



Residential Parking Permit Program

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What is a Residential Parking Permit Program?

A Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program is designed to manage on-street parking in residential neighborhoods where demand exceeds supply, often due to spillover from nearby commercial areas, universities, or event venues. These types of programs help ensure that residents have reasonable access to parking near their homes while also balancing the needs of businesses and visitors.

Key Objectives of RPP

Preserve Residential Parking Availability

Limit non-resident parking in designated areas

Reduce Congestion & Improve Mobility

Prevent vehicle circulation searching for parking, reduce traffic congestion

Enhance Safety & Quality of Life

Reduce illegal or unsafe parking, and decrease bike and pedestrian hazards

Promote Alternative Transportation

Encourage use of public transit, biking, or walking.

Benefits of a Pilot Program

A pilot program serves as a strategic testing phase before fully implementing a long-term RPP program. It allows city staff and stakeholders to evaluate real-world impacts, refine policies, and ensure the program meets the community's needs.

Key Benefits

Data-Driven Decision Making

Parking demand data, enforcement challenges, resident participation

Community Engagement & Feedback

Residents, businesses, and visitors can provide firsthand feedback. Allows for adjustments before a potential full implementation.

Flexibility & Adjustments

Allows for modifications to permit structures/limitations, enforcement strategies, etc.

Public Awareness & Education

Meetings like today, answer questions, and reduce false information

Stronger Policy Development

Deliver the best program and service we can for residents of Lawrence



Proposed Residential Parking Permit Program Overview

How to Apply

Create an Account – Visit the City of Lawrence

Select the Correct Permit – Choose "Residential Parking Permit." Or "Visitor Residential Parking Permit"

Vehicles with valid ADA placard are NOT required to have a permit

Provide Proof of Residence – Upload one of the following:

Driver's License (with current RPP zone address)

- o Vehicle Registration
- o Lease or Rental Agreement
- o Utility Bill

Permit Limits and Options

Up to (4) Full-Time Permits are allowed per qualifying address.

Free Parking – The first 2-hour in the RPP zone are free. Short-term visitors or service providers don't need a permit.

Utility vehicles - (gas company, electrical, or any subcontractors) and first responders (police, fire, medical) on official business are exempt from non-safety violations.

Visitor Permits - Each address can have up to (5) total FREE Visitor Permits annually that are valid for 48 hours per use. Permits must be linked to visitor license plate via the permit portal. If additional visitor permits are needed, they can be purchased online at a rate of \$0.00 per permit (for pilot).

Abuse of the RPP permits - will not be tolerated and may result in immediate revoking of visitor parking rights within the neighborhood or RPP zone.



Selecting a Pilot Location

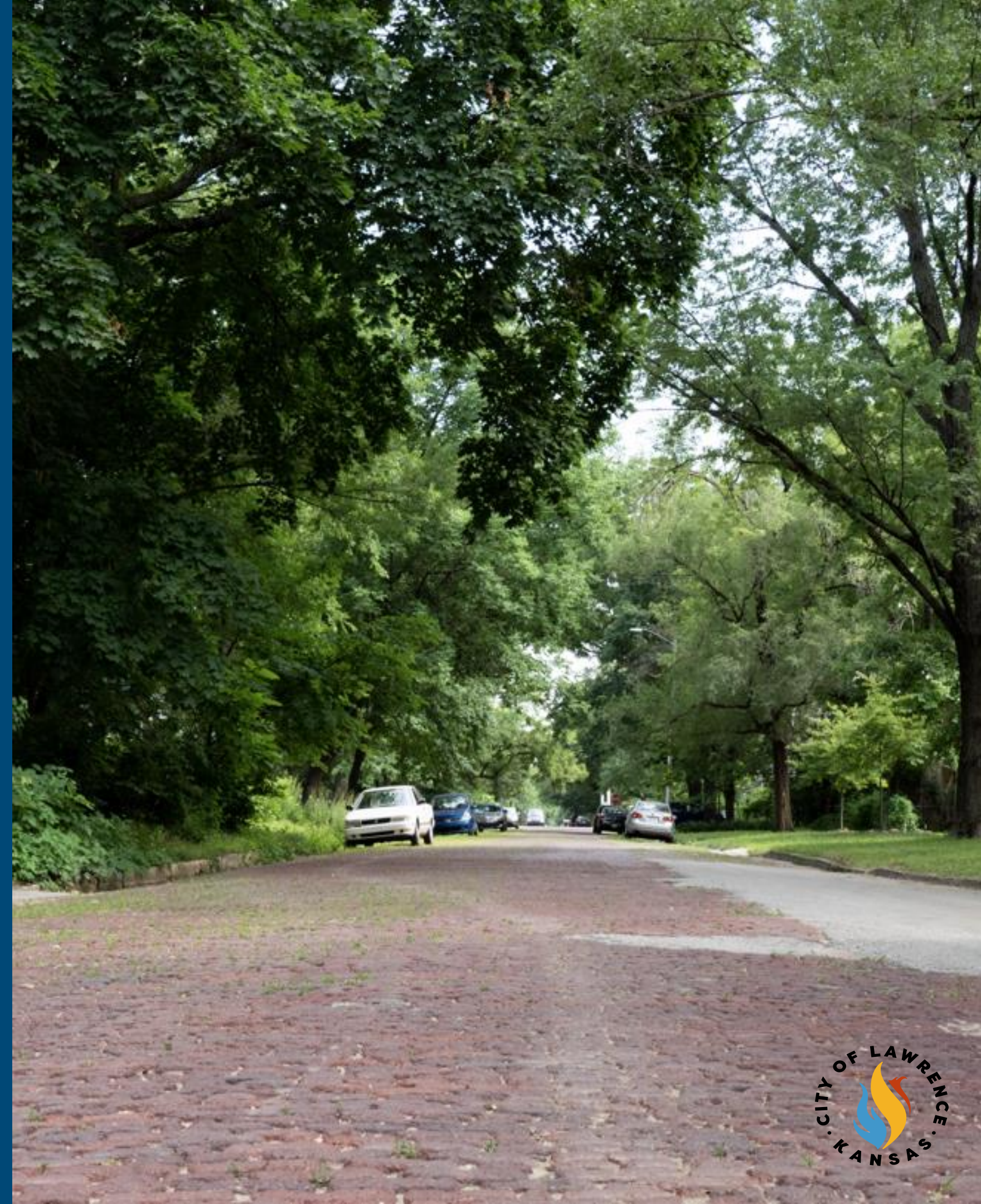
What factors should we consider

High Demand & identifiable Parking Challenges

Clear Boundaries & Manageable Size

Mixed Land Use & Stakeholder Representation

Availability of Data Collection & Enforcement Tools



UNIVERSITY PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD



- Near University of Kansas
- Large student housing complex (Naismith Hall)
- Amber Student Recreation Center
- Frequent sporting events
- High pedestrian traffic biking/walking/scooters
- Good representation of typical Lawrence neighborhood near the University of Kansas



DID YOU KNOW?

NOT REVENUE GENERATING

A common belief is that this type of program would create substantial revenue for the city. The best RPP programs in the country are breakeven operations.

IT WILL WORK

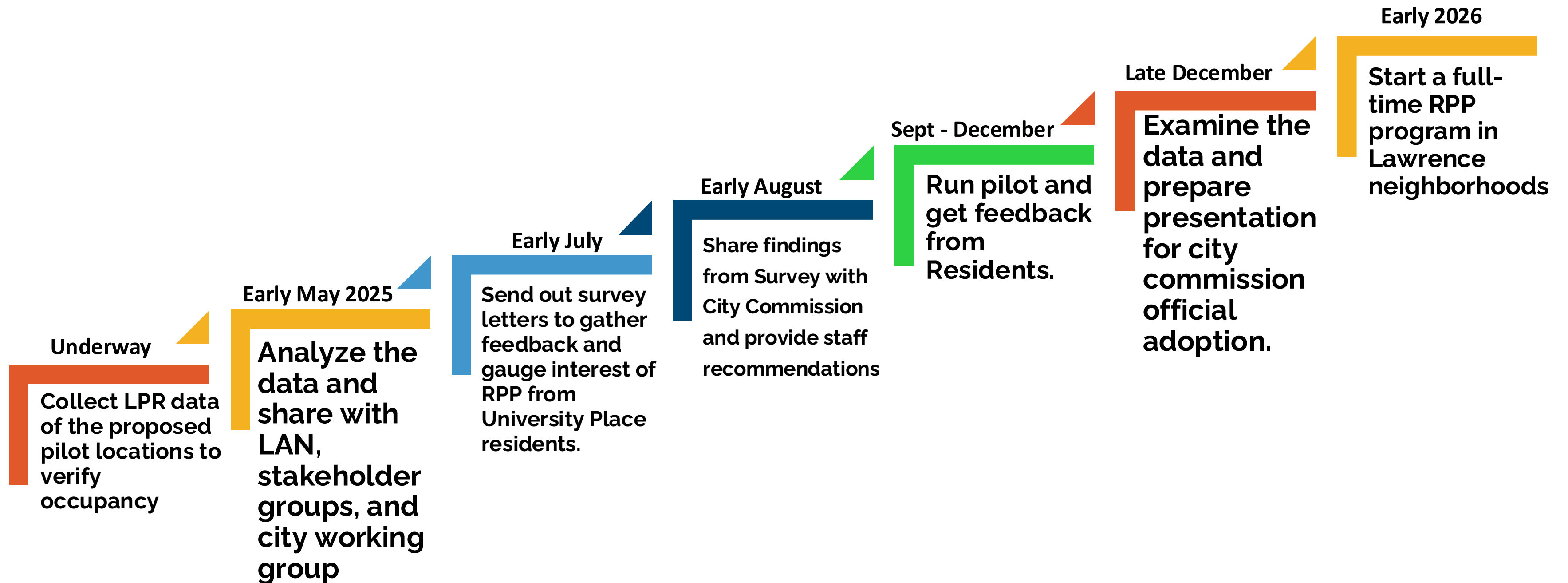
RPP programs are an industry standard for many communities. We are not recreating the wheel, and there are countless examples of successful programs providing relief for neighborhoods.

IS IT REQUIRED?

Just because a neighborhood appears to be a good fit, the city will NOT force a full-time program upon them. 60% of residents currently living in the neighborhood must sign a petition.



What is the general timeline?





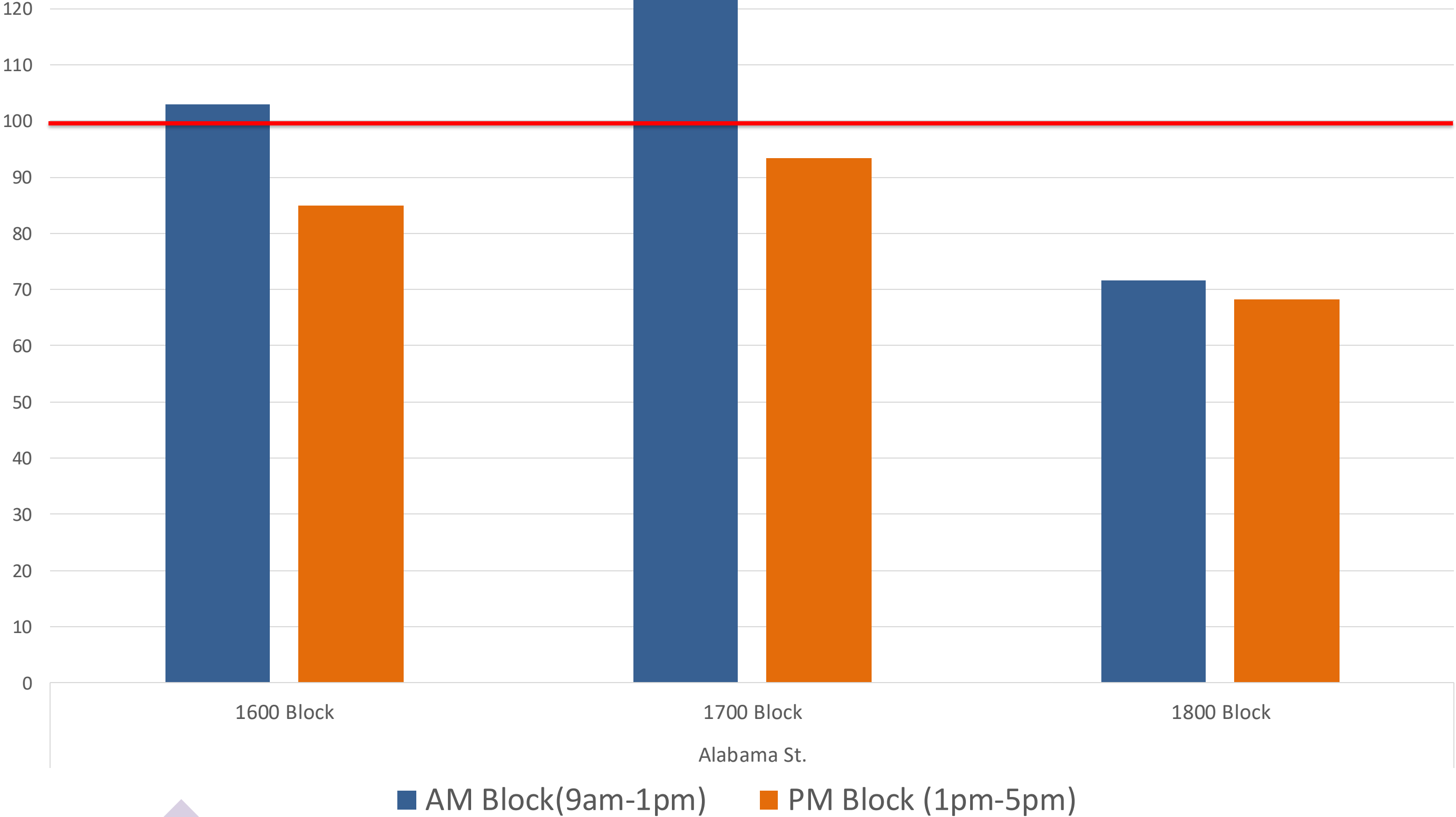
Data collection

Data collection is at the heart of determining the most effective parking solution for the neighborhoods of Lawrence. Our license plate recognition (LPR) vehicles are highly efficient at scanning for occupancy and comparing real-time data against our pre-established occupancy benchmarks.

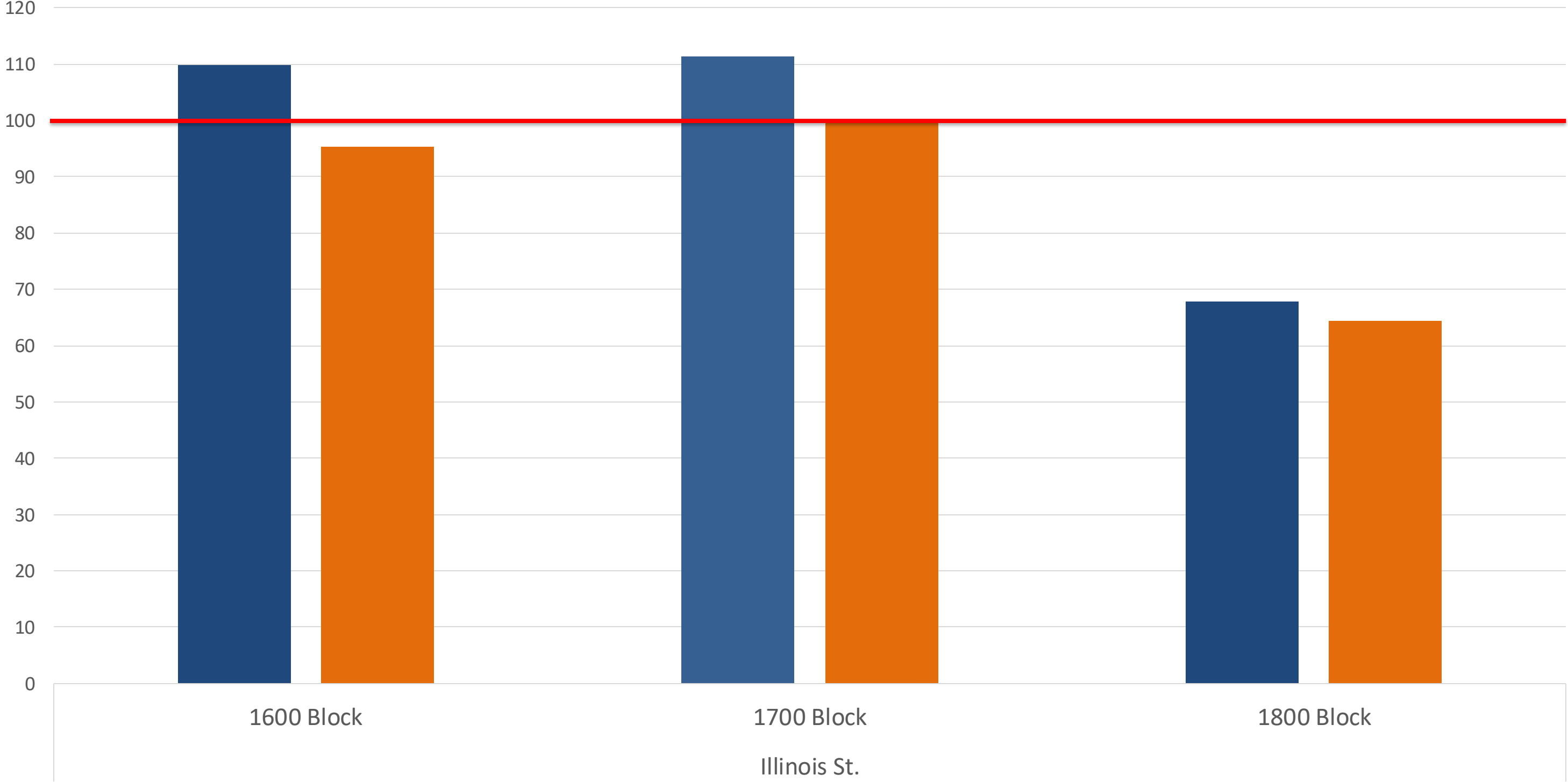
Over the past month LPR vehicles have scanned over thousands of vehicles in the proposed pilot location.



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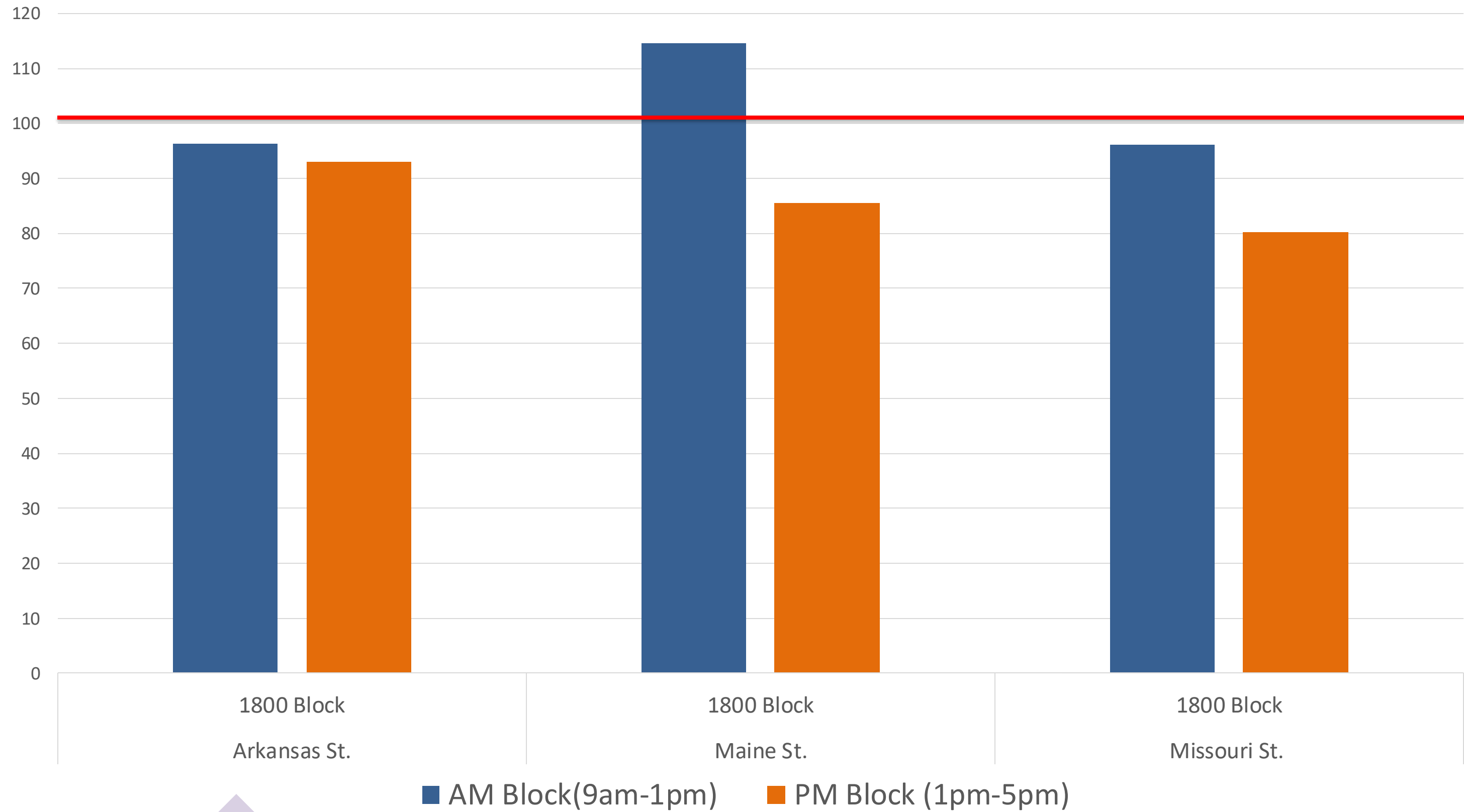
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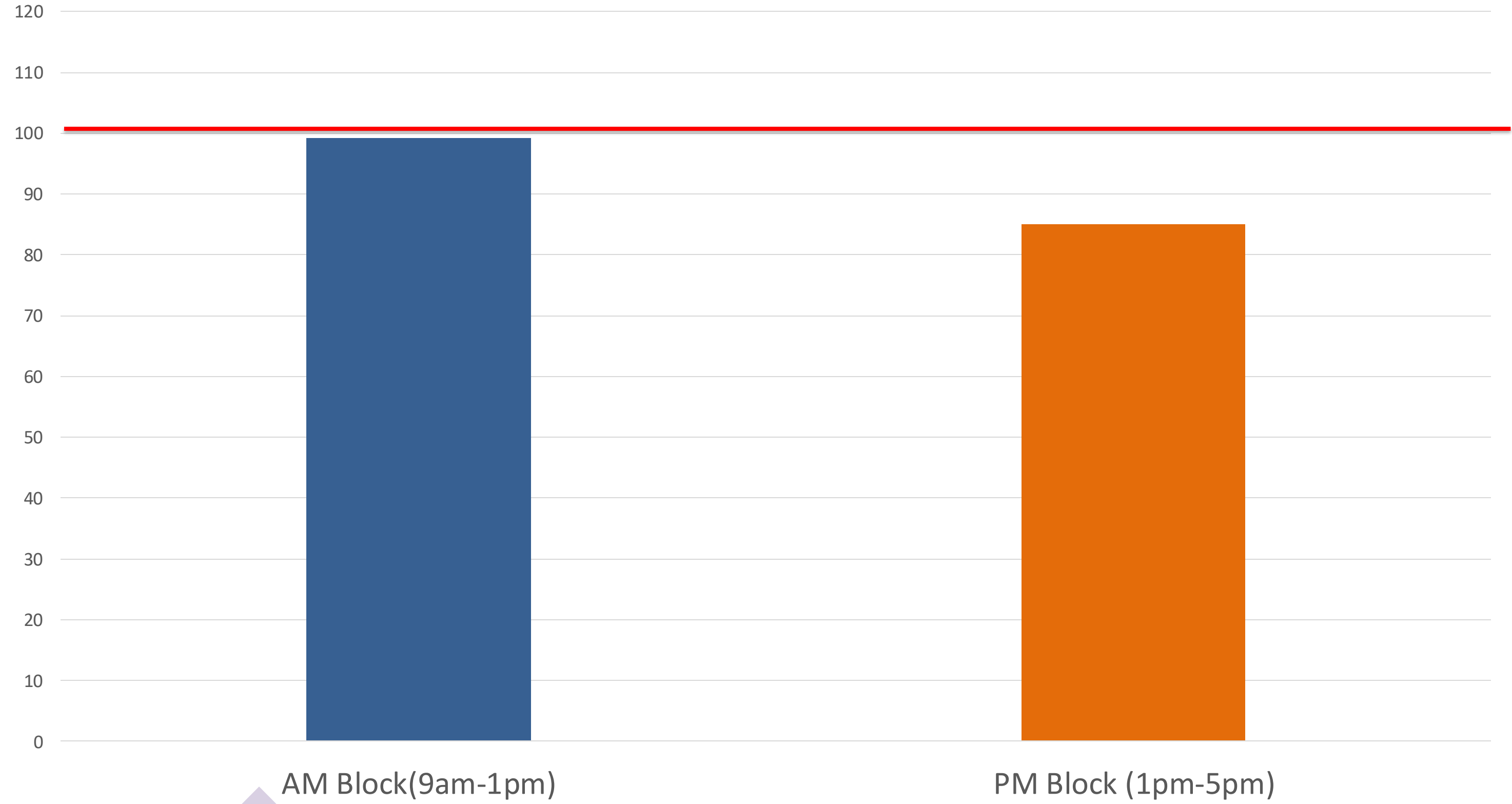
■ AM Block(9am-1pm) ■ PM Block (1pm-5pm)



Arkansas, Maine, Missouri



Average Occupancy All Blocks



We're here to help!

The goal of parking services and the proposed Residential Permit Pilot Program is to improve the safety of Lawrence neighborhoods and assist you with great customer service.

We are here to support positive change within our Lawrence neighborhoods. We will navigate this process with care, honesty, and a commitment to keeping everyone informed.





Thank You