



TOWN OF BROOKLINE
Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Erin E. Chute
Commissioner

Memorandum

To: Select Board
From: Erin Chute, Commissioner of Public Works
Amy Ingles, Transportation Administrator
Date: January 30, 2024
Re: Parking Meter Rate Increase
Cc: Charles Carey, Town Administrator
Brian Kane, Transportation Board Chair

The Transportation Board and the Department of Public Works respectfully request that the Select Board approve and adopt the Transportation Board's approved Parking Meter Rate increase to \$2.00 per hour. The Town's current parking meter rates are set at either \$0.75, \$1.25 or \$2.00 per hour. Below please find the approximate number of current spaces metered at each rate.

	Parking Meter Rates		
	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.75
Parking Meters	61	1428	279
Multi Space	74	288	136
Total Spaces	135	1716	415

The parking meter rate increase is proposed for the following reasons:

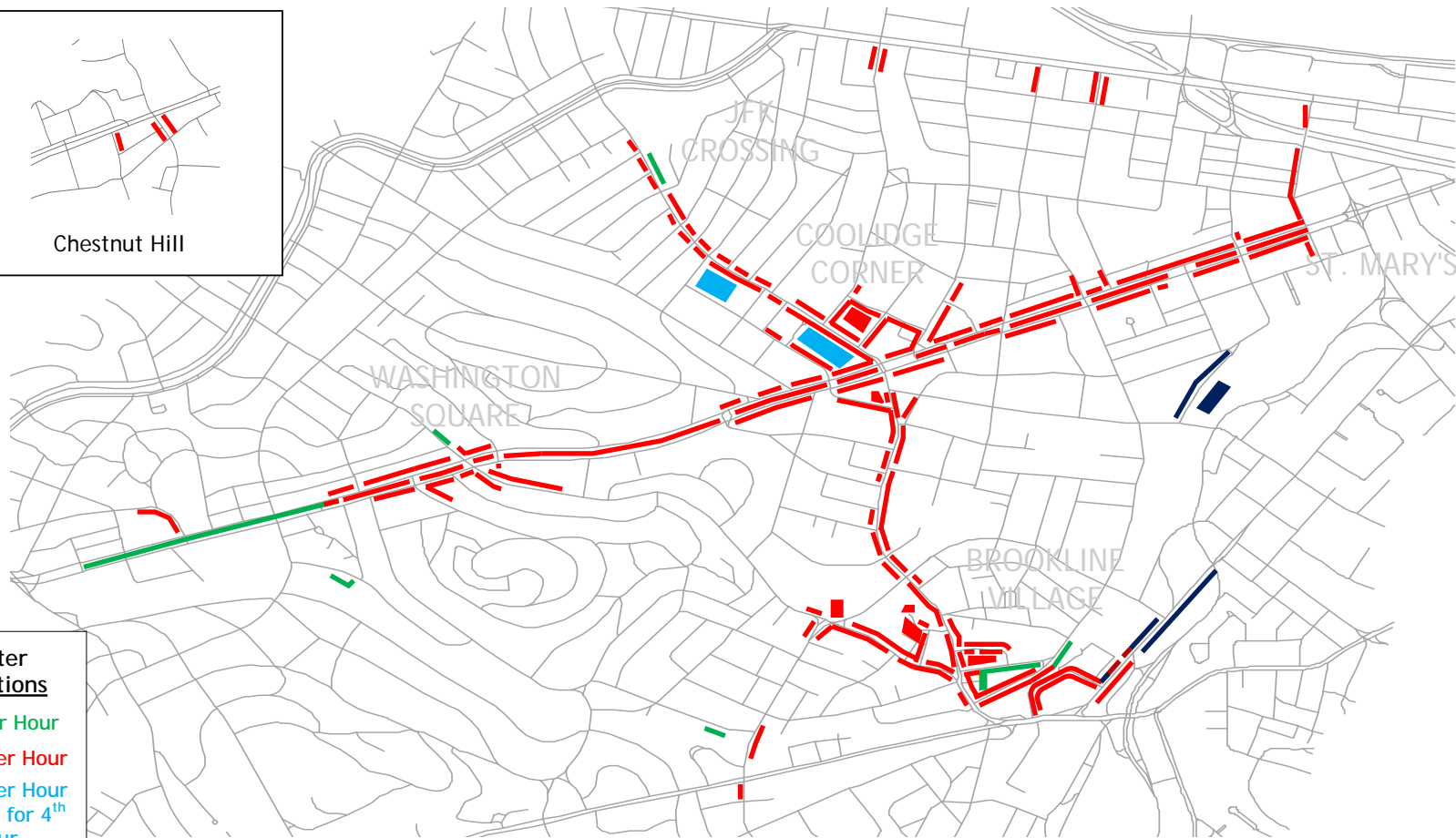
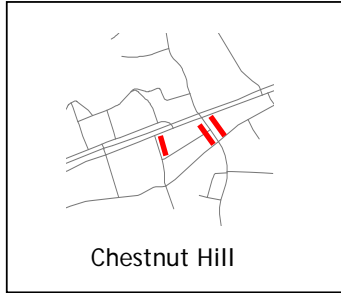
- 1.) Brookline's current rates are significantly below standard parking meter rates in the surrounding area. A rate of \$2.00 is in alignment with the parking meter rates around the Town of Brookline.
- 2.) The parking meter rates were last increased nearly eight (8) years ago in 2016.
- 3.) An increase in the parking meter rates could help plan for the replacement of new multi-space and single-space parking meters that are reaching the end of their expected life and provide a source of revenue to support the Town's sustainability goals.

Summary:

At a meeting of the Transportation Board in April 2016, the parking meter rate was set to the current rate of either \$0.75, \$1.25, or \$2 per hour. In April 2020, the rates were again considered for an increase at the Transportation Board meeting, but a vote was postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The proposal at the time was to increase the rates to \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$2.25 per hour. In September 2023, staff revisited the parking meter rate increase with the Transportation Board, with a proposal to bring all of the meter rates to \$2

per hour from their existing levels at \$0.75, \$1.25, and \$2.00 per hour. The Transportation Board discussed the staff proposal but voted to raise the current \$0.75 and \$1.25 per hour rates to \$1.75 per hour and keep the \$2.00 per hour rate the same. The thought was that the rate could be raised again next year. The Town Administrator's office suggested that it was preferable to raise the rate now to \$2.00 per hour instead of raising it again in the near future. The parking meter rate increase to \$2.00 per hour is important for the Town's overall budget planning and some directed needs in the Department of Public Works. **On January 17, 2024, the Transportation Board revisited the parking meter fees and voted on the recommendation to bring the rate to its full \$2 per hour.**

The Transportation Board's vote and DPW staff recommendation for \$2.00 per hour parking meter rate will bring Brookline on par with adjacent neighborhoods abutting the Town line, including the Cleveland Circle area, Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, and Longwood Medical parts of Boston. The Town has approximately 1800 single-space meters and 30 multi-space meters. Residents are able to pay by quarters, credit card and Passport App at most of the meters. **The additional annual revenue estimated with approval of this proposal is approximately \$1,425,000.**



- Meter Locations**
- \$0.75 per Hour
 - \$1.25 per Hour
 - \$1.25 per Hour & \$2.00 for 4th Hour
 - \$2.00 per Hour



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DPW Transportation Division
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PARKING METER LOCATIONS BY RATES