

FACT SHEET:

SHARED PARKING

Definition

Shared parking means that parking spaces are shared by more than one user or business. This allows the total space to be used more efficiently and serve several motorists' destinations at the same time or during times of the day. These areas are created by agreement between neighboring businesses/organizations or by local government ordinance. Benefits of the arrangement are seen to be efficient land use, reduction of short vehicle trips, attraction of customers to nearby businesses, promotion of pedestrian activity.

References

Capitol Region Council of Governments (Connecticut) Shared Parking Fact Sheet. Brief, simple information with main points marked as “toolbox” or “keys for success” for both joint user agreement and parking district models.

http://www.crcog.org/Publications/TCSP/Ch08_Fact%20Sheet_Parking.pdf

“Shared Parking Facilities Among Multiple Users”, entry in the Victoria Transport Policy Institute online Traffic Demand Management Encyclopedia. Contains description, geographic considerations, model ordinance, impacts, references, and more.

<http://www.vtpi.org/tdm/tdm89.htm>

Context Sensitive Solutions.org has a page on shared parking with links to publications on the subject, organizations and contacts, projects and case studies, and photo images of projects from all over the world.

<http://www.contextsensitivesolutions.org/content/reading/shared-parking/>

“Shared Parking Handbook”, a report prepared for the Portland metropolitan area. Contains background information and survey results as well as model shared parking user agreement and model shared parking ordinance.

<http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=435>

Shared Parking, a 100-page book published by the Urban Land Institute. This is the respected guide for planning professionals. Includes sections on balancing commercial needs and cost, business mix, case studies, design, operation, and management of shared parking. Available from the Urban Land Institute web site bookstore:

<http://www.uli.org>

“Shared Parking Planning Guidelines”, a 53-page article published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers. Contains recommendations, literature review, and survey of 143 North American governments, case studies, and model ordinance. Available from Institute of Traffic Engineers web site <http://www.ite.org>