Residential Parking Toolbox

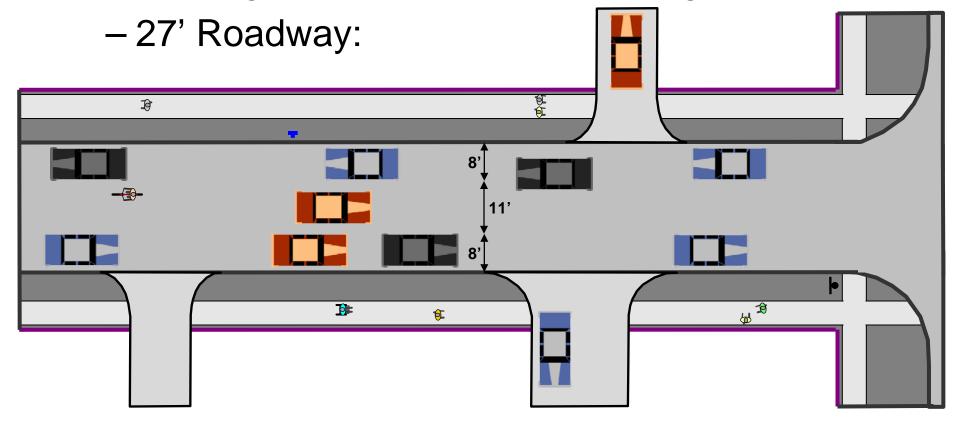
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Roadways

- Travel lanes 10' to 15' wide
- Parking space 8' wide x 20' long



Vehicles

- Passenger vehicle
 - AASHTO 7' x 19'
 - PCC 6.58' x 17.25'
- School bus
 - AASHTO 8' x 35.8'
- Fire truck
 - Pumper 8.5' x 30'
 - Ladder 8.5' x 40'

AASHTO – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

PCC – Parking Consultants Council

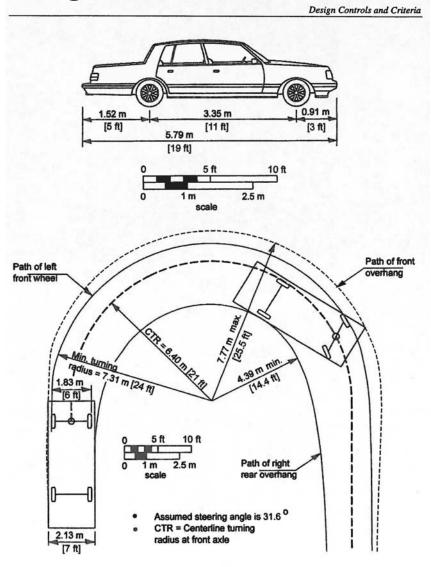
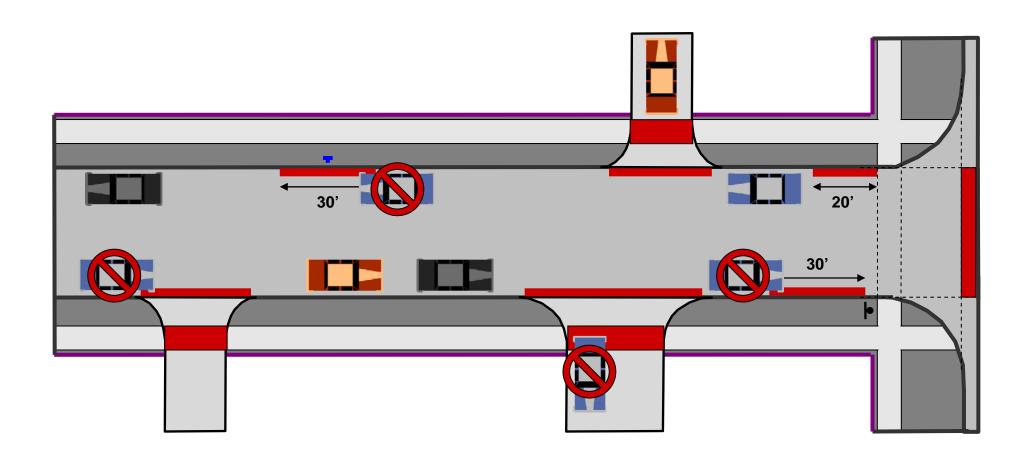


Exhibit 2-3. Minimum Turning Path for Passenger Car (P) Design Vehicle

- Parking Prohibited
 - Within 15' of a fire hydrant
 - Within 30' of a Stop sign
 - Within 20' of a crosswalk or projected sidewalk if no marked crosswalk
 - Within an intersection
 - In front of a driveway
 - Across a sidewalk

- Parking Prohibited
 - Within 75' of a fire station driveway
 - On the opposite side of the street relative to direction of travel
 - With wheels greater than 18" from curb
 - Double parking
 - When through traffic is obstructed
 - Outside parking stall markings

No Parking Areas



Tools in the Toolbox

- Enforcement
- Residential Permit Parking
- Residential Parking Deficiency Relief
- Neighborhood Street Parking Management
- Parking Awareness Campaign
- Parking Benefit District

- Requests must originate from a resident of the requested street segment
- Restrictions must be the least restrictive that best mitigate the documented problem
- Requests may be modified to reflect results of parking studies or known conditions

Non-VMU Areas

- 60% of legal parking spaces occupied, and
- 25% of parked vehicles must not be associated with adjacent properties
- Petitioning process includes collection of license plate data for vehicles "garaged" at properties along requested segment.

Non-VMU Areas

- 60% of adjacent properties must support RPP through petition
- "Yes", "No", or "Go With Majority" choice on petition
- All properties must be accounted for in the petitioning process by signature or statement of exception by requester

VMU Areas

- Traffic study requirements waived
- 2/3 of adjacent residential properties must support RPP through petition
- "Yes" or "No" choice on petition
- Endorsement by neighborhood organization required
- Expedited review required, but Traffic Engineer retains authority to approve, modify, or reject request

Residential Parking Deficiency Relief

- Allows the use of on-street parking to provide additional parking for residents
 - Residential property (single or multi-family) built or permitted before 1959 when adequate on-site parking was not required by code
 - Provides up to half of parking deficiency immediately adjacent to property but no less than two spaces
 - Residents purchase stickers; no visitor hang tags provided

Residential Parking Deficiency Relief

Examples:

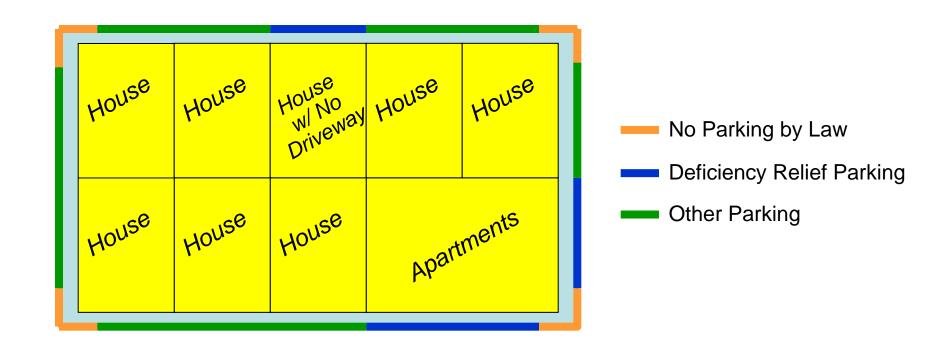
Apartments built before 1959

Code - 45 parking spaces required

On-site - 25 parking spaces

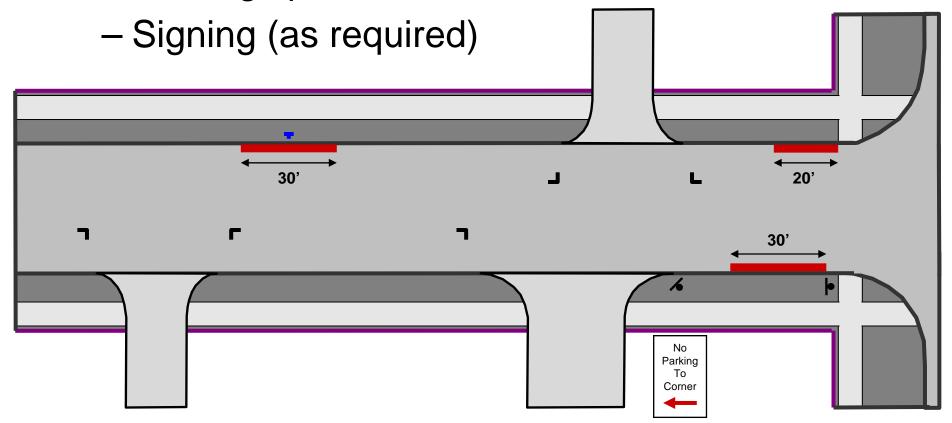
Up to (45-25)/2 = 10 on-street spaces

House built before 1959 No garage or driveway 2 on-street spaces



Neighborhood Street Parking Management

- Visually define No Parking areas
 - Curb painting
 - Parking space limits



Parking Awareness Campaign

- Printed and issued by COA
- Distributed by community members
- Draft still in development

COMMON PARKING LAWS: Never park closer than: + 30 feet from a Stop sign - 20 feet from a marked crosswalk (or the imaginary extension of the sidewalk if the crosswalk is not marked) + 15 feet from a fire hydrant → 75 feet from a fire or EMS station drivewau Park on the right side of the street going in the same direction as traffic. Park with both wheels no more than 18 inches from the curb or edge of pavement if parallel parking. Park so there is still room for other vehicles to pass. And remember, do not park: -> To the side of another parked vehicle (double parking) → Within an intersection -> On or across parking stall lines → In a bike lane + Across a sidewalk -+ In front of a driveway → When there is a sign saying not tol citu of austin - transportation department Thanks for your time and attention! austintex as gov/transportation 512.974.1150

Parking Benefit District

- Parking revenue shared with community 51/49 split
- Funds used for:
 - Capital improvements (sidewalks, street lights)
 - Enhancements (street furniture, public art)
 - Enforcement
- PBD manages parking as a commodity
 - "Parking-Shed" (like "Watershed")
 - RPP
 - Variances

Future Tools in the Toolbox

- Parking Management Districts
- Structured Parking Partnerships
- Shared Parking
- Parking Impact Analysis

Questions?



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