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To: Chair Steve Albers and members of the Board of Trustees
From: Georgia Lomax, Deputy Director
Subject: Parking space data

Last month we shared Branch data related to square footage, public computers and seating per capita. This information, established in the Facilities Master Plan as a service indicator, helps us assess levels of need. Parking is another area that we’ve identified a need to improve in some locations.

As shown last month, four locations do not meet the PCLS standard of 4 spaces per 1,000 square foot of building floor space:

- Lakewood with 68 spaces (2.66 per 1,000)*,
- Eatonville with 11 spaces (2.75 per 1,000),
- Orting with 8 spaces (2.96 per 1,000),
- Key Center with 14 spaces (3.44 per 1,000).

(*Note: Lakewood totals 32,592 square feet, but 7,000 square feet is used by the Friends of the Library and not open to the public. Using just floor space available to public service, Lakewood’s parking ratio increases from the 2.08 reported last month to 2.66 per 1,000.)

Attached are some additional comparisons based on number of visitors at each location based on the peak hour, average number of visitors at 4-5 p.m., and average number of visitors for all hours in January and in February. (In order to draw accurate conclusions, we would need to do some additional studying to help us determine how many visits are by car versus non-car, the average number of people arriving in a car together, and turnover rate for parking spots.) This does allow us to confirm where we believe we have the most need for parking improvements.