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## City of Sunnyvale Safe Parking Ordinance

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# Presentation Overview





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## Overview of Safe Parking

# What is Safe Parking?

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- **A safe place to park off-street on a temporary basis -- in approved locations**
- **Most often managed by a social service or faith-based provider**
- **Can serve RV's and/or cars**
- **Access to health, social services & hygiene resources**



# Best Practice Operating Standards:

24/7 operations

“Flex” spaces  
for commuter  
cars

Programs can  
RV’s and/or  
passenger  
vehicles

Good Neighbor  
Policy

Quiet Hours

Site Control:  
Referral Only

Program  
Policies For  
Guests and  
Operators

Screening  
Procedures

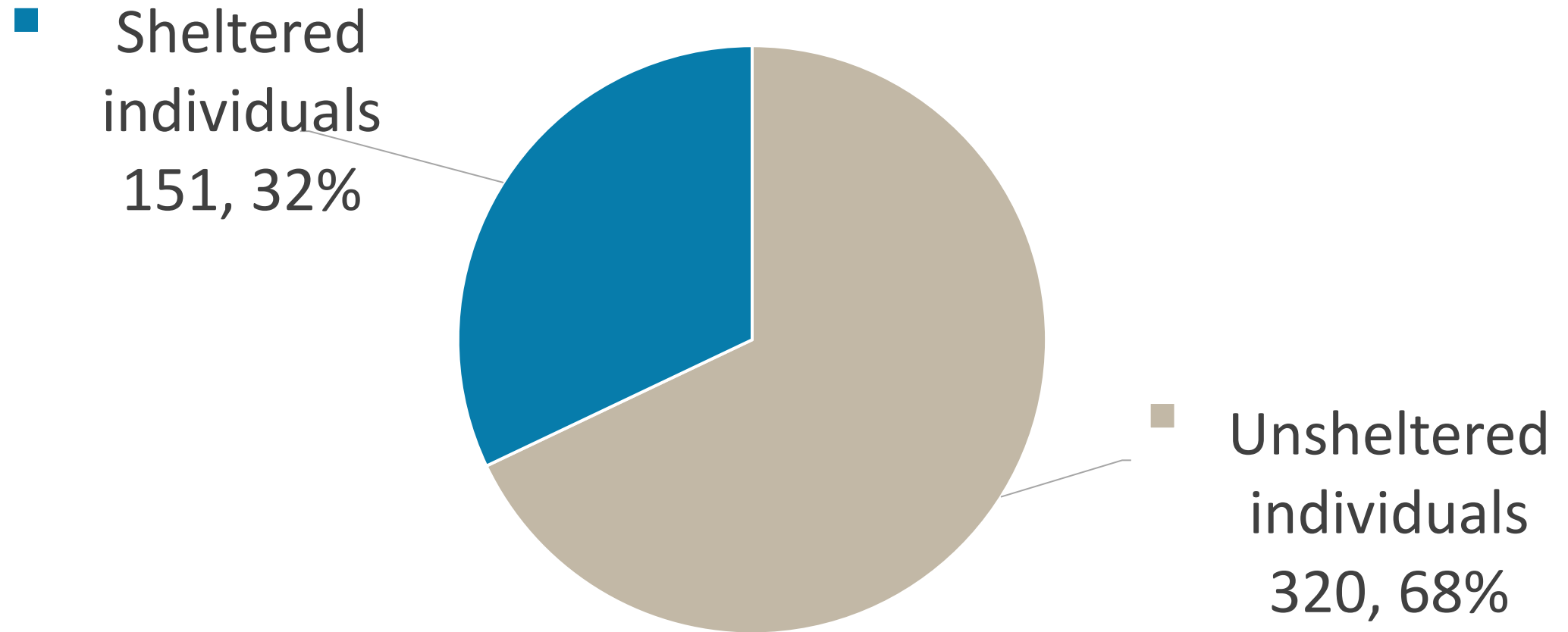


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# The Need For Safe Parking

# Total 2023 Sunnyvale Point In Time (PIT) Count

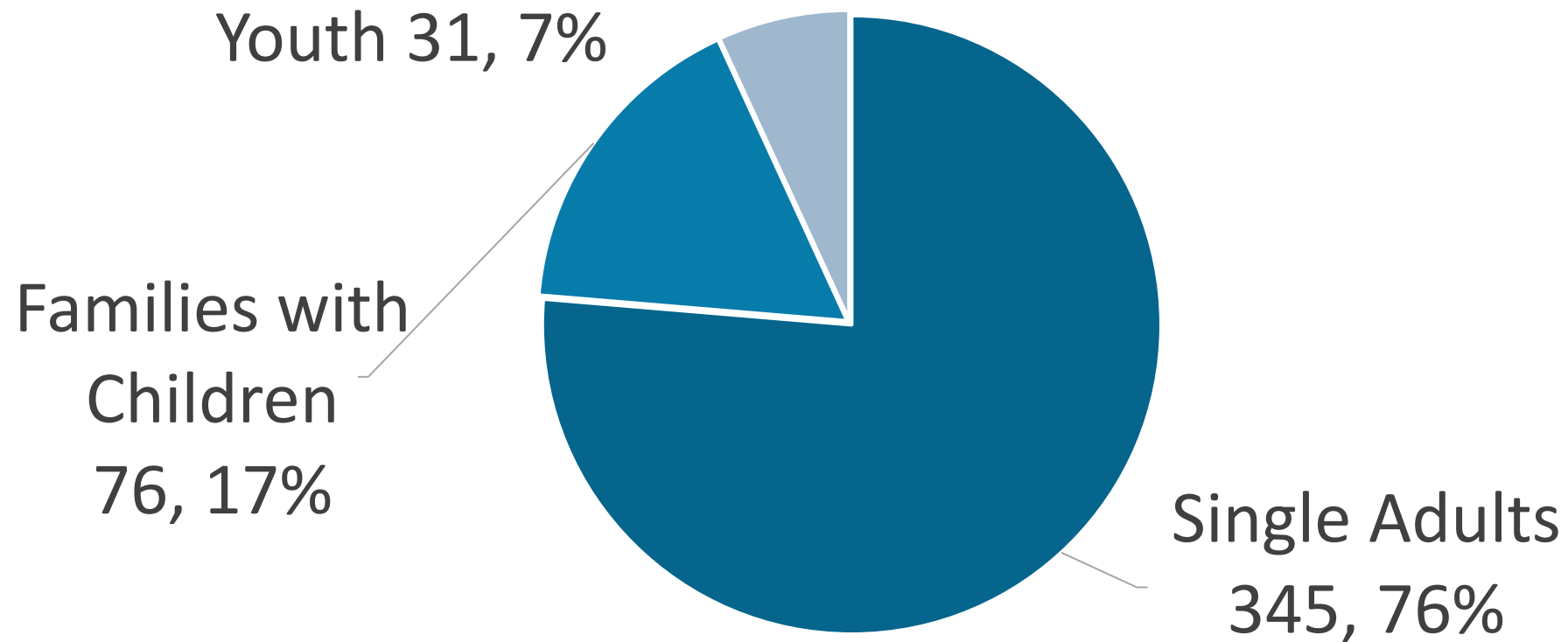
471 Unhoused Individuals



*2023 Santa Clara County PIT Count Data*

# 2023-2024 VI-SPDAT Assessment Data-Sunnyvale

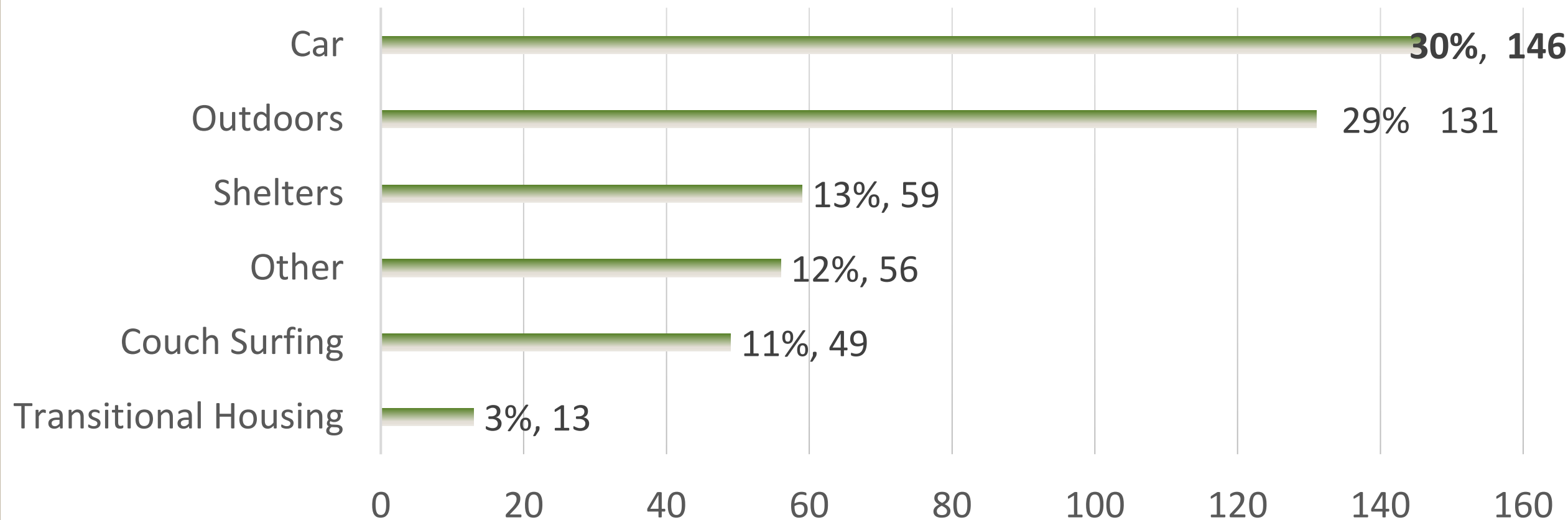
## By Household Type





# Where do you sleep most frequently?

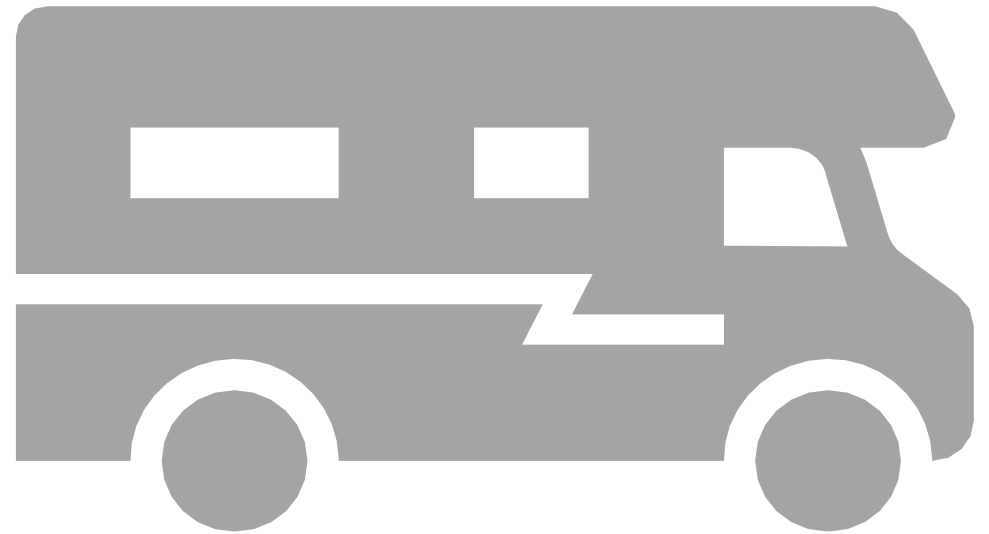
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# 2023 Sunnyvale Windshield Survey Data

100+

There are at least 100+ lived-in  
RV's in the City of Sunnyvale



*Source: 2023 City of Sunnyvale Windshield Survey Data of RV's*



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# Community Feedback

# Vehicular Resident Feedback - September 2024

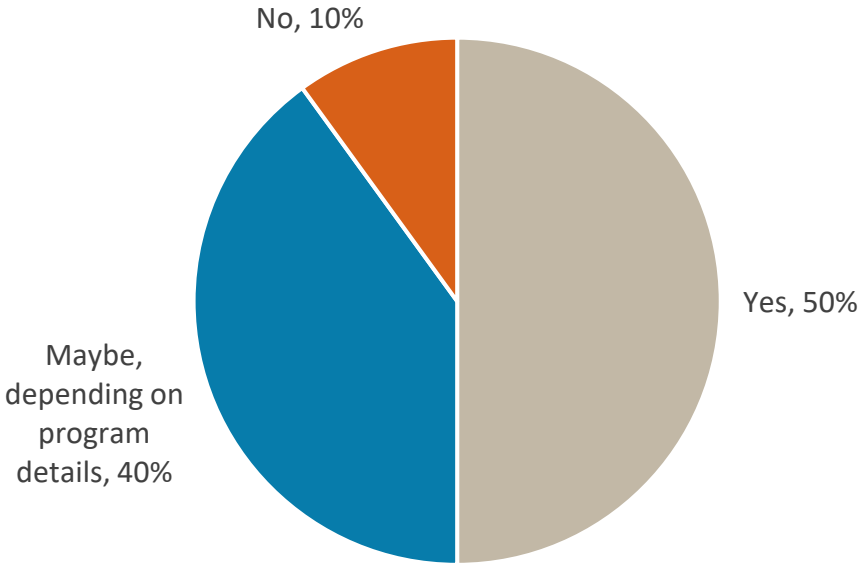
What services do you need from a Safe Parking Program?

Would You Reside In a Safe Parking Program?



Survey Data

■ Yes ■ Maybe, depending on program details ■ No



# Safe Parking Community Meeting - July 2024

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What aspects of Safe Parking appeal to you?



# Safe Parking Community Meeting-July 2024 cont'd

Summary of Concerns	How Concerns Will Be Addressed
Safety/Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit operating plan during the permit process</li><li>• City Monitoring</li><li>• City will approve all program policies and screening procedures</li></ul>
Trash/Debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application requires management plan for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Trash, Recycling &amp; Black Water</li></ul></li><li>• Ordinance includes “no outside storage” around vehicles</li><li>• City Monitoring</li></ul>
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ordinance includes noise management requirements</li></ul>
Amenities & Resources for Program Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff is recommending developing a robust SP program based on best practices</li></ul>

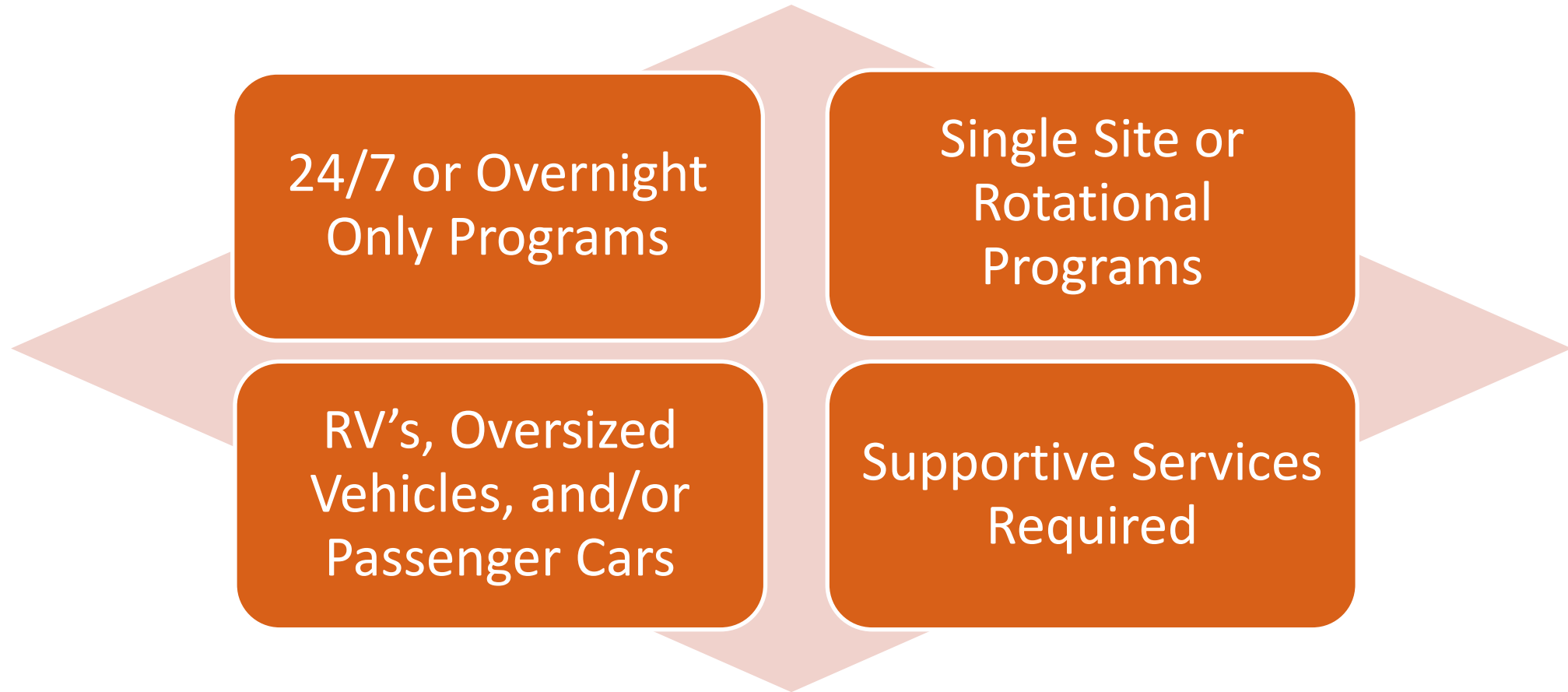


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# Safe Parking Ordinance

# Key Ordinance Highlights

## Program Operations





# Safe Parking Permit Approval Requirements

Type of Safe Parking Facility	Number of Vehicles	Decision Maker	Hearing Required	Notice Required	Permit Type Required
Small site	2-10	Director of Community Development	No	Yes- 500'	MPP
Large site	11-75	Planning Commission	Yes	Yes- 1000'	UP

# Safe Parking Allowed By Zoning District

<b>Zoning District</b>	<b>Zoning Type</b>
<b>C-4</b>	Service Commercial
<b>MP-02</b>	Moffett Park-Office
<b>M-S</b>	Industrial and Service
<b>M-3</b>	General Industrial
<b>PPSP-IE</b>	Peery Park Specific Plan, Innovation Edge
<b>PPSP-MIC</b>	Peery Park Specific Plan, Mixed Industry Core
<b>Any</b>	Ancillary to Place of Assembly-Community Serving



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# Developing a Safe Parking Program on Public Land

# Safe Parking Pilot Program Proposal



ONE SITE  
ON PUBLIC  
LAND



24/7  
OPERATIONS



NONPROFIT  
PROGRAM  
OPERATOR



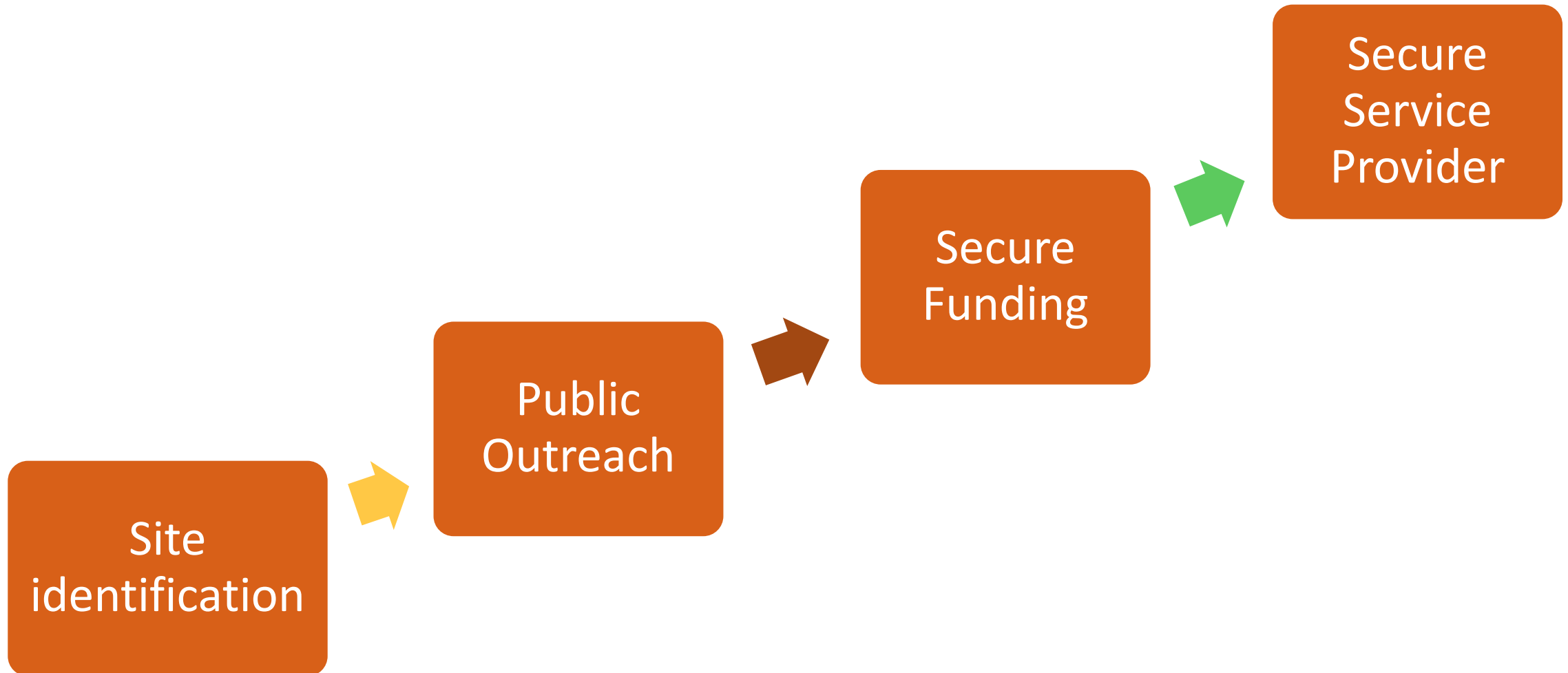
TWO YEAR  
PILOT



EVALUATION\*

*\*scaling up/other solutions, longer term solutions*

# Steps for Developing a Safe Parking Program on Public Land





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## General Fund Safe Parking Grants

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## Small General Fund Grants

- Community-based (CBO) or faith-based organizations (FBO)
- Seeking Start Up Funds to develop a Safe Parking Program
  - ◆ CBO/FBO responsible for ongoing operating and supportive services funding
  - ◆ Grants are one-time funding through a competitive grant process
  - ◆ All grantees will be monitored by the City and report on outcomes



# Recommendation

## Alternatives

1. Introduce an Ordinance to allow Safe Parking and Find Action is Exempt from CEQA
2. Pursue Implementing a Safe Parking Pilot Program on Public Land
3. Direct staff to prepare a Budget Issue for consideration with the FY 2025-2026 Budget for a General Fund grant
4. Alternatives 1 ,2 and 3 with Modifications
5. Do not adopt ordinance nor direct staff on further action



# Recommendation

## Planning Commission

- Recommend Alternatives 1, 2, and 3

## Housing and Human Services Commission

- Recommend Alternatives 1, 2, and 3

## Staff Recommendation

- Alternatives 1, 2, and 3



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THANK YOU!

# Estimated Safe Parking Costs

	Number of Parking Spaces		
	9 Spaces	12 Spaces	30 Spaces
Staffing Cost	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$405,000
Operating Cost	\$85,000	\$143,000	\$235,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$460,000	\$518,000	\$640,000