

Sample Web Resources for Parking

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Donald Shoup's website

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Donald Shoup has extensively studied the issue of parking as a key link between transportation and land use, with important consequences for cities, the economy, and the environment. His research on employer-paid parking led to the passage of California's parking cash-out law, and to changes in the Internal Revenue Code to encourage parking cash out. His research on municipal parking policies has led a growing number of cities to charge fair market prices for curb parking and to dedicate the meter revenue to finance added public services in the metered districts.

Shoup has also worked on ways to finance neighborhood public investments. In research conducted at the World Bank, he proposed a new way to finance these investments: allow property owners to defer paying special assessments, with interest, until they sell their properties. This proposal led to passage of California's law that enables cities to use deferred special assessments to finance neighborhood public spending.

Professor Shoup is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Victoria Transport Policy Institute

<http://www.vtpi.org/>

The Victoria Transport Policy Institute is an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative and practical solutions to transportation problems. We provide a variety of resources available free at this website to help improve transportation planning and policy analysis. We are funded primarily through consulting and project grants. Our research is among the most current available and has been widely applied. It can help you:

- Identify better solutions to transportation problems, including some approaches that are frequently overlooked or misunderstood.
- Identify the full benefits, costs and equity impacts of alternative transportation policies and programs.
- Compare and evaluate alternatives.
- Create a bridge between theory and practice.

Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington

<http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/Transpo/transmain.aspx#Parking>

The Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC) is a non-profit, independent organization created in 1969 to continue programs established in 1934 under the Bureau of Governmental Research at the University of Washington. Our mission is "working together for excellence in local government through professional consultation, research and information services." A section of their website is devoted to parking and includes sample parking policy papers, studies, guides and standards and links to associations and organizations.

Nelson-Nygaard Consulting Associates

<http://www.nelsonnygaard.com/>

This consulting agency, which is providing the presentation on Creative Parking Policies and Practices tonight at the Saco Holiday Inn Express, has an excellent page that offers some articles and presentations on cutting edge parking policies and practices. Go to the articles page which has new and archived informative articles by their knowledgeable staff.

SAMPLE STUDIES, POLICIES, STANDARDS/PROCEDURES:

Arlington County, VA, Parking Symposium:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/traffic/parking/symp/EnvironmentalServicesSympbg.asp>
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Redwood City, CA:

<http://www.redwoodcity.org/cds/redevelopment/downtown/parking.html>

Austin, TX Parking Benefit District:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parkingdistrict/default.htm>

Petaluma, CA, SmartCode:

<http://cityofpetaluma.net/cdd/cpsp.html>

Downtown Brooklyn Residential Permit Parking Study:

<http://www.ibrooklyn.com/site/aboutbrooklyn/downtownbrooklyncouncil>

Redmond, WA, 20D.130.10-020, Required Off-Street Parking.:

<http://www.mrsc.org/>

Portland, OR, 33.266.115 Maximum Allowed Parking Spaces

<http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=28148>

Concord, NC

**[http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10986
&sid=33](http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10986&sid=33)**

Cambridge, MA, Article 6 of Zoning Ordinance

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/>

Various sized towns in Washington State

<http://www.mrsc.org/Subjects/PubSafe/offpark.aspx>

The ordinance provisions on this webpage are presented as samples representing various sized communities in urban and rural settings; they are not to be considered as models. Recent thinking regarding off-street parking requirements recommends that communities look at their own individual parking needs rather than copy those of other jurisdictions or use published standards. Newer off-street parking ordinances recognize both the necessity of parking and the need to reduce dependence on the automobile by encouraging transit and other alternative transportation modes. Some communities establish standards that specify the maximum number of off-street parking spaces that may be provided associated with specific uses. Many of the examples provide alternatives and incentives to reduce parking needs through flexible parking arrangements, such as shared parking, and using transportation demand management (TDM) strategies where applicable.