The Fenway, Park Drive, and Charlesgate East will remain available to all, with meter rates in effect 8am-8pm (free overnight).</p>





Will this be limited to just the 2-hour parking spots available on Fenway and Park Drive? Or the numerous unregulated spots in the area?	Meters will be installed on unrestricted roadways along The Fenway and Park Drive, not to areas currently designated as "Resident Only Parking" or 2-hour parking.
So it will be less expensive to get a \$25 ticket in the Fenway than pay for ballpark parking?	The fines are based on current regulations. The primary change for those attending ballgames is that Resident Parking Only on Park Drive will start at 8pm instead of 10pm. Violators may be ticketed and towed.
<b>Questions Regarding Revere Beach Blvd</b>	
Allowing full day parking at Revere Beach near the T stops will encourage more commuter traffic on Revere Beach Blvd. That traffic now travels on 1A directly to the Wonderland Garage. Was this considered?	The cost for parking at Wonderland Garage is \$7/day. Currently, DCR has a 4-hour parking limit on Revere Beach Blvd, so removing the 4-hour limit will have no effect on short-duration parking. At \$1.25/hour, it would be more expensive to park on Revere Beach Blvd. for 6 hours (\$7.50) than to park at Wonderland for a full day, so we do not expect the removal of the 4-hour limit on Revere Beach Blvd. to have a significant impact on parking at Wonderland.
On Revere Beach Blvd, will there be resident spaces? Are the parking meters on both sides?	DCR does not have resident parking programs, rather we work with the host municipality to honor their programs. Currently, Revere does not have a resident parking program. The "parking season" at Revere Beach will run from April 15 - October 15, from 8am-8pm. Residents can park at the meters, and they will be subject to meter fees during hours of operation, but not overnight. Meters will be installed on both sides of the boulevard.

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