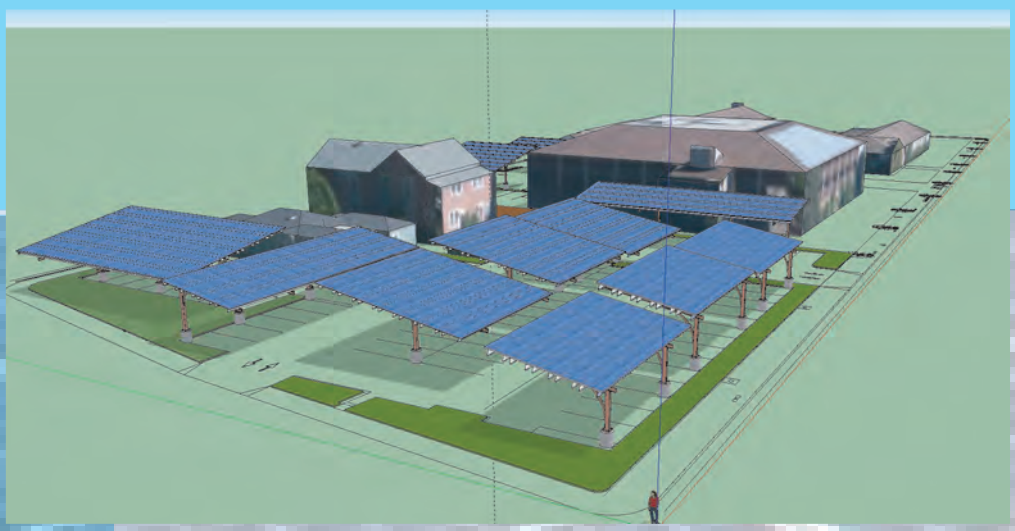

# Solar Carport Project

## City Hall and Police Department Parking Lots

**WHO: City employees, customers and surrounding neighbors and businesses.**

**WHAT: Solar PV carport installation project.**

**IMPACT: Employee parking,visitor parking and City fleet vehicle parking.**

**WHERE: City Hall Lots on Church/Chestnut and Locust. Police Department back lot for police vehicles and employee parking.**

**WHY: To produce enough power to cover the full electric bill at each site. The City is expected to save four million dollars over the life of the system.**

**WHEN: Beginning October 4th through December 6th (weather dependent)**

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The City of Santa Cruz has entered into a public-private partnership with Barry Swenson Builder to construct two photovoltaic solar systems in the parking lots of the City Hall and the Police Department. These solar systems will ensure that both facilities will be powered by the sun for the next 25 years. The partnership was formed to ensure the City receives the highest financial benefit in the shortest time possible from the solar system. The City is expected to save four million dollars over the life of the system.

The City Hall system will be 220 kW and the Police Department site will be 225 kW. Each system will produce enough power to cover the full electric bill at each site. The solar arrays will incorporate the latest technologies. The project will be a visible symbol of the City's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. It will allow the City to lead by example in its effort to promote sustainable energy sources and reduce global warming.

The parking lot carport roof canopies will have the added benefit of providing shade for parked cars as well as reducing the heat island index produced from large pavement areas found in parking lots. The project will not result in the loss of any parking spaces in either lot.

During construction, parking will be impacted in both locations and your cooperation and patience will help make this project go as fast and as smooth as possible. The following pages provide helpful tips for parking and alternative commute ideas.

## How is this going to affect you?

**The Bad:** The City Hall lots will be mostly off limits to parking during the construction window of October 1st through December 6th (weather dependent and subject to change). That eliminates about 30 free parking spaces for employees, 13 visitor spaces and 2 disabled spaces. Please inform your customers.

**The Good:** There are a few free parking options that will still be available.

1. We will continue to lease the lot across from the fire station on Walnut Street until November 1st. This lot will accommodate about 30 vehicles. After November 1st it will be available on a week to week basis as the "Walnut Commons" housing project is tentatively scheduled for construction in early November. You must have your City Parking Sticker visible on your back window.
2. The lot behind Parks and Recreation is still available and is on a first come first served basis.
3. All of the on-street free spaces around City Hall will be available just as before.
4. Once the Chestnut Street slope repair project is complete (approximately Oct. 31st) the spaces around Rincon Park will become available.

**Other options:**

1. If you haven't already, sign up for RideSpring and use alternative transportation. If you ride your bike, walk, and carpool or take the bus you can **Win great prizes each month**. For more info go to https://www.ridespring.com/citysantacruz/
2. Buy a City ParkCard at the Locust Street garage and park at any of the metered parking around City Hall. You can also use your ParkCard at the two smart bicycle lockers at City Hall.
3. Sign up for Parkmobile and download the app on your smartphone. Use this handy app to park at any of the metered parking around City Hall. http://us.parkmobile.com/en/everyone/mobile-app

## Where are City Fleet and Pool vehicles going to be?

The fleet vehicles and pool vehicles that are normally parked in the two City Hall parking lots will be moved to the basement of the Locust Street garage. Each Department with vehicles in the City Hall lots will be responsible for moving them to the garage. Twenty-five spaces will be posted for city vehicle parking. Permits will be placed in each car to use with the gate reader to enter and exit the garage. The most direct access to the basement is from the Locust Street entrance. City vehicles will need to be moved back to City Hall prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Will the parking lots be available during construction?

The main lot at City Hall will be fenced off completely. The city vehicle lot on Locust Street will be barricaded as access must be maintained for refuse collection, armored truck and Parks vehicles. The Locust lot may become available for parking to city employees during different phases of the project and a notification will be sent out if appropriate.

## Free-Short Term Parking:

Available in designated downtown public parking lots.

2- or 3-hour time limits are enforced Monday through Saturday 8 AM to 6 PM and are not enforced on Sundays and City Holidays.

## Pay Parking:

To park longer than 2 – 3 hours, park at one of our pay-by-space lots, pay-n-display lots, or an attended parking facility (Locust Garage, Soquel/Front Garage, or Santa Cruz Wharf).

Downtown pay-by-space pay stations accept credit cards, City of Santa Cruz ParkCards, or cash.

Beach area pay-n-display pay stations accept ParkCards and cash only.

## Permit Parking

Permit Parking is available to downtown residents and employees throughout the City.

Contact the Parking Office at 420-6100 or visit the City's website, Parking Services page: www.cityofsantacruz.com

## Change Machines

Parking meter change is available at change machines located on Pacific Ave. in the Downtown area and at many locations in the Beach area (see map).

## City of Santa Cruz ParkCard

ParkCards work in parking meters, pay stations, and bike lockers. Buy one at the Locust Garage Parking Office.

ParkCards allow you to pay for only the time that you use to park your vehicle. **Unused time is refunded to the card at parking meters and bike lockers!**

## Metered Parking

Meters in the Downtown area operate everyday 9 AM to 8 PM. Beach area meters operate everyday 10 AM to 8 PM.

Meter time limits are color coded by the colored label on the meter housing or by the pole color.

**Blue:** Long-term meters with either a 10-hour or 12-hour time limit.

**Gray:** 6-hour time limit

**Orange:** 2-hour time limit

**Brown:** 1-hour time limit

**Green:** 20-, 24- or 30-minute time limit

City of Santa Cruz ParkCards are accepted at all Santa Cruz parking meters.

***Downtown metered parking is free on the following City Holidays:***

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

## Smart Bicycle Lockers

A Smart Bicycle Locker is a bike locker in downtown Santa Cruz that can be accessed by using a ParkCard.

For 3 cents per hour your bicycle will be safe and secure as you work, shop, and enjoy beautiful Downtown Santa Cruz. There are over 100 bicycle lockers available.

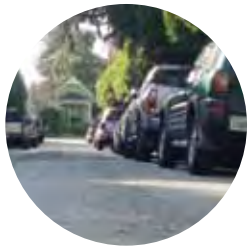
## Loading Zones

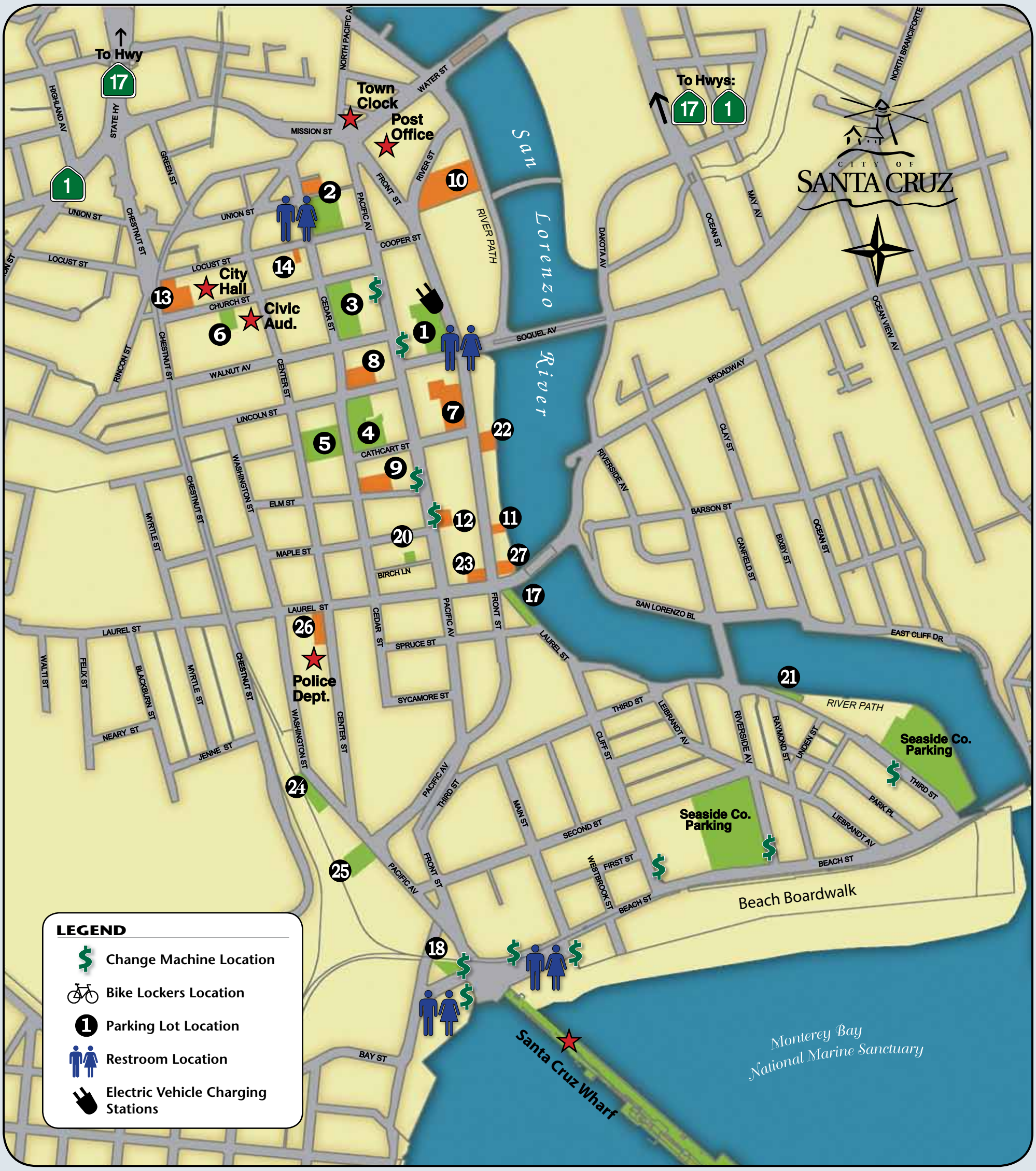
**Passenger loading zones (white zones)** are for passenger loading and unloading only for a maximum of 3 minutes, unless marked for longer stays.

**Commercial loading zones (yellow zones)** provide free parking of commercially plated vehicles making deliveries between 7 AM and 6 PM (except Sundays and City Holidays) for no longer than 20 minutes.

**Dual use commercial loading zones** combine a yellow zone with a 20-minute to 2-hour meter. Commercial vehicles may park for free to make deliveries between 7 AM and 1 PM (except Sundays and City Holidays) for no longer than 20 minutes.

After 1 PM the spaces are controlled by parking meters and both commercial and non-commercial vehicles may use the space and pay the meter fees.






## FREE TIME-LIMITED PARKING

- 2 The Walnut Tree Parking Lot
- 7 Front/Cathcart Parking Lot
- 8 Pearl Alley Parking Lot
- 9 Elm/Cedar Parking Lot
- 10 River/Front Parking Garage
- 11 Front Street South Parking Lot
- 12 South Pacific Parking Lot
- 13 City Hall Parking Lot
- 14 Library Parking Lot
- 22 NIAC Parking Lot
- 23 Front/Laurel Parking Lot
- 26 Police Department Parking Lot
- 27 Laurel/Front Parking Lot

## PAY PARKING

- Santa Cruz Wharf
- 1 Soquel/Front Parking Garage
- 2 Locust Parking Garage
- 3 Cedar/Church Parking Lot, **Pay-by-Space**
- 4 Cedar/Cathcart Parking Garage, **Pay-by-Space**
- 5 Calvary Church Parking Lot, **Pay-by-Space**
- 17 South of Laurel Parking Lot, **Permit Only**
- 20 Birch Lane Parking Lot
- 24 Depot Park North, **Pay-n-Display**
- 25 Depot Park South, **Pay-n-Display**

### Parking Lots with Metered Parking:

- 6 Civic Auditorium Parking Lot
- 18 Beach Hill Parking Lot
- 21 Third and Raymond Streets Parking Lot