



**Lexington &
Fayette County
Parking
Authority**

LFUCG Council
Presentation
Tuesday,
January 24, 2023



Agenda

History

Safety/Liability

Community Involvement

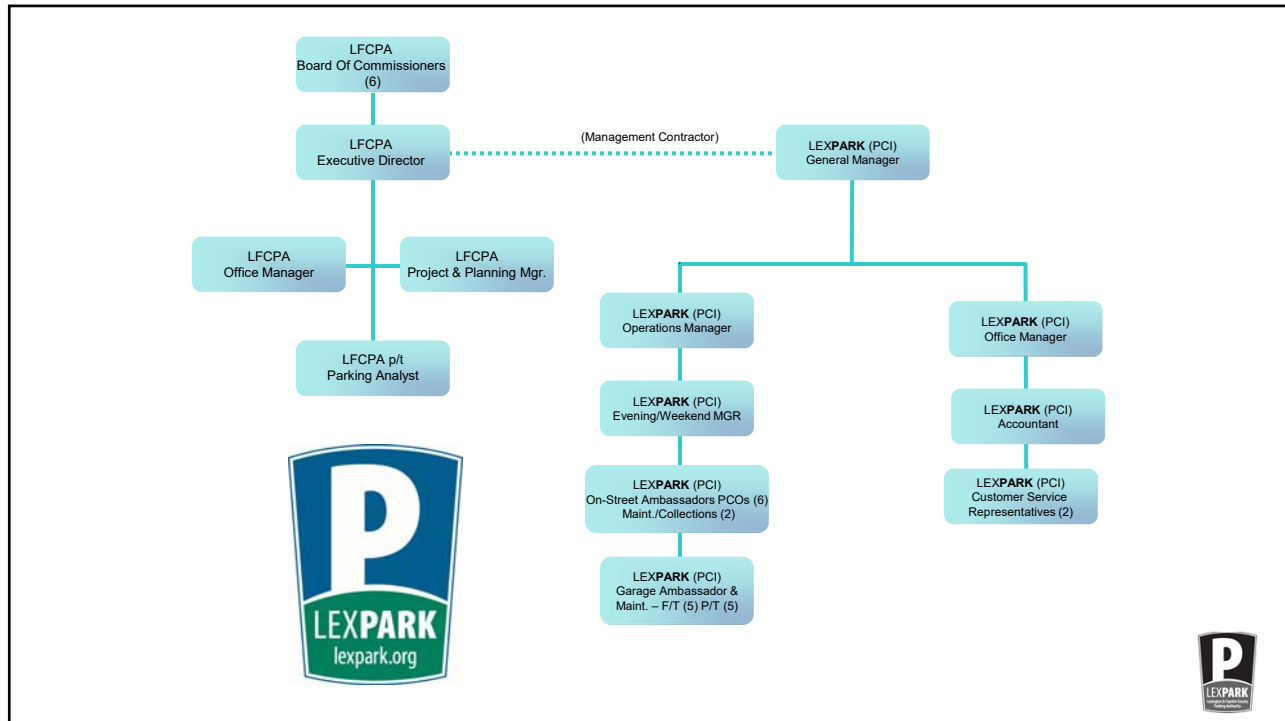
Program Enhancements

Customer Service

Moving Forward - Safety and Funding Sources

Conclusion





Pre-2008 Management

5 LFUCG Departments

- Division of Police
- Division of Revenue
- Department of General Services
- Division of Traffic Engineering
- Division of Computer Services

Significant Cost

- \$600,000 Annual Subsidy by Council

History



Program Deficiencies (2008)

Need to upgrade parking infrastructure, including off-street facilities

24-year old meters & unchanged rates

Lack of funds to upgrade program

Lack of public compliance

Lack of strategic planning

NO coordinated management



2005 City Council created Parking Authority

Single focus on parking

Minimized political involvement

Create an enterprise fund to dedicate parking funds to parking improvements

Parking should be self-supporting

Rationale For Creating A Parking Authority



LEXPARK (LPA) On-Street Responsibilities

- Install & maintain meters
- Enforce parking
- Collect meters and citations
- Manage meter bagging program
- Manage appeals process
- Handle customer service
- Manage RPPP (48 Districts/Zones)



LEXPARK On-Street Operation does NOT:

- Patrol any private parking lots
- Write citations for parking in yards
- Have any control of any other parking entities such as:
 - UK Parking
 - Rupp Arena Parking
 - SP+ (formerly: Central Parking System)
 - Any privately owned lots or garages



LFUCG Garage Transfer to LPA (2012)



On July 1, 2012 LPA took over operations/ownership of the city garages.



Garages included:

Helix Garage
 Transit Center Garage
 Courthouse Garage
 (management)
 Victorian Square Garage



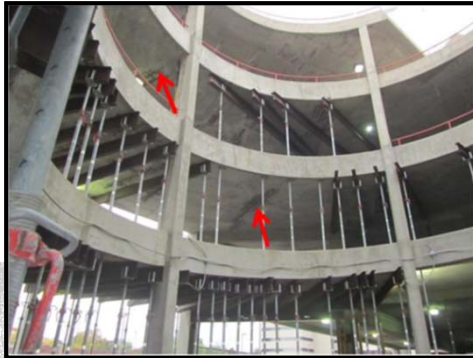
Capital Expenditures for Garages (2013)

■ Helix Garage Restoration	=	\$3,176,000
■ Transit Center Restoration	=	\$800,000
■ Courthouse Garage Restoration	=	\$485,000
■ PARCS Replacement (rev. equip)	=	\$1,134,000
■ Lighting Retrofit (all four garages)	=	\$220,000
■ Signage Upgrade (all four garages)	=	\$135,000
■ TOTAL CapEx to be financed	=	\$5,950,000

All amounts rounded to thousands



Helix Garage - Before



Helix Garage

Before



After



Helix Garage

Before



After

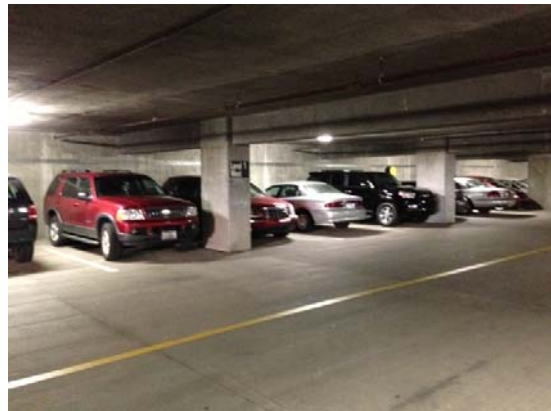




Lighting Upgrades – All 4 Garages

Before




After



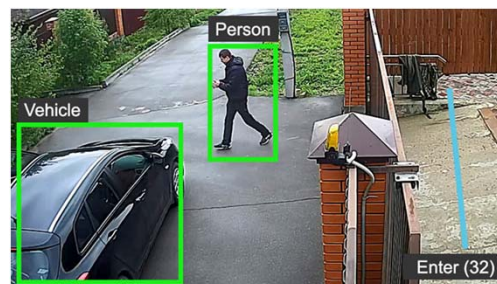



Transit Center Stair Replacement \$335,000
fall 2022, homeless challenges



Continued focus on Safety

- Over \$500,000 project planned for enhanced “smart” security camera system
 - Object Identification
 - Humans vs Vehicles
- Alerting
 - Time of Day / Day of Week
- Loitering Detection - Audible Messaging
- Continued focus on security personnel at key times
- Over \$150,000 annually for security personnel



Support for Downtown Operations

Expansion of safety and use of downtown parking

- *Prioritizes turnover*-no feeding of meters by office workers
- 4 Garages are now structurally safe - no more shoring posts holding up Helix ramp



Implemented leading technology

- PayByPhone (2011)
- Single Space credit card accepting meters (2011)
- Real time Space Count signs (2013)
- Online Reservations(2017)
- Gateless technology at Transit (2018)



Special Rate for Hospitality Workers

- Workers can pay \$20/month for garage parking from 3PM to 9AM Mon-Fri and weekends (since 2015)
- Allows street parking to be for customers

\$20 HOSPITALITY RATE
★Night and Weekend Parking★

LEX PARK is now offering a night and weekend hospitality rate for workers or residents in the downtown core. The hospitality rate permit costs \$20 a month and is available in each of the four LEX PARK garages (Helix, Courthouse, Transit Center, Victorian Square). Permits are valid between 3pm and 9am Monday through Friday and anytime on the weekend.

The fine print:

- Use of permit outside of the hours listed above will result in hourly rate fees.
- Victorian Square permit must use the Courthouse Garage when there is a UK Mac's home basketball game.
- Must show proof of employment or residence to qualify.
- \$10 activation fee required.

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Food For Fines

- 9 Years of Giving
- Over 3,000 Citations
- Over \$95,000 in citation value
- Nearly 30 tons of food



Public Art and Community Investment

- LPA re-invested \$15,000,000 in downtown garages and parking spaces since 2006
- LPA funded public art - Helix Garage facade, murals, pedway lighting (over \$1,100,000)
- During COVID-19: Created takeout zone for downtown restaurants
- Reduced rates and enforcement, and lost \$3,100,000 (over \$250k in-kind)



- LPA receives NO tax revenue, only user fees
- Street parking subsidizes garage parking
- UK and LFUCG land swap
 - Will decrease revenues by \$300,000 - \$400,000 annually
- State Sales Tax on Parking Revenue
 - Factored into the rate increase
- Security Costs
 - Professional security was added to allow a robust (safer) night life
- Inflation
 - Includes pay increases to retain and attract qualified employees
 - Construction project estimates have increased

Current Financial Drivers

Catalyst for
recent changes



Conclusions

- Street parking subsidizes garage parking
- Garages are now structurally safe – to avoid:
 - (2006) Chase Bank Garage Fatality
 - (2021) BB&T/Truist Bank Garage Collapse
- Street parking is now as technologically advanced as possible
- 100% of the LPA income is poured back into parking facilities - garage and street
- The rate and hour change has been planned since 2019, but was postponed due to the outbreak of Covid19
- Warnings are being issued for six weeks to acclimate visitors to the new hours
- Bottomline, since 2006 the Lexington Parking Authority has been one of the leading facilitators of downtown businesses, not a hindrance to local commerce

