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# Toronto Strategic Parking Framework – Accessibility Feedback

**Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee: June 23, 2025**

**Policy, Data & Strategic Initiatives Section, Transportation Services**

# BACKGROUND



# Purpose

Create a citywide parking strategy to serve as a foundation so that parking:

- is managed and priced as a vital tool to build a strong city;
- supports neighborhoods businesses, residents and visitors through effective management of curb space;
- creates governance for cross-divisional and agency decision making.



# Opportunities with better Parking Management

- People and goods move faster and more efficiently
- Some travel shifts to greener, more sustainable modes
- Drivers can find parking more quickly and easily
- Curb space is freed for those who need it most: Accessible Parking Permit holders, commercial loading, Cafés, etc.
- Buses and streetcars run more reliably all day
- Underutilized parking becomes housing and public spaces
- Parking users pay fair rates for services provided
- Toronto residents better understand parking policies



# Parking Strategy Development

The Parking Advisory Committee created set of key principles to help guide the development of the Strategic Parking Framework.

From there, Big Moves, policies, actions and implementation approaches were developed, in alignment with these principles.



# Parking Strategy Development Principles



## 1. System Wide Thinking

Consider parking supply holistically (private, public, on-street and off-street) and manage using a range of levers at City's disposal



## 2. Policy and Program Alignment

Align to Official Plan and other Council approved policies, plans and initiatives, including Corporate Strategic Plan



## 3. Focused Outcomes

Focus on most impactful opportunities to achieve goals



## 4. Inclusive and Equitable

Plan parking that allows for choice, ease, and speed among users

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# Parking Strategy Development Principles



## 5. Resilient and Adaptable

Maintain a flexible approach which anticipates emerging opportunities and future scenarios



## 6. Fiscal Forethought

Account for lifecycle costs and benefits of parking interventions, including operating, revenue, capital and land value



## 7. Integration and Efficiency

Bring together initiatives and decisions of multiple City departments and agencies

# **‘BIG MOVES’ OVERVIEW**

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# 'Big Moves' to Support Parking Management Goals

## GOALS

For parking management to support city-building objectives

### **Mobility**

Supporting the efficient movement of people and goods throughout the City

### **Access**

Supporting Torontonians to access businesses, services, and other opportunities across the City

### **Economic Sustainability**

Supporting the City's economic well-being and the unique function of Toronto's diverse neighbourhoods

## BIG MOVES

System wide, high impact, timely opportunity areas

**A**

**Plan and Manage Parking on an Area Basis**

**B**

**Track parking data and leverage it as a resource for all users**

**C**

**Price and Reinvest in Sustainable Mobility**

**D**

**Make Carshare Parking Readily Available**

**E**

**Modernize Technology for Efficient Parking Management**

**F**

**Unify Leadership and Decision Making**

# Big Moves



# Big Move 'A'

## Plan and manage parking on an area basis

| Policy    |                                                                                                                                                                                            | Actions     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>A1</b> | The City will manage parking supply on an area-basis - The City will consider both the off- and on-street public parking supply and how to re-distribute parking demand in a defined area. | <b>A1.1</b> | Develop and implement a strategic framework for managing parking supply at an area level. The City will create a framework for defining geographical areas of the City in which to manage supply. The framework will guide where there is a need to preserve parking, where there are shortages and where to invest and divest. Each defined area or zone may have different pricing, enforcement or other operational strategy to ensure a target parking utilization level is met. |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>A1.2</b> | Build and maintain a comprehensive data set (public and private) on existing and planned supply (public and private) to support area level decision making for e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approving off-street parking in new developments</li> <li>• Identifying surplus off-street parking and conversion opportunities (e.g., housing)</li> </ul>                                                                                                             |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>A1.3</b> | Support main street BIAs to better understand their customers travel behaviours and develop travel plans in conjunction with area parking management strategies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>A1.4</b> | Require traffic management plans for construction projects or events to identify parking loss and nearby alternative parking locations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|           |                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>A1.5</b> | Create a city-wide framework for managing residential parking supply (current and future) on an area-wide basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

# Strategic Parking Framework Resources

- Project Webpage:  
[www.toronto.ca/parkingstrategy](http://www.toronto.ca/parkingstrategy)
- IEC Staff Report (Item IE22.2)  
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.IE22.2>

The screenshot shows the City of Toronto website's page for the Strategic Parking Framework. The header includes the City of Toronto logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main content area features a video titled "Strategic Parking Framework Introduction" showing a street scene with a parking meter and a car. Below the video is a survey link: "Take the Parking Strategy Survey". The footer contains text about the framework and a comment period ending on November 26, 2024.

**Strategic Parking Framework**

Strategic Parking Framework Introduction

Watch on YouTube

Provide your feedback on ideas for modernizing public parking in Toronto.

[Take the Parking Strategy Survey](#)

The City of Toronto is developing a strategic framework for managing motor vehicle public parking, both on-street and in parking lots.

Learn more by watching the introductory video above and providing your feedback on the ideas presented in the [online survey](#). You can also read the complete Strategic Parking Framework report below and provide detailed feedback via email. Your feedback will inform the staff report to Council and decisions on how the strategy may be implemented in the coming years. Comment period ends November 26, 2024.

# People & Process Overview

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# People at the Table

## Parking Advisory Committee

- Transportation Services (Lead)
- City Planning
- Corporate Real Estate Management
- CreateTO
- Economic Development & Culture
- Parks & Recreation
- Toronto Parking Authority
- Toronto Police Service

## Other City Divisions and Groups Consulted

- Corporate Real Estate, MLS, Exhibition Place, TTC, Toronto Housing
- Academia, Universities, Colleges, Health Network, Car Share, Taxi Industry, PTC
- Infrastructure Ontario, Metrolinx, BILD, Board of Trade, CAA, Ontario Trucking Association, Pembina, TAF, CycleTO
- TABIA, numerous BIAs,
- Private parking providers



# Next Steps

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- City Council June 25, 2025

*The General Manager, Transportation Services, recommends that:*

1. *City Council approve the Strategic Parking Framework discussed in this report from the General Manager, Transportation Services, dated May 28, 2025, and summarized in Attachment 1 appended to this report.*

## *Hot Topics not in Framework:*

- *Residential Parking (Permit Parking, Front Yard Park) – would come to Council in early 2027*
- *Exemptions related to Accessible Parking Permits – would come to Council in late 2025*

# First-Implementation Steps

Implementing the full extent of the policies, actions and ambitions of this parking framework will take many years. With a number of firm foundations initiated early on, the City will be in strong position to build momentum and support for the range of opportunities identified in the previous section.

Below are the key first implementation steps that the City can initiate in the first year to have the biggest impact in advancing the strategic objectives:

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## **Develop and Implement a Framework**

Begin initial internal engagement to develop a framework for defining geographic areas or types of corridors that can be used for area specific parking management, pricing, and communications.

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## **Design and Develop a Regularly Updated Parking Inventory Database that Includes Data on Capacity and Utilization Across the City.**

Augment the data collected through this study to leverage City wide resources and mechanisms to inventory privately supplied parking and develop a system for on-going tracking of information over time.

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## **Phase-in the Expansion of Free-floating Car-share Parking Outside of Permit Parking Areas.**

Continue on-going work to amend bylaws on car-share service catchment to expand free floating car-share permits to neighbourhoods with favourable travel patterns and demands to support on-way car-share services. Also engage with car-share partners to understand challenges to expanding car-share services into areas outside of Toronto and East York.

# First-Implementation Steps

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## **Reform the Role of the Parking Advisory Committee from Advisory to Steering.**

Update the PAC terms of reference to identify the key parking initiatives and programs that should be presented to PAC for review and guidance before submitting to Council for approval.

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## **Manage all City-owned Off-street Parking Consistently Through a Single Operator (e.g., TPA).**

Engage with both City entities to initiate discussions on centralizing management and operations of public parking lots.

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## **Manage Parking Enforcement Through a Single Operator (e.g., TPA).**

Engage with Toronto Police Service to initiate discussions and develop a plan to transfer on-street enforcement programs.

# Questions

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