For Task Force members who weren’t able to attend the August 8 Task Force meeting, here are some highlights.

Most of the meeting featured Rick Williams of Rick Williams Consulting, who is the Pacific Northwest’s leading parking consultant. Rick and his crew completed comprehensive parking counts in downtown Everett over two 12-hour days on Saturday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 11. Every on-street space was counted hourly over both days, along with 83% of off-street spaces. The data collection covered the entire Metro Everett Plan boundaries – a larger area than Rick’s team surveyed in 2007 and 2015.

**Highlights**
The results confirm what many of you have guessed:

1. **On-street parking is getting more congested in the downtown core.** At the peak, 67.3% of all spaces across the downtown are occupied on a typical weekday. In a single weekday, more than 6,350 different vehicles park on-street in downtown – a 6% increase since 2015.

2. **There are now two weekday peaks for on-street parking.** Mid-day (11 a.m. to noon) and early evening (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

3. **On-street parking is also congested on Saturdays.** At the 2:00 p.m. peak, 82% of on-street spaces are occupied.

4. **The most congested parking is in the heart of the downtown.** Colby, Hewitt, Wetmore, Wall, Rockefeller, and Oakes are “full” – over 85% occupied at the peak hour.

5. **There are still many off-street parking spaces available.** At the peak hour, off-street parking in the downtown core is only 66% occupied – one-third of the off-street parking (more than 2,500 spaces) remain empty. However, the largest garages are all approaching 85% occupany.
6. **Parking compliance has improved.** The data show fewer violations of the time limits than in 2015: down from 14.2% to 10.7% – although this is still above the industry standard of 5% to 7% of parkers.

7. **However, more employees are re-parking their vehicles to avoid citations:** up from 360 vehicles in 2015 to 409 today.

8. **Parking conditions are somewhat less congested outside the downtown core.** The two new areas studied outside the core are much smaller: “Area B” – east and west of Broadway, south of Pacific to 34th St; and “Area C”: east along Hewitt from Baker Ave to Maple St. On-street parking occupancy peaks at 84% (Area B) and 54% (Area C) on a typical weekday. (See attached map.)

Data
You can review the results in more detail. Go to: downtowneverettwa.org/

Next Steps
These results will contribute to recommended parking strategies. A **Public Forum** is set to review the options: **Wednesday, October 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m.** at the Performing Arts Center. The next **Task Force meeting** will be the following morning: **Thursday, October 17, 8-9:30 a.m.** at the same location. You will want to mark these dates on your calendar.

Questions? Please contact Dana Oliver or myself.

encl.
cc Ryan Sass, P.E.
     Tim Miller, P.E.
     Dana Oliver
     Rick Williams