

# Meetinghouse Standard Plan Committee

## Meetinghouse Facilities Department

### MSPC Decisions Affecting North America Operations—No. 4

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#### **Item 1: Design Parking Ranges**

**The Meetinghouse Standard Plan Committee establishes the range for the number of parking stalls to be included in the development of new meetinghouse sites, based on the functional capacity of the new meetinghouse.** The parking ranges are derived from demographic information provided by the Membership and Statistical Department giving a breakdown of adult males, single sisters, youth and leadership that would be driving to meetings. The ranges are based on the highest parking needed of four different demographic scenarios.

**MSPC has approved a recommendation from the Architecture, Engineering and Construction Division, based on updated data, that the design parking range for 300 capacity buildings (Heritage 09T and Independence 300 buildings) be increased from 150-200 to 170-220, and that the parking range for current stake center standard plans (Heritage 09T SC, Independence 230 SC and Independence 300 SC) be increased from 210-240 to 225-260.**

The approved new parking ranges will be incorporated into the Standard Plans Change Boundaries (Table 1.2 Parking Capacities, under “Site Development”) and the United States & Canada Standard Plans Planning Brochure.

Refer to the AEC Position Paper “Meetinghouse Parking Analysis” for an explanation of how the parking ranges are calculated, and for the latest approved design parking ranges.

Parking lots for new construction and for existing buildings should not exceed the range for the specific functional capacity of the meetinghouse, except as allowed by the Standard Plans Change Boundaries. Consult with AEC for assistance in calculating the design parking range for an existing building.

#### **Item 2: Pipe Organ Renovations**

The Church has a number of existing pipe organs in meetinghouses. Facilities managers who have pipe organs in meetinghouses in their areas probably have an organ technician whom they use for minor repairs and maintenance. **When pipe organs require major repairs or renovation, the Musical Instrument Selection Committee (MISC) which is chaired by AEC with representatives from AEC, NAO, the General Church Music Committee, a Tabernacle Organist and a Master Organ Technician, has the responsibility to review and make recommendation on these projects.**

While O&M Processes require multiple bids on projects over \$10,000 it is difficult to obtain bids on pipe organ renovations as there is no definitive scope of work or specification upon which to base a bid. Each instrument is unique, and in most cases the current organ technician knows the instrument, and is in the best position to provide the most appropriate solution. There are a limited number of qualified pipe organ technicians, and it is costly for someone unfamiliar with the instrument to acquaint themselves with the organ and then provide a proposed solution to problems. In the past year, MISC reviewed and gave recommendation on proposed scopes of work and costs to renovate eleven pipe organs. They recommended revisions to five instruments

(subject to the availability of funds), requested revisions to four of the proposals, and recommended decommissioning two pipe organs.

**Current processes allow for addressing challenges that may come from not being able to secure multiple bids for servicing existing pipe organs. Having MISC review all requests for pipe organ renovations is added assurance that only justifiable expenses are approved. Facilities managers should follow correct procedures in preparing documentation for such instances that may deviate from a normal expectation of multiple bids.**

Facilities managers who have pipe organs in any of their facilities should be familiar with the information found in FMOM/Purchased Items Information/Meetinghouse Musical instruments/Pipe Organs. Inquiries regarding pipe organs may be directed to the Chairman of the Musical Instrument Selection Committee, Michael Jenson, at 801-240-3367 or [jensonmb@ldschurch.org](mailto:jensonmb@ldschurch.org).