



KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

AUGUST 1, 2022



Follow-up on Parking Audit

The Facilities Management Division (FMD) made progress toward recommendations to improve its parking program. FMD plans to reduce vacancy at Chinook, its restricted access garage, with aims to reach full capacity. An update to FMD's parking website is also on the horizon to increase awareness about employee parking rules.


We closed one recommendation on employee parking rates due to the complexity of implementation in an area with many stakeholders and competing interests.


We will continue to monitor the two remaining recommendations until they are complete.

Of the 11 audit recommendations:

	8 DONE		2 PROGRESS		0 OPEN		1 CLOSED
Fully implemented Auditor will no longer monitor.		Partially implemented Auditor will continue to monitor.		Remain unresolved Auditor will continue to monitor.		No longer applicable Auditor will no longer monitor.	


Please see details below for implementation status of each recommendation.


Recommendation 1	On August 2, 2021	DONE	
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Recommendation 2		CLOSED	
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Facilities Management Division should comply with county code by charging county employees the lesser of either the public rate or the daily maximum rate for hourly parking.

STATUS UPDATE: We are closing this recommendation because, although FMD makes recommendations on parking rates, it lacks authority to implement this recommendation. Negotiations between labor unions and the Office of Labor Relations establish parking rates that King County Council approves. Labor negotiations did not result in increased parking rates in 2020 and, for King County's largest group of represented employees, rates will not be negotiated again before 2024.


Recommendation 3	On April 1, 2020	DONE	
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Recommendation 4		PROGRESS	
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Facilities Management Division should establish parking occupancy targets at all revenue-generating garages and develop strategies to achieve, monitor, and evaluate those targets.

STATUS UPDATE: FMD aims to reach full occupancy at the Chinook garage in line with industry standards for restricted access garages. As of June 1, 2022, Chinook garage had a vacancy rate of 34 percent, up from 29 percent at the time of our audit in 2018. Since our audit took place, the COVID pandemic and mandatory telework have reduced the number of employees driving to work.

WHAT REMAINS: This recommendation will be considered complete when FMD develops and implements strategies—such as promotion and outreach—that increase occupancy and achieve its target.

Recommendation 5	On April 1, 2020	DONE	
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Recommendation 6	On April 1, 2020	DONE	
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Recommendation 7	On August 2, 2021	DONE	
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Recommendation 8

PROGRESS



Facilities Management Division should comply with county code by creating and implementing policies to prohibit the resale of parking stall assignments.

STATUS UPDATE: FMD included a rule prohibiting the resale of parking stalls in its employee parking application. Rule #8 states that parking privileges are non-transferable. To increase awareness about this rule, FMD plans to update its employee parking website with more information.

WHAT REMAINS: This recommendation will be considered complete when FMD develops and implements ways to detect and enforce its resale policy.

Recommendation 9

On August 2, 2021

DONE



Recommendation 10

On April 1, 2020

DONE



Recommendation 11

On April 1, 2020

DONE



Megan Ko conducted this review. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the King County Auditor's Office at KCAO@KingCounty.gov or 206-477-1033.