Safe Parking Program Study

March 24, 2026

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Purpose

6th Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029)

Program C6 – Study a potential Safe Parking Program, identify appropriate zones, and provide recommendation(s) for Planning Commission and City Council consideration.

Program Overview

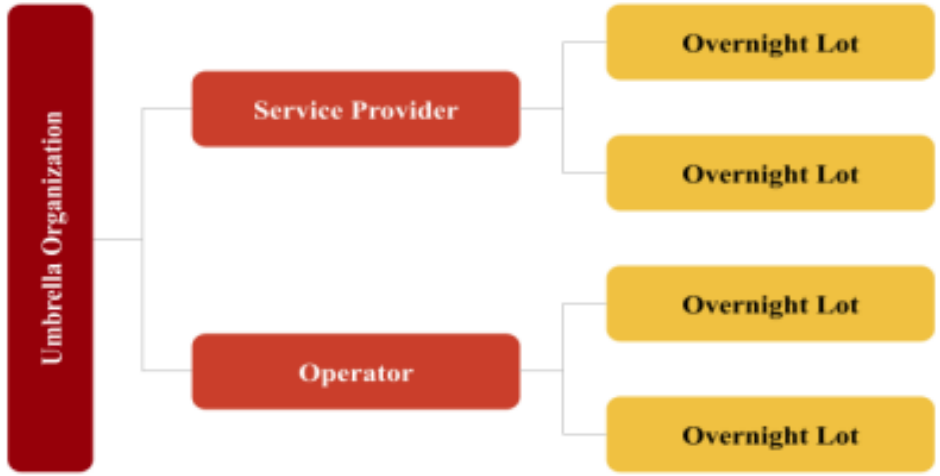
- Allows homeless individuals to park and stay in their vehicles overnight.
- Offers a pathway out of homelessness and stability for residents.
- Provides basic needs assistance and social services for participants.
- 43 communities have a safe parking program, 93% located on the west coast.



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Program Models





"Independent Operators"

- Single lots (6 to 60 spaces)
- Run by small organizations
- Smaller operations & budget

"Umbrella"

- Multiple parking lots (21 to 101 spaces)
- Managed by a single organization
- Larger operations & budget

Figures: (University of Southern California 2021)

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Common Features & Services Offered

- **Basic sanitation services:** Toilets, hand washing stations, showers, etc.
- **Support services:** Case management, employment assistance, financial assistance, etc.

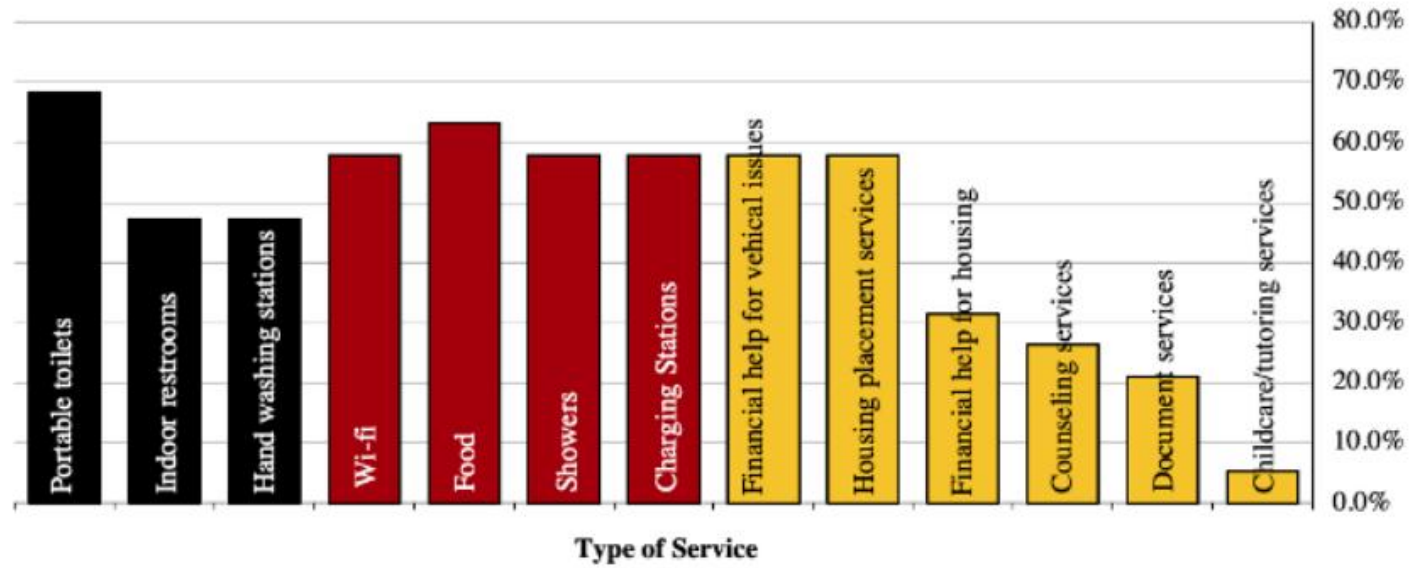


Figure 5. Frequency of services offered by safe parking programs.
Figure five shows the percentage of responses for various services offered by safe parking programs. Services coded as Basic are black, Intermediate are red, and Full Service are yellow.

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Program Characteristics

- Sites available 24 hours a day or only overnight (depending on availability).
- Most programs partner with at least one non-profit (often religious) to provide funding, services, and parking lot locations.
- Rules put in place to ensure participant and service provider safety.



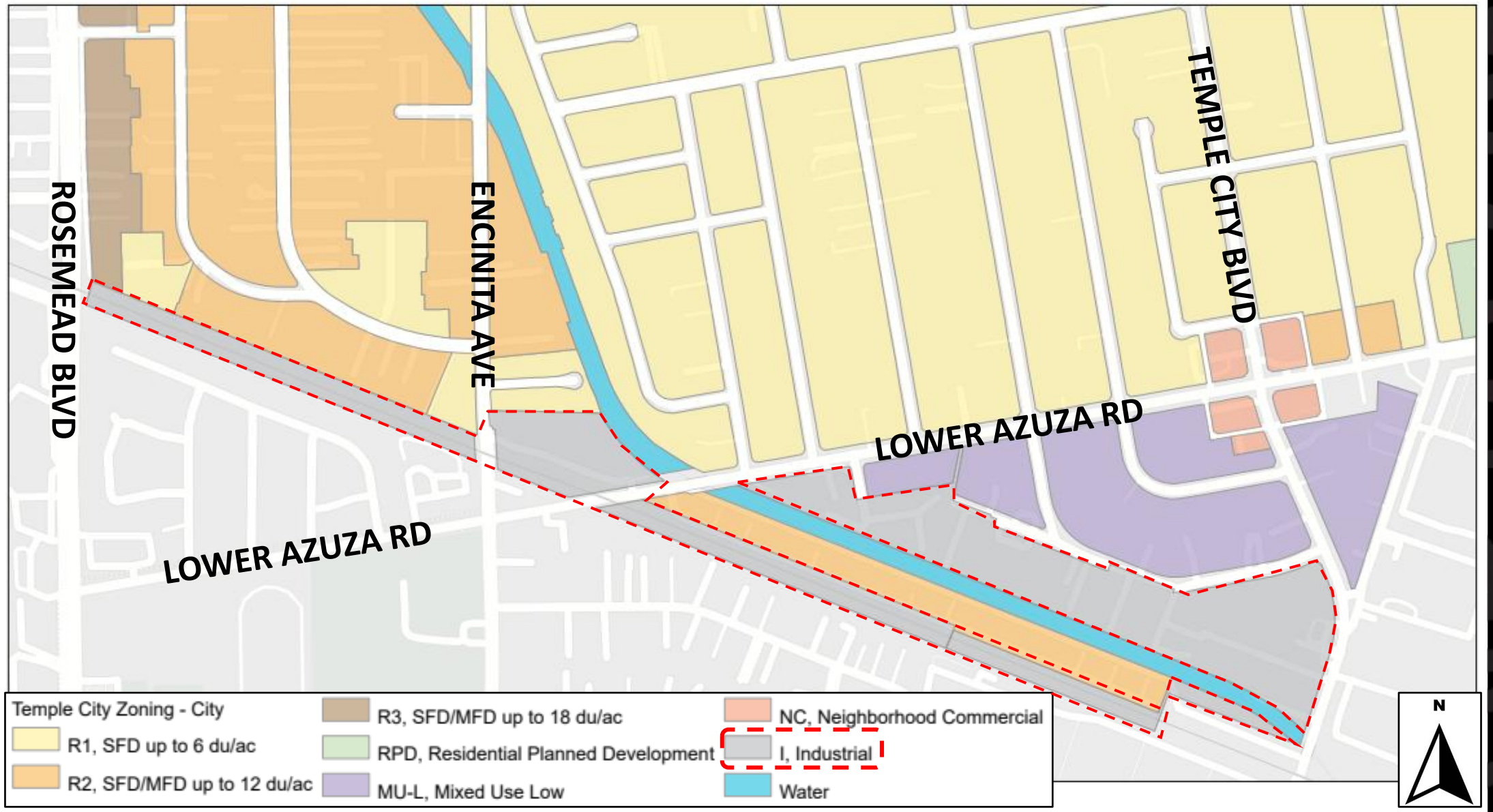
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California Safe Parking Program Ordinances

- **City of Richmond** – permits sites at existing assembly uses, quasi-public facilities, and public facilities

- **City of Palo Alto** – permits sites at churches and religious institutions

- **City of Monterey** – permits sites on an existing parking lot located outside of the public right-of-way and managed by a social service provider

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Temple City Context

2025 Temple City Homelessness Count (LAHSA 2025)	
Situation	**Count**
Living in camper vehicles	1
Living in encampments	2
Living on the street	12
Total	**15**

- Family Promise assisted 28 households (with $228,914.80) in rental assistance. Helps prevent people from using their cars as a home.

- There is not a strong need for a safe parking program.

Challenges

- Lack of funding.
- Community compatibility.
- Difficulty finding permanent housing for participants.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends to not move forward with a Safe Parking Program at this time.

- While such programs have demonstrated benefits in larger jurisdictions, it may not be effective of feasible within Temple City.
    - Funding constraints
    - Operational challenges
    - Potential community impacts
    - Lack of need in community

Discussion