



Parking Survey Comments

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Visitor Comments (580 completed surveys)

1. It would be helpful to have information regarding when the meters are enforced for on-street parking. I have looked many times for signs indicating when the meters are enforced and have not yet seen anything posted.
2. Downtown Hudson has NO Handicapped parking. This is a huge issue.
3. Parking garage (multi level) needed downtown as soon as possible!
4. Lack of overnight street parking promotes drinking and driving. You should be allowed to keep your car on the street overnight.
5. There is an obvious problem with parking. Try to find a solution so it doesn't turn into a situation like Stillwater.
6. We would make more trips downtown if parking wasn't so hard to find every night
7. We can usually find street parking easy a couple blocks from downtown.
8. The current meters are hard to read. Especially if you are short. I think people would come downtown if parking on street was free. Maybe have a lot off from downtown and have a shuttle? What is going in by Dairy Queen where houses were removed? Maybe don't have meters but have a 3 hr limit?
9. I don't know where you find the space but for Downtown Hudson to flourish and continue to grow economically parking needs to be fixed. I've been working with and/or for small businesses for over 15 years and a location with bad parking will continually turn away patrons. I would say parking is downtown Hudson's #1 problem and it's not even close. – 543
10. Parking is getting harder it seems. Weekend nights forget it. It's especially hard driving around the block several times while watching for both a parking space and keeping an eye out for pedestrians
11. I believe Hudson should build a multi-level parking garage to help with parking. This would also help with traffic that is "circling the block" to find a parking spot.
12. Very surprised that Hudson doesn't have a city owned ramp or ramps given the number of visitors, bars, restaurants, events (like The Phipps), etc. The lack of adequate parking has to be keeping many potential visitors away.
13. Snow routes - when to park and when not to park is very unclear.
14. Tourism is beneficial to the city but out of town visitors take up a lot of space from residents who are trying to go about normal business. An increased fee or separate area further away for out of town users should apply. Similar to the boat launch where it's resident only parking.

15. I think a lot should be constructed behind the fire station. It would not block any views of the river. Could this be paid for by imposing a quarter tax on each drink sold in Hudson?
16. Americans are lazy and walking is good for you! Especially after eating, most likely a fatty meal and ice cream cones, please walk 2 blocks! It's a small town...
17. I feel a ramp would provide the most space while taking up the least amount space as you can go up. That being said, I'm not sure where a feasible space in downtown Hudson is to build such a ramp. You also need a good price point so as not to hurt the downtown businesses if there are fees involved. I do think the users should pay a fee. There's no easy solution!
18. Meters are broke often and not fixed
19. We have too many restaurants causing parking from out of town people to be crazy high. We live on vine, close to downtown, and people are parking all the way up by our house. Hudson is losing the small shop local downtown feel.
20. Why don't you put in as much effort to make sure your meters work compared to your meter maid walking around trying to make sure she can ticket every car she can once the meter runs out. If you don't think this is a problem, I can hook up my truck to the meters that don't work every time I park downtown and pull them out of the ground and drop them off at the government center for you in order to repair them. - 496
21. I have changed my plans frequently and left downtown due to inability to find parking.
22. It is difficult to want to enjoy downtown when you know finding a parking spot will be awful. You are forced to come up with five alternatives areas to maybe find parking because no one else thought of that spot. Very hit or miss. It's great that the downtown is lively, but it gets frustrating and nerve racking a bit when out of towners are trying to find parking and they aren't use to the area so they become distracted drivers. I've witnessed quite a few close calls this past summer alone. Makes me want to avoid downtown altogether.
23. I personally like how River Falls has gotten rid of parking meters. Few people truly like them. I'm curious as to the community cost for meters, law enforcement, and handling the violations versus another solution. \$1-2/hr for parking will make a fair number of people shop/eat elsewhere where parking is free.
24. I believe that parking meters are a bad idea, several reasons. The revenue generated can't be that much. It likely doesn't even cover the cost of a meter cop, maintenance, emptying the nickels and dimes. My home town in northern Mn removed meters, and now going downtown doesn't feel like you are being punished for going there, you are welcomed to visit. The city council decided the small benefit in income was far outweighed by all the negatives? Hudson should do the same.

25. If there is any sort of event downtown that I would really like to attend I always have to think twice because parking is always a major issue and finding parking closer to the event is very difficult sometimes we all choose to not attend something just because the parking situation is stressful for some people but overall we have an awesome downtown and great businesses so I think local residents tend to pick and choose when they go there but that means we don't always attend events that we might like to attend.
26. Where would one park if they come into downtown Hudson, have a few drinks and no longer feel safe driving home? To the best of my knowledge, there is no overnight parking. So one is left to find a residential street. Which can be a long walk and a pain. For a number of years, this has deterred me from visiting Hudson more often.
27. Lakefront park, the beach, and the pier are public areas people use even when they don't frequent businesses. Assessing taxes on the businesses for the parking could result in even more turnover to businesses than we see. A parking garage may be an asset, but shouldn't obscure the natural beauty of the area that many people visit for. Good luck - this isn't an easy problem to solve!
28. Parking lot or garage is badly needed. Any improvement is an improvement.
29. I would come downtown more frequently if we knew there would be parking available. But the unknown makes me go someplace else I know there will be parking. I am happy to pay for it. I just want to know it is available.
30. I have not seen sign directing drivers to public parking in downtown Hudson.
31. Please repair the broken meters.
32. Parking for restaurants is difficult in the summer, spring, fall. Can more parking be added? Cross walks need to be well defined...we were almost run over when parking blocks from Pier 500 even when in a crosswalk. People seem to be "frantic" to locate parking and don't watch for pedestrians. Perhaps some crosswalks need flashing lights. With growth come traffic needs. Special parking for workers could help with customer parking...I would think owners would have recognized and addressed this.
33. Signage is there for parking lots, but visitors often don't find the lot behind the fire station. Shop owners seem to have the feeling like they "own" the parking spaces in front of their store and if they aren't open for their "regulars" whenever they decide to come down, they complain. Without the visitors the locals could not maintain a vibrant downtown. Employees take up parking spots in front of businesses. People park in private lots after hours. There is no overnight parking for boaters with trailer.
34. Having lived in Stillwater for 25 years, as Stillwater became more and more of a "tourist" attraction, we stayed away from downtown in the summer months because of the number of people wandering and the parking issues. In the winter,

it pretty much died down. We have lived in North Hudson for over 11 years now and see Hudson becoming a more popular place to visit for a day. Please consider that the number of people/cars will be seasonal when any decision is made to start charging higher or additional fees. The cost should not entirely fall on the residents of Hudson, North Hudson, etc. Thank you.

35. it gets harder to find a spot at the busiest times...when most people are downtown. Duh. get there a hour before, or an hour after the "main rush periods (dinner, etc) and there usually is parking. A little better signage, and ensure all spots are well lit for safety would help. Of course closing off all the roads in Hudson for construction doesn't help-- why isn't 3rd and vine open???????? And for the love of all that is holy--- put a stop light at the Moose intersection downtown. That intersection is solely responsible for most of the traffic problems on that street-- mainly stopping ALL traffic in all directions every 15 seconds to let 1 person cross. (the never cross together) That and someone is going to get killed there if its not controlled. Be sure to time all the lights to let as much traffic through though....
36. We love Hudson and typically don't have any issues finding parking. However, there have been a few times we've had to turn around and head home because we were unable to find any parking. I think that had a lot to do with Vine St. Closing.
37. It's frustrating that the Afton Princess has visitors that park in town, in prime downtown parking locations and then leave for hours and when they return they still don't spend time or money at small businesses or restaurants in downtown. This takes parking from beach/park visitors and restaurant patrons that actually want to visit, shop and eat nearby to boost our local economy. – 439
38. We are starting to avoid downtown which makes me sad as we love many of the businesses but it's so frustrating when it takes 20 minutes to park. We need a solution ASAP.
39. Another lot or ramp would be great. If a space is found on 2nd Street, it can be difficult to park because of the heavy traffic. Diagonal parking is easier, but there is not enough room on 2nd Street for that, probably.
40. We need more parking options in downtown Hudson. Many people that live out of Hudson avoid it due to the lack of parking. Build a ramp like Stillwater did.
41. Parking meters are very frustrating in downtown Hudson. Many times I have put my money in and no time registers. Once a parking meter person opened the meter to verify that I had put money in it. He pulled out the battery and put a new one in from his pocket. I was shocked that that is how the meters operate. Almost cost me a ticket!
42. Build a parking garage!!
43. There is a walking problem. Generally I have never parked more than a block away. People feel they are entitled to park ten feet from the front door of any

place they are going at the time. My suggestion is add electronic meters or single meters on the blocks. Make close spots paid and further spots free. Start charging for metered spots on weekends. A ramp would be money pit.

44. We always seem to be able to find a place to park for dinner, we just circle a lot until we find it! I think for our out of town visitors it might be more stressful finding parking. We also walk from the marina most of the time. Good luck!! We love our city!!
45. Should be public boat docking available. Adton House dock is way over priced per hour.
46. This has been long overdue. Hudson has a great foody atmosphere that a lot of towns would kill for. People come here for that reason and stay for the river front. Give them the opportunity to take full advantage of what Hudson has to offer without making it difficult or make them feel hurried with time limits.
47. I would like to see a small non viewing obstructive ramp built. If it will be intrusive to river viewing then NO ramp.
48. I think parking on the weekends and summer months is difficult in downtown Hudson. It's also difficult during parades and other events.
49. This is a stupid and somewhat illiterate survey. The city should not have paid for it, because the results will be meaningless. It is not an issue that should be decided by a survey. It is an issue someone should take responsibility for handling.-396
50. It is hard to find a spot on Friday/Saturday night and Saturday during the day. I think there should be a parking ramp built.
51. Like I said previously, I find it very dangerous at times trying to parallel park and you have oncoming traffic with someone behind you unwilling to wait for you to park and tries to go around you with oncoming traffic ..I love Hudson but hate the parking situation.- 383
52. I'm fortunate to live on fourth Street, but weekends I can't park in front of my own house.
53. There needs to much more parking and it should be free to encourage visitors to shop, eat, and enjoy downtown Hudson.
54. I am handicapped, hence my reasoning for some of my answers. Usually I need to have someone with me to drop me off while they park the car. Going downtown by myself is nearly impossible I'm sorry to say, I probably spend more time trying to find a convenient parking place than I actually do in businesses. I love downtown...I love walking the streets to check out what's new, I love just sitting in Lakefront park. I wish there was an easy answer :(
55. I would visit downtown Hudson more often if it wasn't so difficult to park and maneuver.

56. With all the new restaurants in town, there is absolutely a need for new parking. Making that happen is more important than exactly how much it costs to park there. I think there needs to be a compromise between how much it costs users and the city or people may stop coming. I think charging businesses is problematic. Some businesses' customers use parking much more and for longer times than others, so how would the charges be determined?
57. Would visit more often but takes too long to find a parking spot
58. Parking is one of the main factors in weather or not I go downtown. It is very difficult to find parking on weekends and evenings, especially in the summer. I have driven around as long as 30 minutes trying to find a space before giving up, and taking my business elsewhere. The lack of parking in this town is terrible and has needed to be addressed for a long time.
59. The City of Hudson strives, like any good city, to attract more business and people, i.e. dollars, into their downtown. Therefore, they should supply appropriate parking to accommodate the growing crowds.
60. More handicap parking close to the business
61. We would frequent downtown Hudson more often if parking was better. There are lots of times when going out that if it gets to a certain time we avoid going down since we know it will be difficult to find a spot.
62. I happily walk downtown in the summer and will park blocks away. Winter, not so much.
63. There is never enough parking. My pharmacy is downtown and I can never find a place to park. I would hate to go to a big box pharmacy, but I am considering it due to lack of parking. I am also an employee of the library and I shouldn't have to pay to plug a meter while I'm at work. The library lot is sometimes full.
64. It is my hope that the city takes a very close look at the parking situation in downtown. They continue to approve new businesses but do not add parking so that people may support them. It is my hope that a parking ramp is seriously considered to support the great businesses that the city has approved. We are a growing community and need to look forward and not stay status quo. (Unlike the Dog Track situation). Support the businesses... Provide parking for everyone to enjoy the gift of Downtown Hudson.
65. I think parking is fine. Lazy people want to park right in front of wherever they are going. I also don't mind paying for parking as part of my taxes. The one thing I do not like is the Grand Dutchess people coming in and parking, then getting on the boat, then coming back and leaving town. The Dutchess does not pay enough to keep the boat there, and does not draw enough revenue to counter the cars it draws in. – 326
66. Parking is ridiculous! There are no spaces for anyone there!

67. I love all of the businesses in downtown but whenever I think about going to dinner on a weekend I always second guess because parking is awful. Booster Days compounds it. I have no problem paying for parking, but don't want to walk 4-5 blocks for dinner. A ramp downtown somewhere would be great. Maybe the lot next to Wells Fargo?
68. You have to live in town to know where to park. the locals know where the 'secret' places are to park - even on street. not sure that needs to change much i like the secret spaces because i know where they are.
69. OVERNIGHT PARKING SHOULD BE ALLOWED ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS
70. I think we need a parking garage. it would be nice if users didn't have to pay per hour but I think even if they did it would be worth it. Make a parking garage in both the city lots next to Pier 500 AND the Fire station. We need this!!
71. Has been getting worse each year and nothing done to help. We would have more visitors if had parking for them. We need to fix this asap!
72. I don't mind walking so I usually park on 3rd street. My biggest complaint is how difficult it can be to cross 2nd street to get down to lakefront. It would be nice for people who park farther away to at least have more pedestrian friendly ways to cross Main Street. It would encourage more people to park farther away and walk freeing up more space downtown for those who want to be closer to where they are headed.
73. Parking meters are very confusing now. Also parking at the library is a NIGHTMARE!!! It should not be a municipal lot during library hours.
74. The parking at the public library is a big problem. I watched as one downtown employee parked in the library parking lot and left her car there during her shift at work. This was the prime time for the library patrons (older seniors and mothers with two or more children) to use these spots. The lot is always full and many people have to walk. This was not during the street construction but other times. I can't believe an employee would do this. Also parking on the street is almost impossible the spots are always full. More public parking would definitely help but also talking to business owners who have employees and tell them to park in certain lots further away during their shifts would help. Maybe designated ones just for that purpose.
75. I usually hang out in Hudson on week days with friends and parking is not a problem but tend to avoid Hudson on weekends because it is busy and crowded and parking is difficult. Not so much for me but for some of the members of our group who have mobility issues. It has been decided to not visit Hudson on weekends because of that. And of course Hudson has hills which is also a problem for disabled people... can't do much about that. ;-) Love DT Hudson and its shops!
76. Use more business places that are sitting empty at night.

77. More handicapped parking near Michelson's.
78. We love the business in Downtown Hudson, but often do not go due to not finding parking. I do not care to walk long distance due to health reasons and we often circle for up to 30 minutes to locate a space. After that, many times we give up and hit another place in Woodbury or Stillwater.
79. I visited this past Friday about lunchtime on July 29. Wonderful town, wonderful views, wonderful weather. Had nice lunch and drinks and went around town to businesses. Almost left without stopping due to parking situation. Tried to park. Couldn't do the App and didn't want to stand around in the sun not being able to read some tiny screen telling me to get an App. The electronic payment instructions were awful. I gave up, was leaving town, you can't even park to go get change to use quarters for the meter. So, unless you come prepared with quarters, you are not welcome. The Wells Fargo Drive-Thru took care of me thanks to a very friendly teller. Otherwise I was left with no way to stay in the town. I used quarters to park at a public lot, was happy to walk all around and have lunch etc. Credit Wells Fargo for saving the day. All said, I understand the desire to raise revenue via parking fees and the Apps and whatnot may work for residents and frequent visitors. But, they are a turn-off to out of town visitors. I'd visit again for sure but not likely to stay and eat and visit if I encounter the same hurdles. Thks
80. I have gotten 2 tickets for meters that didn't work after I put money in, For one I called the city and parking guy came but it took over an hour! Needless to say I just paid the other because I do not have that kind of time.
81. Need more Handicapped spots also. -294
82. Week nights in downtown Hudson aren't too bad for parking. However, weekends and Sunday are jam packed due to people not only going out for brunch downtown, but those that are going to the beach, fishing, boating, etc.
83. I do believe the lack of parking around downtown hurts some business. It's an absolute madhouse downtown on Friday and Saturday's.
84. I am a Hudson native even though I live in River Falls, I frequent Hudson because my family still lives there. There are not enough disabled parking spots on the street for my elderly mother to get close to business she needs to frequent. I am there several times a week/month because I love the local businesses and restaurants. With the influx of people coming in/through it's a pain and somewhat dangerous. I believe in supporting small businesses and that is why I go there. The parking situation sucks. I don't want to park blocks away when I have errands to do and need to get to my car quickly.
85. Some type of multi level parking option would be a great addition to Hudson. Maybe up behind the fire department, so it's not an eye sore near the river.
86. This isn't parking related, but has anyone ever thought of making First and Second Streets one-way streets? Second could run north only, First could run south only,

and that might alleviate a lot of congestion during peak times. People making left turns on Second Street during peak times makes going through downtown unnecessarily congested. Just a thought!

87. Build a 5 story parking ramp behind the fire station.- 281
88. We need parking RAMPS. Edina has done a great job with their limited space putting in ramps, Hudson can do the same! Honestly, sometimes my husband just throws up his hands, gives up and we take our business elsewhere.
89. When there is construction, an event (relay for life, etc) parking is a nightmare. Also busy weekend nights are horrible. Downtown Hudson is a wonderful place. Not sure how to solve this issue? Maybe making private lots open during the evening?
90. I believe that Downtown Hudson should be redesigned! The old More4 should be a hotel welcoming those coming in via the river as well as road. We need to use the St. Croix, like Nashville uses the Cumberland river, with river taxis and welcome those traveling by the Mississippi and into the St. Croix! It's time to take the banks out of downtown and make affordable space for more locally owned shops! Let's bring the downtown back to downtown!!!
91. Finding spots are difficult especially with construction.
92. Need more parking miserable trying to always fight for a spot
93. Sadly, there have been times where we have not gone to a Hudson business because we couldn't find parking. We ended up going home or to a different restaurant in a different town..or even up on the hill.
94. Need RAMP at Wells Fargo and Pudges.
95. Build a city ramp :)
96. It's so difficult to find parking and if you do, you're limited on time. Granted, if you don't limit time, people will never leave. I don't mind paying for parking lots, but there are not enough spaces or lots. Street spots should be paid by taxes since they are a road and are maintained regardless. I try to avoid downtown Hudson at all costs even though there are places I would love to frequent and visit. The traffic going through and crossing can be difficult. Love the area, shops, all it has to offer, but refuse to visit unless it's during a week work day.
97. Hudson is such a beautiful, unique attraction for both its residents and non-residents with much to offer...except for the parking. It's often been a deterrent for many people who want to enjoy Hudson, but dread having to find somewhere to park. It's truly unfortunate and such a disservice to the city.
98. Employees should have a sticker and or a designated place to park. The flow through downtown stinks. A parking garage would be great next to the police department.

99. I personally think a parking garage would be helpful, as this may take away any concerns when trying to find a parking space or having to look around other parked cars on the street.
100. In my opinion Hudson needs to take advantage of the poor parking situation in Stillwater and make parking more convenient in Hudson. Easier parking more business simple as that.
101. There have been times that I go downtown and find no parking. I will circle the block and then just leave.
102. I would visit the downtown area more if parking wasn't so bad.. Parking is even harder when there is a Dinner Cruise or an event at the Phipps.. If there was free offsite parking, with paid shuttle running every 30 mins or less I would use it!
103. This will be the third parking study in several years I believe - the problem is that we have a council that is extremely CHEAP - spend the money on parking and move on - many ways to create parking the cheap council just does not want to pay for it – ridiculous.
104. This has been a known problem for years in downtown Hudson. Something absolutely needs to be done. I was recently informed that the city of Hudson employee that oversee parking believe we don't have a parking problem, but a walking problem. Meaning that people aren't willing to walk a little farther.
105. Close parking on-street should pay for the convenience; willing to walk a few blocks should be cheaper or free. Need more parking space!
106. While distance is addressed here a bit, I think it's most difficult for people who have a harder time with the terrain (hills from 1st, to 2nd to 3rd) and in the summer when parking by the park/beach and surrounding restaurants is very hard to come by.
107. A parking ramp would be ideal for a cost per car.
108. Need a parking ramp in Hudson and a bypass for North Hudson and residents living north of the area to reduce through traffic.
109. It is much easier to find parking in the winter, but near impossible in the summer, mainly due to beach side visitors. As much as we'd benefit from something like a parking garage or ramp, I'd hate to see anything block the gorgeous view of the St Croix that attracts so many people TO downtown Hudson.-223
110. Parking is terrible no matter what time of day you choose. I believe business workers take up most of it leaving nothing for their patrons. Where do the tax dollars go? Hudson should have had this issue corrected a long time ago! I avoid the downtown and know if I want to eat downtown, need to allow about 30 minutes to find a place to park disgraceful!

111. Depending on the time of day, we typically have to circle the area 2-3 times to find a parking spot. It's worse than downtown Stillwater.
112. There has been a need for more parking for many years. I owned a business on main street and it was always crowded, some owners and employees parked on the street where customers should have been able to park.
113. I have much better luck finding parking in Hudson as compared to Stillwater. We used to go out to eat more in Stillwater but due to the bridge often backing up (esp. in summer with boat traffic) and horrible parking options, we tend to head to Hudson for dinner and nights out. We love Hudson and have contemplated moving there.
114. How about a trolley bus? One that runs north on Second street and south on third street. Another that runs north on First street and south on Second street. That would allow for at least a couple hundred additional parking spaces along both sides of First and Third streets. Several pickup stops along First and Third. And drop-off stops along both sides of Second street.
115. Why not build a ramp behind the fire hall? Conveniently located and will not interfere with anyone's view. Another alternative might be shuttles to remote lots during prime dining hours.
116. No Parking from 2-6am seems to encourage drunk driving, so eliminate that rule and save lives.
117. Multi-level covered ramp would be great.
118. See comments above: 1. Demand pricing for users to motivate walking biking carpool etc. 2. protect neighborhood streets with residential permit parking only 3. Business should A. Have base assessment B. Pay based on public parking volume needed. (Some need much much more than others) 4. It would be nice if residential permit (for any city resident) also enabled free or lower cost parking for library /park / waterfront/boat landing areas. – 196
119. We visit downtown for dinner occasionally and a few times a year for shopping. It is extremely difficult to find a spot to park during dinner rush, be it on street or in a lot. I'd much rather pay a meter to park than increase taxes on residents or businesses.
120. 5:00 and later downtown is extremely frustrating - drivers trying to park on the street often creates traffic congestion - visibility of pedestrians becomes limited, trying to turn from side street onto main road also a challenge. The use of a phone to pay a meter is less than desirable.
121. I live in downtown Hudson. Many times, I can't get parking in front on my own home let alone near a business I plan to visit. The parking situation is awful. If you want to keep adding businesses there, especially ones that draw large loud

- drunk crowds line the smiling moose, make sure that there is parking available so that it doesn't disturb the residents that pay taxes there.
122. Please do NOT build a parking garage visible to downtown. This is a historic beautiful city and does not need a parking garage, build a parking lot a few blocks away if anything!
123. The business on the corner of Third and Vine continually takes up space making driving very difficult thru that part. That block should be a no parking zone Mon-Friday unless you are a resident.
124. This has been a problem for some time. I no longer go downtown regularly because of the parking issues.
125. I never go downtown during the day because the streets are full and the rest require a permit. When you do find a spot, you need to make numerous trips to the meter to put more money in. There must be a better system to pay for parking. I am also unsure who to contact or how to get a permit. I assume the employees and business owners are allowed to buy permits. In the evening it is impossible to get a parking spot and I have two family members that are disabled and there are not enough of those spots near restaurants. We usually avoid downtown for the simple fact that it's incredibly frustrating to find parking.
126. Sometimes i need to make a quick trip in to a business. The meters used to give me 15 minutes free, then pay for additional minutes. I liked that because I didn't need to plug a meter or carry coins to make a quick stop. And no, I don't want to pay for parking with a credit card or my phone! If I'm coming down to shop or eat I will find free parking so as not to over-stay my meter time and get a ticket. Parking fees increase the cost for me to shop and eat downtown and if they get to high, my business will move to the hill where there are large parking lots. Also, we need more bike racks in downtown!!!!
127. More large free lots with mix of paid meters.
128. I appreciate seeing you do this for your city. It is admirable. New Richmond doesn't think they have a problem. Hence no successful businesses downtown. They compared how far away Walmart's farthest parking spot is away from the front door and thought that's radius is adequate for a quick stop in a small business. (That's why we frequent Hudson). Good luck!
129. Depends on the time of day, and day of the week for finding spots to park. A parking ramp structure would be ideal for downtown. But where would it go? And would it take away the charm of Hudson? If there were to be a parking ramp, would business employees get a discount for parking, compared to a visitor to the town? Also no overnight parking would have to be enforced so residents can't take advantage of covered parking.
130. As a frequent visitor it would be nice to have a safe place where I could pay to have a parking pass for the year.

131. I have two adult children that live in the Hudson area when we come to see them and go downtown Hudson to eat or whatever there's just no place to park on a Friday night I hate downtown Hudson because of the parking.
132. There are times when there is an influx of cars that are parking downtown (weekends and festivals.) Increasing parking costs may encourage carpooling or requiring a shuttle service provided by the festival runners from a park and ride lot could be solutions.
133. Parking seems to be fine during the week, but is terrible on the weekends.
134. Parking downtown is a joke and very frustrating. Very rarely do I find a spot close to the business I want to frequent.
135. As Hudson has grown, and more businesses have been added to down town, not to mention the type, there is honestly a huge lack of parking period. I work down town and thankfully have a place to park. Folks however seem to think any spot down town is for them. I do worry about the strip mall lot you get a lot of people hanging out there late at night. I don't come down the hill that often when not working just due to lack of parking and ability to get around. Also, something that would help is metered crosswalks. I understand pedestrians have the right away, but what chance do us motorists have when someone doesn't bother to pay attention and just walks out onto the road, or darts with no crosswalk. Also an issue are the lights and the timing. It makes it not much fun to get to downtown to enjoy it. – 133
136. I think Hudson has a walking problem!! Not a parking problem!!
137. We don't have a parking problem. We have a walking problem. Hudson is going through growing pains. It's not just a small town anymore. It's a busy suburb and charming tourist destination. Residents who grew up with the old Hudson must accept the fact that the city has grown up and adjust their expectations. One of the expectations they need to let go of is that they should be able to park directly alongside the business they are visiting. In popular and busy places, walking is necessary. Be proud that our city is popular enough to draw a crowd. Embrace it. Walk proudly.
138. Hudson is Beautiful & has potential however lack of parking is a problem.
139. I believe if you buy a parking pass you should be able to park in any parking spot without paying for the spot. Why buy a parking pass with such limited spots available!
140. Now look the businesses should put some money in the kitty, as they rape the benefits of patrons, so they should be on the hook for maintenance of these roads and parking specifically downtown .lost a job as there were only x amount of spots for employees to park. What is wrong with this town that taxes are so high and there isn't sidewalks and curb and gutter. A young man lost his life last year ,because I believe narrow roads. This property ain't that ___ ___ good that

- there isn't room to consider convenience to the residents who live here first. Young moms with their babies in strollers and preschoolers walking down the middle of the streets is downright asinine. When is Hudson gonna start doing stuff normal? Street lights around Newton oh don't get me started on that 2013 upward of 3000 people no parking no sidewalks no street lights wtf.-123
141. There are a lot of times that I would like to go downtown for events but the comment from everyone is " there is no parking". We wish there was a garage. No one wants to drive around looking for a spot to park and then leaving because they can't park. City residents perhaps should have a discounted parking rate otherwise, it's double taxation. This could be a really nice place to just visit but you always have to run to the meter so not to get a ticket. Hudson misses out by not have parking for tourism as well as locals.
142. Hudson should build a multi level parking garage (or two). There have been countless times that we're unable to find a place to park downtown Hudson when we like to visit one of our many restaurants or shops and we end up going to Stillwater out of frustration.
143. There are times I just leave because there is no parking. Thursday and Friday nights are the worst. There are a lot of great restaurants but that takes up all the parking.
144. Parking is difficult during the summer/fall months when downtown gets super busy. Although annoying to find spots, it is nice knowing businesses are doing well.
145. Hudson should follow the city of Hopkins, MN parking. They have a free ramp and all on street parking is free.
146. People should not be permitted to turn left when southbound on Main St. to enter the lot by The store next to Johnsons Body Shop. Add a left turn signal to northbound traffic on Main St at Vine! Also, the private parking on 1st St. adjacent to Riverview Dental should be opened up. Finally, not really a parking issue but the new construction and businesses planned for the space by DQ is going to cause an enormous amount of congestion for commuters returning to Hudson at the end of the workday. Bad plan!
147. I'm not sure if this is the place to voice this, but the lack of notification to residents and no notification of how long the construction would take was absurd. The booster days people gave out notification so it's pretty pathetic when a city can't give notification for no parking due to construction on completely different roads.
148. Don't charge for parking after 5pm (like it is now) or on weekends. - Create a specific parking area for business owners. - Can the current parking lot, next to Wells Fargo downtown, be made into a 3 story garage? Keep it FREE, or on the same charging price/hours as the meters downtown.

149. We need more parking, I am starting to avoid it all together. I lived in downtown Hudson for many years and still have family there and we avoid business because it's a pain park.
150. There has to be a space where we can add parking, off of main street that frees up the flow of traffic on main street. You should also put signs up that say no left turns during the hours of 4-6 PM downtown. This will help free the flow of traffic. If you build or add a parking facility, and it is out of the way. It may be hard to get people to use it and pay a fee. a free parking ramp or lot, would bring more people to the local business.
151. I feel that meter parking takes away from the business.
152. Downtown seems to be growing and thriving!! Why are you trying to fix something that is not broken!!!
153. Downtown business growth has led to a lack of parking so I try to avoid it. Too much of a headache.
154. Parking is an issue and we tend to stay away because of it, even though we enjoy the many shops and restaurants.
155. I wish the fire dept. could move out from downtown and be replaced with a parking ramp.
156. I use daytime business hours whenever possible to come downtown knowing parking is, at best, difficult to find. I AVOID coming downtown on Friday or Saturday evenings because it is a NIGHTMARE trying to find someplace to park. We go out to dinner usually once or twice a weekend but always choose to spend our dining dollars somewhere other than downtown Hudson due to the parking issues.
157. I live near downtown and I see a wide range of people of varying demographics walking to/from the downtown + riverfront to on street parking in the neighborhood surrounding downtown. This is great! Walking 2 or 3 blocks in our downtown neighborhood is enjoyable as the neighborhood is beautiful. We should be promoting walking and healthy exercise, not driving and parking. Besides, many engineering firms are beginning to study how municipal infrastructure is changing as we shift to less car ownership and more automated vehicles and auto memberships. Don't do something that will be obsolete in a decade!
158. I think the parking situation has been slowly getting worse, better to get ahead of it than have to play catch up, down town is growing mostly for the late night business like bars and restaurants, we should also try harder to support retail downtown, maybe make parking free during the day and pay at night.
159. I think I find parking easily because I'm from Hudson. Out of towners may get frustrated watching for signs on busy weekends. Having staff park further away

- will help. When I worked in other cities I always walked 3-4 blocks to work. Street parking should be for visitors.
160. For local people we know where to find parking but when I was new to Hudson I had no idea where the lots were and they are not signed well. If it's a busy time downtown, we will either walk down town (from 13th st) or park a few blocks up from where we are going. I won't park where there are meters I would walk farther to just not have to deal with parking meters.
161. Having change can always be an issue but the converted meters seldom work easily with coins, I hate to use a card for minimal charges. If the weather is decent I walk for free parking.
162. At times, I avoid downtown Hudson due to lack of parking and/or difficulty to find parking. I go to other towns instead when I'd rather spend money and frequent businesses in my own town if it were easier to park.
163. While it is difficult to find needed space for additional parking lots, it is also important to maintain the integrity of the historic buildings in downtown. I am concerned that historic buildings will be sacrifice for convenience. It is well worth walking a couple more blocks for parking, if that is what is needed to preserve the charm of our historic downtown. Good sidewalks and cross walks are an important part of making current and potential new parking lost accessible. For example, when they rebuilt the intersection at 1st & Vine they removed the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection. This makes it more difficult to get from the parking spaces on 1st street (north of the intersection) to the much used public library. While much of downtown Hudson is pedestrian friendly, there are areas that are not. Access to and from parking is just as important as the parking itself.
164. We really need to find a spot for a parking ramp or at least a sizable parking lot. When there is any sort of event happening in downtown Hudson it is nearly impossible to find parking. I do feel this is an issue that needs to be addressed.
165. It's certainly a worthwhile issue that needs to be addressed.
166. Be mindful of the type of new businesses that are being allowed to open in downtown. Do not allow any more of the same businesses, i.e. Bars/restaurants that have large amount of parking needs.
167. It is a nightmare parking downtown. I love to go to the beach on the weekends but if you don't get there very early, you have to park very far away and lug all of your stuff to the beach. We also go out to eat downtown often. I think the parking lot where the Riverfront gym is located should be free overnight parking after a certain time (maybe 6pm?), especially on the weekends. They could maybe even designate part of that parking lot for free visitor parking daily, since I rarely see that whole parking lot full. People who are drunk and can't drive home need a spot to park their car without fear of being towed and/or ticketed. We try to park in the public lot next to Wells Fargo or near the fire station whenever

- possible, but those are often full during busy times. We usually have to park a few blocks behind that in the residential area. It would be great if a ramp could be built in the Wells Fargo parking lot instead of the city lot. I enjoy that the two city lots are currently free at night, and I think you should keep it that way. However, I would be fine with having to pay a fee for a ramp if it was built, as long as it accommodates overnight parking for those who drink too much.
168. The lot by Wells Fargo should be made into a two level parking area.
169. More parking spaces are desperately needed in downtown Hudson. An evening trip to a restaurant becomes very difficult to find a parking space.
170. Weekdays are not nearly the challenge that weekends are. Typically is the weather is fine we walk from 8th / St. Croix to avoid the parking hassle and hey, why not get a little exercise in ;) Overall, yes it's tight especially with recent restaurant additions but overall I don't mind walking a couple blocks.
171. At evenings towards the weekends we know there is no use to try and go downtown to eat as there is absolutely no parking.
172. Public parking signs could be more obvious. It is also not obvious that after 5 street parking is free. Parking only seems to be an issue when events are going on, most of the time parking is fine and you would expect higher traffic for events.
173. Tough to always have quarters on hand.
174. The parking in downtown Hudson is horrible. We are routinely deterred from visiting Hudson businesses because we know it is such a headache to find a space to park!
175. Our town needs a public parking ramp!
176. Handicapped parking spaces need to have uniform access aisles alongside them. Some access aisles have been half painted over by paving crews, as seen along Lakefront park.
177. It would be nice if there were more short term parking spots in front of businesses for people who are taking out food for example. Like in front of the coffee shops and the Chinese restaurant. There are two spots (I believe) that are 10 minute parking right now. I wish there were more like that. Many times I want to stop and get coffee or pick something up to go at an establishment but there is no parking anywhere. Generally, during trips like these, I would only be parked for 10 minutes or less.
178. Hudson doesn't have a parking problem, it has a walking problem. I work downtown in Hudson Monday-Friday and also come downtown to eat at least once a weekend. When I frequent Minneapolis or St. Paul (as do regular residents of these cities), you are almost guaranteed that will you walk several blocks to

your destination. Yet, in Hudson, people expect to park in front of or within a block of their destination. Even on the busiest weekend nights, I have seldom seen cars parked any further east than Fourth Street (two blocks from Second Street where most of the restaurants and businesses are). The only exception is during community events. In addition, parking meters are extremely inexpensive in Hudson compared to most area communities with a busy downtown. Business owners need to continue to work with their employees to make sure they park in public lots that are further away from the storefront.

Business Owners' Comments (29 completed surveys)

1. We have office buildings in downtown Hudson. Parking is inadequate. I am having more and more difficulty maintaining and getting new tenants. Parking is cited as the main issue. 4 doctors in the building ask how in the world are their patients supposed to find a space to park. Numerous times this summer I have had to park 2 blocks east of the funeral home. Tenants will not have their patients/customers search like that or walk that far. Too many restaurants not providing their own pkg.
2. PLEASE , PLEASE, PLEASE, NO MORE RESTAURANTS.
3. Rent some space up town near bowling alley and start as shuttle service or a valet service to handle restaurant congestion.
4. Do not see a need for 2 loading zone only parking spaces in front of Tulgren Square. Need to offer more on street handicap parking.
5. It is the number one complaint from out of towners and residents alike. They come into stores to get change, but most the time, the time restraint for the meters is not enough time to do what they like. Shopping, and eating in our fabulous restaurants, and to visit the river area. They have 2 hours from when they start before they have to be back to their car. We would like to keep them in our downtown longer. Parking sets the example of how long we want them to stay in down town.
6. Parking is a problem at "peak" times in our downtown. This has become a problem as it discourages local guests and customers from frequenting their lovely downtown. This can, in turn, impact the businesses. We are at a good point in attracting customers...now we have to working on retaining their loyalty. Parking is definitely key to this goal.
7. As a business owner in Hudson, I strongly feel that we should not have to pay for parking. As a paid permit holder, about 80% of the time I am unable to find adequate parking and often times I am walking several blocks to get to my office. As a tax payer in St. Croix County, I feel that parking for businesses should be offered specifically to the business owners(s) at no charge and I also feel that designated parking spaces should be set aside for business owners so long as they have a city issued parking permit.

8. I would like the city pursue the idea of contacting the man that owns the vacant lot on the corner of Commercial and 1st street. At the very least, force him to clean the space up. Perhaps, the city could lease the property, and put in parking.
9. I will have the realtor upstairs send this in since he has employees.
10. In my opinion there is a significant shortage that would be lovely to find a better solution so businesses could feel better about what's available at times for customers and feel there business can continue to grow downtown.
11. As a downtown business that relies on traffic to survive I will say I was very disappointed in the cities signage during the 2nd/Vine st intersection closure. The signage implied that the businesses were inaccessible. Parking was definitely NOT an issue during that time. This was by far the WORST June we have had in our 30 years. July came right back up, so it was for sure caused by the closure. I understand the need to divert the traffic at the south end of town but I wish there could have been something that let drivers know that we were accessible. This is a extreme concern for the future closings that are scheduled. It is important to this community that our downtown survives these hurdles. I feel easy access ramps would help this issue along with proper signage.
12. I think Hudson needs a downtown parking ramp.
13. January and February are our slow months for retailers. Our small business retailers are the ones responsible for giving our locals and visitors and fun and memorable experience. Taxing us for parking is just another way to close us down. I think asking customers to pay \$1.00 per hour is very reasonable but acknowledge it will take a long time to pay off the debt for parking.
14. While my employees don't park close by, there is a lot of abuse of other businesses using metered parking directly in front of their business and plugging the meters. It may be helpful to send a notice from the city/chamber stressing the importance and impact it has on all of us when this is happening.
15. Parking is provided behind building, but there is not near enough spaces for the number of people working in the building. If you return to the office in the afternoon, you can find yourself parking in the residential neighborhoods on fourth and fifth streets.

Employee Comments (120 completed surveys)

1. While my employer does have a small lot for parking, the alley it resides in is constantly being blocked by semi's making deliveries. There have been times where road construction made the one side of the alley unattainable and then a delivery truck is blocking the other exit by sitting in the alley making everyone stuck for at least 30 minutes.

2. Us workers at San Pedro (people like me who have been there for 4 years) have paid RIDICULOUS amounts in parking tickets. We also get off of work and want to go have a few drinks or something but we are nervous to leave our cars there as we don't wanna get bull crap tickets...
3. The amount of parking available has been slowly getting scarce and I feel the city has been ignoring the problem. The longer it's ignored, the more drastic the solution will need to be. It's disappointing that it has been put off for so long. Now the citizens and businesses will be forced to monetarily support the decisions of the city to not support more parking until it reached such a congested level.
4. Parking seems to be a problem especially in the summer and at peak restaurant/ bar times. I buy an annual parking permit to park in a more convenient lot for me, rather than the less convenient free lot. To me, it is worth it. None of my coworkers feel the same way.
5. Customers always comment their needs to be a ramp or more parking. Many people avoid downtown because they don't want to search for parking.
6. I do feel that metered parking does deter customers from downtown. Not sure what other tourist towns do to handle this. I know that Hayward, WI where we travel to, has no meters in their downtown area.
7. It's time for I do believe we still need more parking, but it's not a dying need right now. for a parking garage! We need it!
8. I do believe we still need more parking, but it's not a dying need right now.
9. If businesses are going to continue to opened, the parking crisis has to be solved. We are quickly becoming the new Stillwater, and soon people will not come to Hudson to enjoy our downtown since they can never find parking.
10. I truly think a one story parking ramp at Pier would double the parking and if not higher won't interrupt the view for the buildings behind. It would benefit pier and the Phipps not to mention the other surrounding businesses.
11. Paying for parking keeps me away from downtown Hudson. Stillwater has bad parking but at least it is free. I would rather shop in Stillwater Than downtown Hudson.
12. The parking lot by the fire department should be made into a parking ramp of some type.
13. There just isn't enough room for employees and customers currently and parking enforcement seems to hand out a lot of tickets to both parties.
14. My employer provides me with a yearly parking permit. Parking for work is not a problem for me but evening and weekend parking is a challenge.

15. Question 18 seems targeted to employees to pay for a parking permit and not visitors. I would add that visitors would also need to pay for parking at meters (or pay stations). I often hear that the meters are broken and visitors are afraid they may get a ticket. It's embarrassing to tell them to put a sticky note on it. I don't have a problem as a visitor to other communities to pay for parking. While it is nice to have free parking I also understand that it needs to be paid for and that doesn't discourage me from visiting a community. As far as paying for a permit as an employee, because I am generally able to park in my employer's lot I don't need a permit ongoing. When I do end up not having a space I will move to a free spot in a City lot. At those times I often notice most of the permit spots (mainly behind the fire station are empty) while the 8 or 4 hour spaces are filled and then need to look a few more blocks away. (Winter of course may change how far I'm willing to walk
16. We need more handicap parking on 2nd Street.
17. We have many customers that feel the signs do not clearly show that the Meyers ate not monitored on weekends.
18. Please get some additional parking downtown!!
19. Employees should be allowed to buy permit parking passes at a reduced rate.
20. Generally I feel safe. But when I leave work at 12:00 am and I walk out alone, my safety is always a concern.
21. Make bike lanes on Vine.
22. The meters downtown need to be marked better.
23. Vacant lot near the Nova should become a parking lot to ease with parking over there.
24. In the public lot - they took away metered parking a few years ago & changed it to permit. The Free parking fills up fast & the permit parking remains empty because the permits are so expensive.
25. There is little to none handicap parking. many of our customers need the handicap parking. Right now there is none by my business. Also every day we hear that there is not enough parking for our customers. We tell them we do not have any designated parking for our customers it is the public lot or what you can find on the streets. Being the company we are, we should have parking for our customers. This shows them we value their business. When we have to share the parking lot with the other businesses, there is little to no parking left. This is either due to, other business's employees, customers or even the people walking down to the beach. I think both Downtown Hudson and the businesses around would benefit more from better public parking.

26. I purchased a parking permit only because the 8 hour parking spots would become full by about 9-9:30 am and I did not want a parking ticket due to lack of parking! The dentist office near the bank has designated spots in the parking lot, but why doesn't Wells Fargo?? There needs to be more 8 and 4 hour spots, for employees and for customers/visitors. I have also received MANY complaints about how there isn't any handicap parking in this parking lot, nor is there any specific handicap spots anywhere around the bank. I believe employees that work in Hudson should get to park for free as we are the people running the business' to keep visitors coming to town.
27. In the parking lot that I normally park in, there are arrows painted on for traffic flow. People regularly ignore these arrows.
28. With the construction right now on Locust Street it has made parking in the main lot next to my work almost impossible. In the summer people fill up the beach parking and then they proceed to park in the public lot as well. If I come to work any time after 9 I have to circle the block over and over to get a spot. I also here from customers all day long that they have no place to park. I work at the Wells Fargo and people are constantly asking why they can't get in to do business and when we are going to move to the top of the hill so that they can get a parking spot.
29. We pay for annual parking permits and most times if we leave for lunch with our vehicles there isn't a "permit" parking spot available when we return. We should either have "permit" only parking or be able to park at the meters without being ticketed.
30. I work at a salon where customers make appointments and I have people daily that are late because of nowhere to park. It hurts my business.
31. When customers come into the shop, many of them are not happy about parking. Most parking is taken by paid permits, and then they have to find parking on the street.
32. The city of Hudson needs to either take meter parking away so there are places to park or they need to change the parking lot rules and give employees of Hudson parking passes or stickers so that if there are not parking spots available we can park anywhere and won't get a ticket. I have had countless co-workers and myself that have had to pay for parking tickets because there are not parking spaces for us but we have to work.
33. We have plenty of parking! Just have to walk a block or two.
34. It is frustrating to see some businesses have parking spaces and others do not. Although limited in space, it would be great to see a parking ramp or some sort of additional parking for consumers and employees who are in downtown both day and night. It is exceptionally frustrating to pay \$100 or more for a parking permit only to not find a spot to park in. It is also frustrating as we gain new businesses in Hudson that we cannot accommodate consumers coming into town and finding parking. I think paying for parking should be a must as it generates revenue, but I

think ideas such as a ramp need to be considered to help Hudson earn more business and keep the businesses already established full of patrons.

35. There is a great need for more peak time parking downtown and especially handicap spots. either add more spots with a ramp or limit and enforce parking times for available spots downtown. you could take all the 4 and 8 hour parking in the lots and make it 2 hour parking to encourage employees downtown to park on street 1-2 blocks away.
36. I am guilty of using the closest on-street parking, as often there is none in the provided lots nearby.
37. I think we need to have specific lots that are parking permit ONLY!