

Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Oakland Removal of Cales Multi-space Parking Meter Program



What are the reasons for replacing the Cales with single-space parking meters?

The multi-space meters have outlived their life expectancy creating a higher cost for maintenance and repair. The multi-space meters do not work as well as the Smart Parking Meters for the flexible parking program. We have many complaints and problems with the Cales and their technology has been far surpassed with the new Smart Parking Meters.

How will the public be informed of the project?

- Tri-fold brochures will be distributed by Public Works.
- Webpage www.oaklandnet.com/Parking will be updated weekly on project progress.
- Stickers will be placed on the new poles as they are installed, just as we did on the first installation, and that will help notify users of incoming single-space parking meters.

When were the Cales installed?

Most were installed in 2007.

How many Cales will be decommissioned once the single-space parking meters are installed?

38 remaining multi-space machines.

Will the Cales be active when the single-space parking meters are active?

No, because as soon as the Smart Parking Meters are installed, they are programmed and ready for use. Users will not need to walk any further than the front of their vehicle.

How many poles will be installed?

Approximately 170 poles (most dual-head, some single-head).

How many single-space parking meters to be installed?

Estimated 309 meters. There are no new parking spaces being added, nor are there any spaces being removed. Their technology is merely being upgraded to a better more efficient meter.

Why are we using dual-head meters?

Each parking spot will have its own dedicated meter. In many locations, two meters will be placed on a single pole, as this requires fewer poles and creates fewer sidewalk obstructions.

Will flexible parking rates continue?

Yes. The initial stage of the flexible rate program is successful and will continue. The costs of parking at each location will continue as posted now.

How many staff will be deployed?

Between 3-5 City Traffic Maintenance staff will do the installation of the poles, the meters, and the removal of the Cales. We may only install poles M-F between 7:30 AM and 12 noon. Installing the new meter heads will take place M-F, 1:00PM to 5:30 PM.

What is the schedule for the installation of the single-space parking meters?

Estimated time period (2 months)

- Pole installation (5 weeks to start the week of **March 23, 2015** with anticipated 10 pole installations per day).
- Meter installation (5 weeks to start the week of **April 27, 2015** with anticipated 20 meter installations per day).
- Kiosk removal (5 week to start the week of **April 27, 2015**) Multi-space meters will be removed as single space meters are activated on same side of street.

How will the construction be staged?

There will be temporary work areas for the staff as they move down one side of the block to the other. There will likely be no street closures or sidewalk detours. The public will see City trucks with staff, and cones in the immediate work area, and to reduce the chances of damages to private vehicles, on the day of the parking meter pole installations, parking spaces immediately fronting the work will be temporary blocked. Progression of the installations will be preceded by No Parking Sign notification.

All staff will be identified by their City safety vests and vehicles.

They will also have proper safety work zone cones, etc.

Will pay by phone be available for this location?

The City's Finance Department is updating this function to make it available.