

#### **REPAVING AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

#### **WASHINGTON AVENUE**



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Observed: 7+ hours west of Broad 8+ hours East of Broad

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**Double-Parking** 

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#### **Double Parking**



Blocks traffic flow, can cause **backups**, **congestion**, and **frustration**.

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### **Double Parking**



Blocks traffic flow, can cause **backups**, congestion, and frustration.

Blocks bike lanes and **forces people on** bikes to merge into traffic.





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### **Sidewalk Parking**



Can cause **problems for people with mobility issues, strollers, or shopping carts.** 







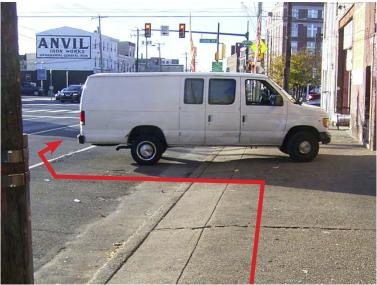


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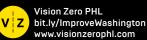


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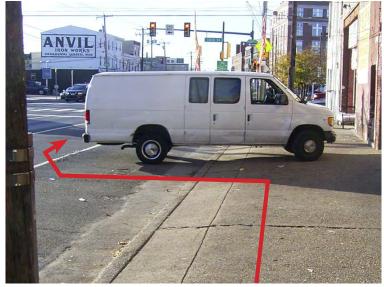
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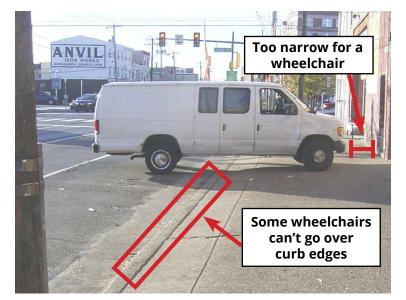
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Can make sidewalk impassable for people in wheelchairs.



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### **Median Parking**



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Can make it difficult for people driving to see crosswalks, oncoming traffic, or turning vehicles.

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### **Shortage of Loading Zones**



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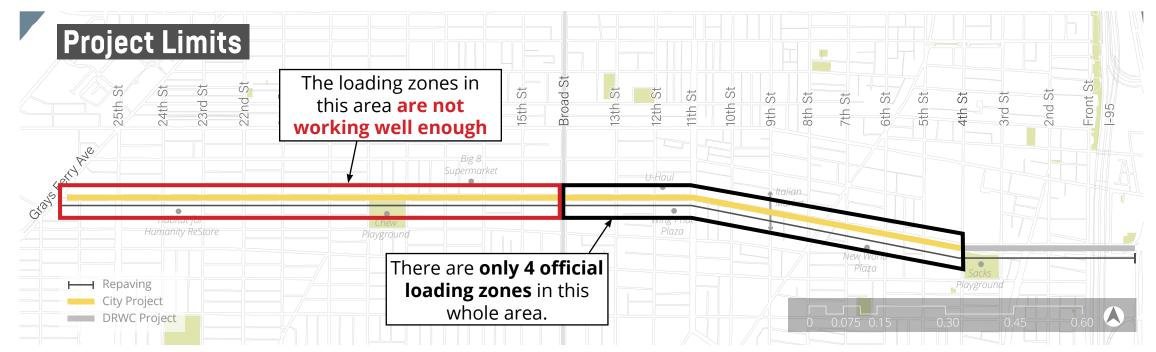
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### **Ineffective Loading Zones**



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**Understanding Business Needs** 

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### **Understanding Business Needs**



We identified **167 Active businesses** 





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### **Understanding Business Needs**



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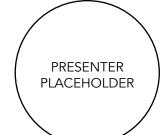
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We got **responses from about 80%** of businesses









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Some of the things we asked:

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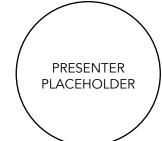
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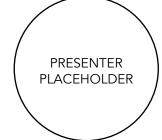
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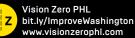
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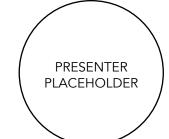
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Every block on Washington Avenue has unique business parking and loading needs.



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#### What we learned from neighbors:



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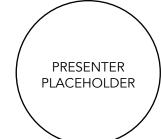
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People park on Washington and take SEPTA to work









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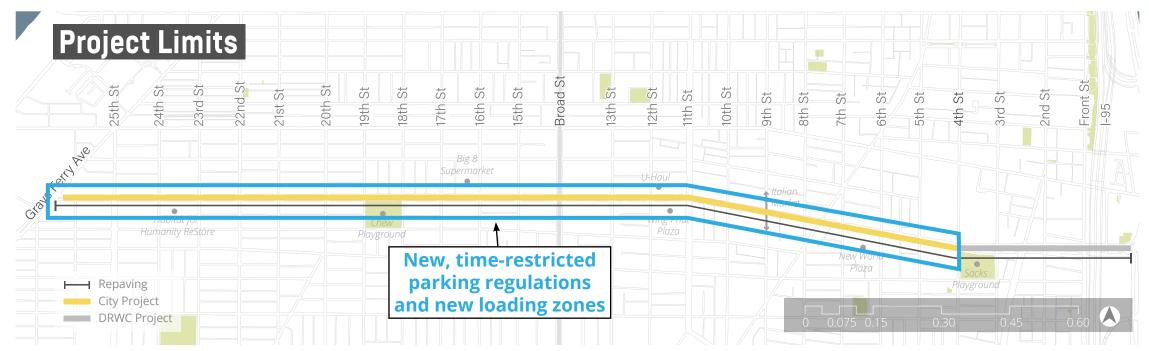






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### **Sample Parking and Loading Regulations**







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