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Transforming Off-Street Parking



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Purpose

- Transform off-street parking regulations
- Respond to previous Council directions
- Align with City Policy
- Examine process improvements to streamline application reviews
- Review on-street parking strategies



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Current Regulatory Framework

Off-Street Parking Regulations

Schedule C of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*
Part 5 of *Zoning Bylaw 2018*

- Schedule C was updated in 2018
- The Zoning Bylaw 2018 was established in 2018
- EV ready requirements introduced in 2020
- Accessible parking requirements introduced in 2022

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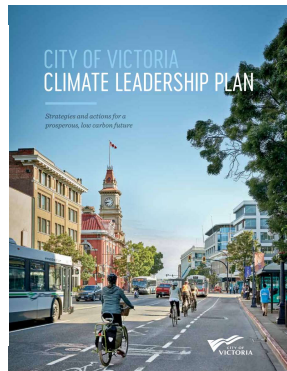
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Current Policy Framework



Official Community Plan

JULY 2012
Updated October 08, 2022



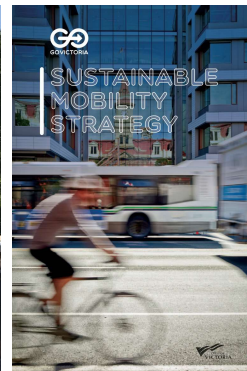
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Recommended Approach

Recommendation #1

- an interim formalized TDM program to support reduced off-street parking

Recommendation #2

- a comprehensive citywide review of how we regulate off-street parking and mobility options
- on-street parking management strategies
- process improvements to streamline applications

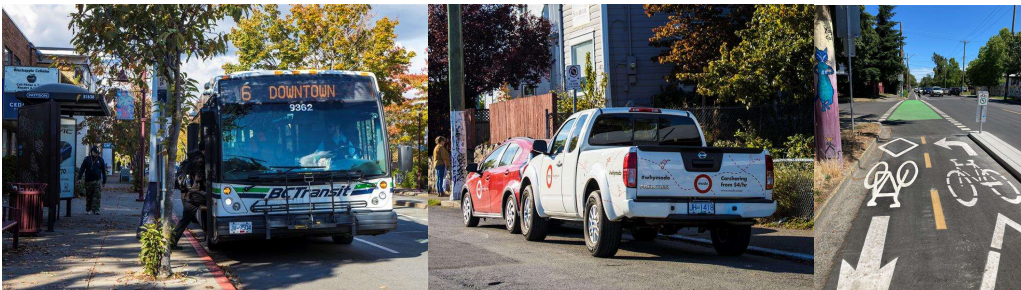
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#1 Interim TDM Program

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures are a set of proven strategies aimed at encouraging and maximizing the use of active and sustainable transportation modes and decrease demand for single occupant / privately owned automobiles.



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Interim TDM Program cont.

Current Process:

TDM measures and associated parking reductions are generally determined on a case-by-case basis.

Pros flexibility in negotiations

Cons requires a parking variance, adds process time, creates uncertainty for developers and car share providers

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Interim TDM Program cont.

Proposal:

Formalize TDM options in lieu of off-street parking to;

- encourage a range of mobility options
- reduce reliance on the private car
- streamline applications
- create more certainty for developers
- incentivize housing.

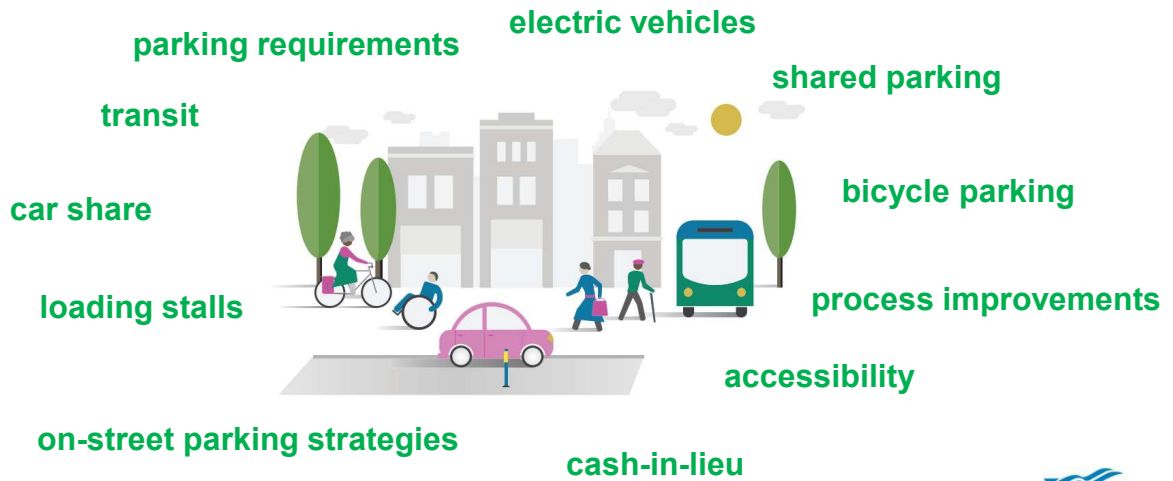


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#2 Comprehensive Review of Parking



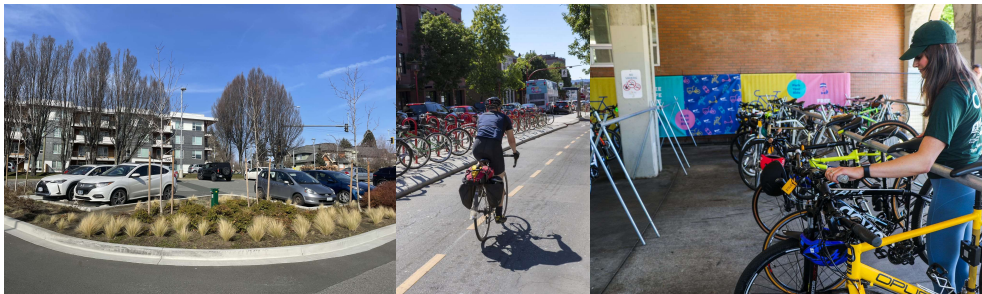
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Comprehensive Review: Study Areas

- reduced minimum parking requirements
- application of maximum rates
- more detailed and comprehensive analysis of TDM



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Comprehensive Review: Study Areas

- enhanced bicycle parking standards
- shared parking
- loading stall requirements



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Comprehensive Review: Study Areas

- accessibility considerations
- electric vehicle charging
- cash-in-lieu of off-street parking for reinvestment in mobility improvements



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Comprehensive Review: Study Areas

- process improvements
- on-street parking management strategies and improvements.



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Engagement

#1 Interim TDM Program

- Discussions with service providers and agency partners
- Opportunity for Public Feedback through the Public Hearing Process

#2 Comprehensive Review

Develop an Engagement Strategy:

- Website
- Surveys
- Focused Stakeholder Meetings and Conversations

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Next Steps

#1 Interim TDM Program

- Commence work immediately
- Report back to COTW with recommendations (est. in fall 2023)
- Public Hearing

#2 Comprehensive Review

- Commence work / develop engagement strategy / secure consultant support
- Analysis & engagement through 2023/early 2024
- Report back to COTW with recommendations (est. in Summer/Fall 2024)
- Public Hearing

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Questions

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