

LA Express Park[™] Updates Parking Meter Rates on February 3

LA Express Park[™], a demonstration project from the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), is updating parking meter rates and implementing a time-of-day pricing strategy on additional blocks in Downtown to improve parking management.

Wireless sensors continue tracking Downtown street parking activity around the clock. Using these data, parking meter rates will be adjusted on the first Monday of February, 2014 to better match the price of parking to the demand on each block and each side of the street. The overall goal of the project is to improve parking availability and reduce the time spent hunting for parking, in order to cut down on traffic congestion and pollution in Downtown L.A.

On Monday, February 3rd, LADOT will update parking meter rates throughout Downtown and extend time-of-day rates to additional blocks. Overall, the average hourly rate in the project area will remain at \$1.75/hr. The average hourly rate will decrease at 17% of the spaces in the project area, increase at 16% and the remaining 67% of spaces will have no rate change. After this rate change, over 3,000 spaces Downtown will have a rate of \$0.50/hr at some point during the week.

Parking meters with time-of-day rates have different hourly rates matching the parking demand in the morning, midday, evenings and weekends. The parking meter or pay station screen will show the current rates that apply on the day and times you are parking. And don't worry; the meter will do the math for you if your parking spans different rate periods, so you will always know how much time you are buying.

Rate maps showing the hourly rates during each period can be downloaded from www.LAExpressPark.org.

On the website, you will also find a real-time parking map and links to smartphone apps that help you find current rates and open parking spaces and even let you pay for your meter remotely. Explore the website to learn more about the LA Express Park[™] project and find out how you can "save time, park smarter" in Downtown L.A.

