Eliminating Minimum Parking Requirements and the Associated On-Street Management Approach

June 26, 2024





Outline



- The City's approach to eliminating minimum parking requirements
- 2. On-Street Parking Management
 - Messaging to Developers
 - Commercial, Industrial & Residential Streets
- 3. Questions

Evolution of parking minimums

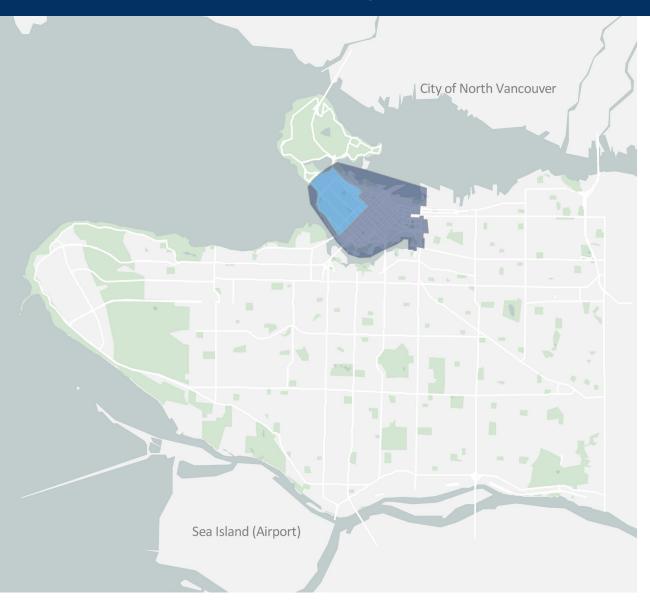


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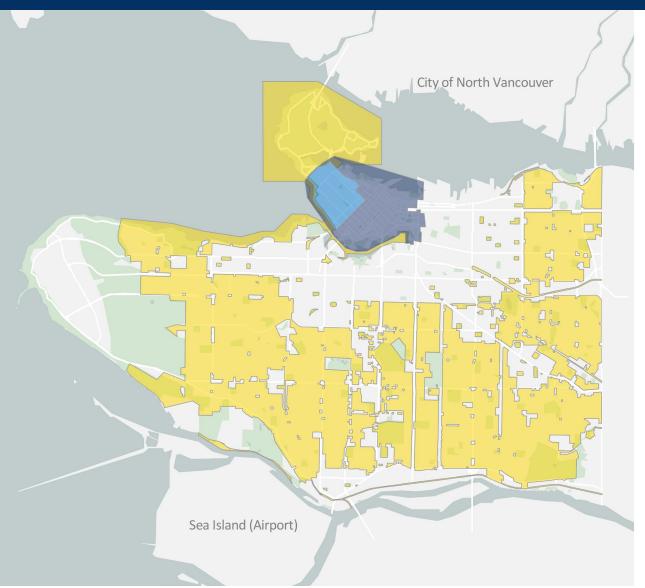
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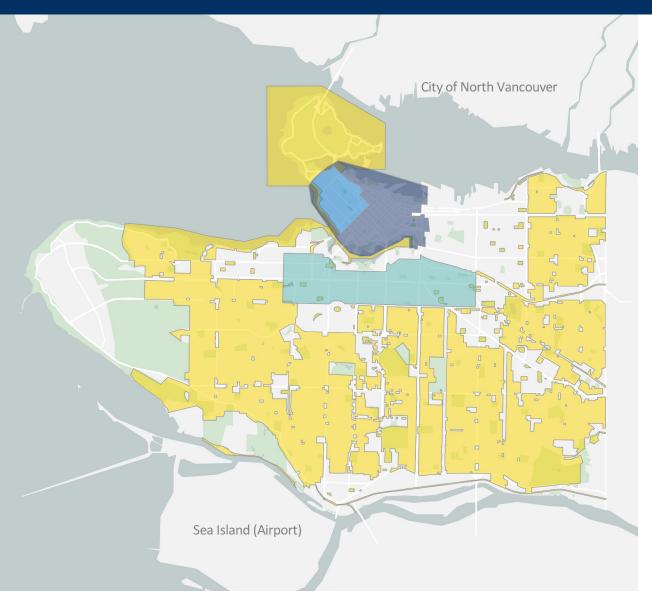
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November 2023 Council decision



- Eliminate minimum parking requirements in the West End and Broadway Plan Area
- Direct staff to report back in 2024 with
 - a phasing plan and the next phase of eliminating minimum parking requirements across the city,
 - consideration of parking maximums
 - a complementary framework to improve regulation of on-street parking

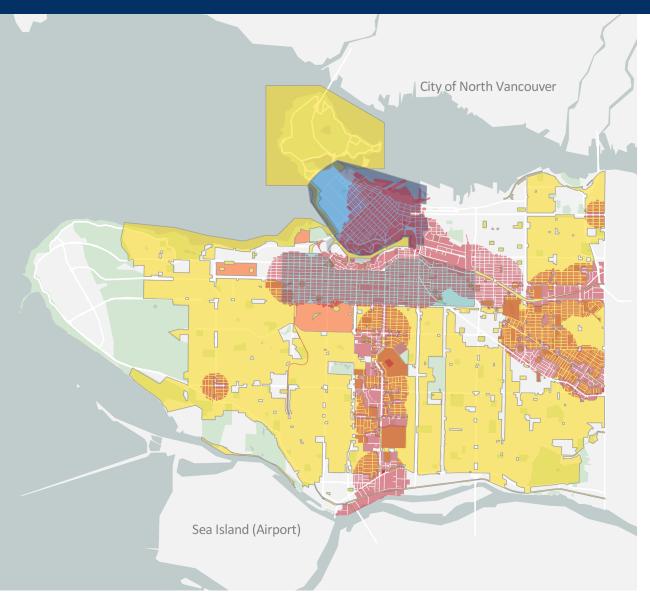
December 2023 Provincial Legislation



- Bill 44 Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)
- Bill 47 Transit Oriented Areas (TOAs)
- Effective November/December 2023, cities <u>cannot</u> set residential minimum parking requirements in Transit Oriented Areas (TOAs) or for Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)

Current State of Parking Minimums





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- Transit Oriented Areas
- SSMUH (RT-7/RT-9/FSD)

Required Changes



Legislative Requirement

- Eliminate minimum parking requirements for residential uses in TOAs and for SSMUH
- Deadline June 30, 2024

Proposed Changes

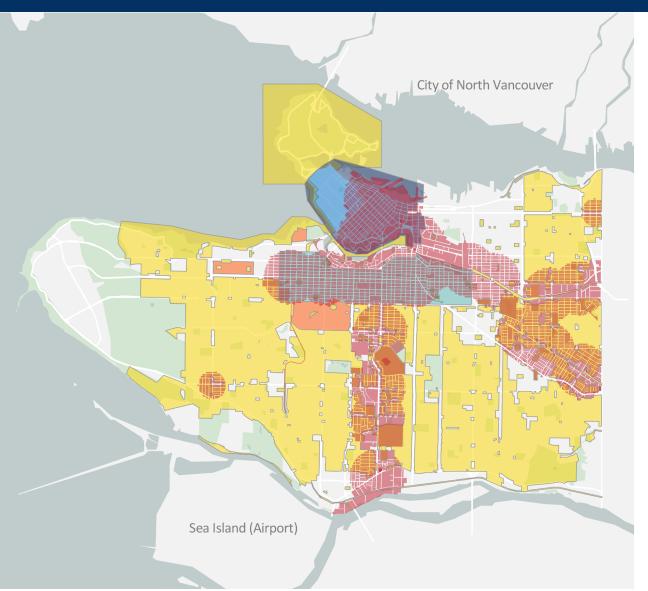


Proposed Approach

- Eliminate minimum parking requirements for all land uses, citywide
 - Still require accessible parking, visitor parking, bike parking, loading, pick-up/drop-off, etc.
 - Adjust TDM to include TOAs
- Update approach to managing on-street parking as a result of no off-street minimums

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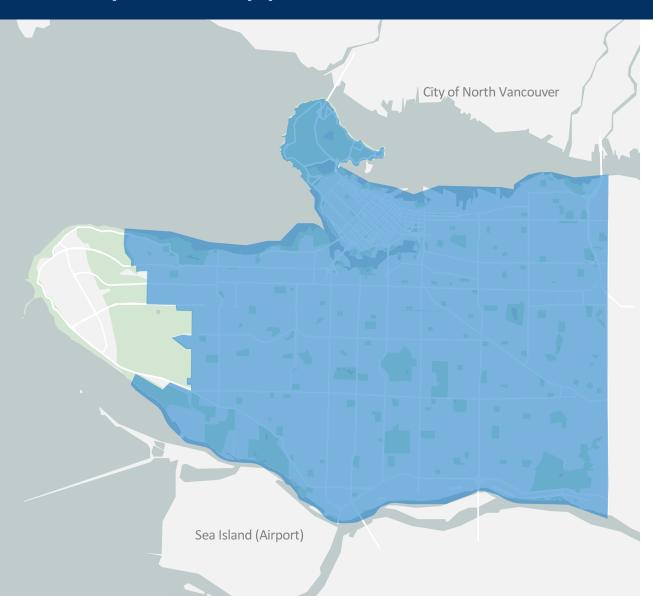
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Proposed Approach





June 2024

All land uses city-wide

Benefits of City-wide Approach



- Simplifies regulations
 - Reduces the vehicle parking section of the by-law by half
 - Eliminates 63 unique parking rates
- Simplifies development process
 - Makes it easier for builders to understand expectations
 - Streamlines staff review processes
- Enables construction of less parking
 - Improves project viability
 - Prioritizes investment in sustainable transportation infrastructure
 - Reduces embodied carbon

Minimal Spillover Risk



- Staff do not anticipate significant parking challenges coming from this change
- Strata developments have continued to supply substantial parking to meet anticipated demand
- Developers of rental projects are interested in providing less parking in transit- and amenity-rich areas
- Development and construction takes time and happens incrementally. Should issues arise in the future, we will be ready with parking management tools



Manage Supply and Demand



- Messaging to Developers:
 - Build the amount of parking your building needs
 - Commercial, fleet and oversized vehicles must be parked on-site
 - There isn't enough curb space for everyone and existing curb space could be converted for other uses (e.g. bus lanes, bike lanes, patios)
 - Don't expect street parking to remain free/unregulated

On-Street Parking Management



- Use existing tools:
 - Commercial & Industrial Streets: time limits and/or pay parking
 - Residential Streets: permit parking
 - Residents can submit requests
 - Use existing survey process to seek support
 - Residents in large sites would not be eligible for permits
- Monitor parking provisions in development applications and when buildings achieve occupancy; adjust approach as needed

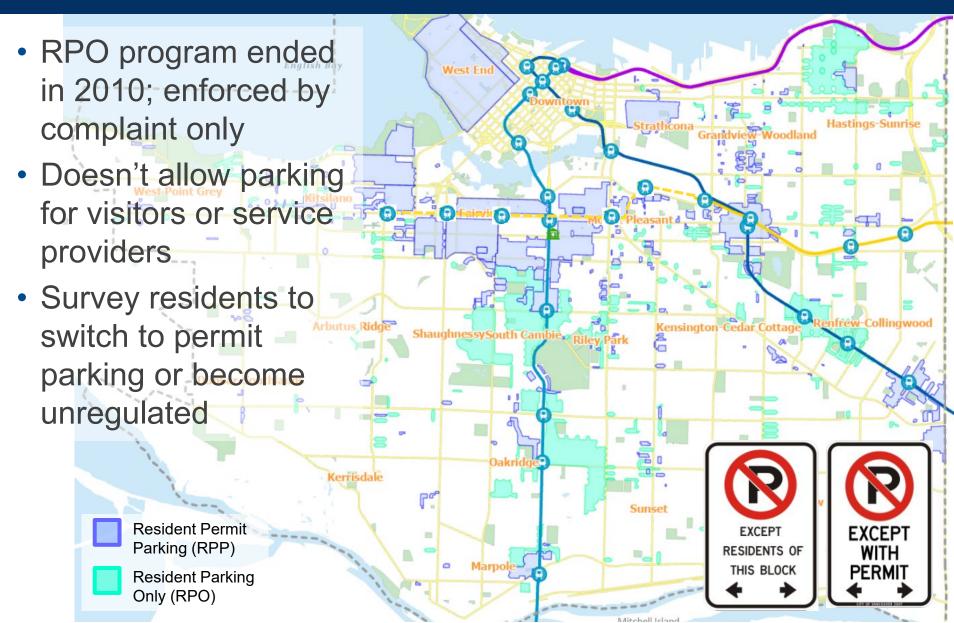






'Resident Parking Only' Areas

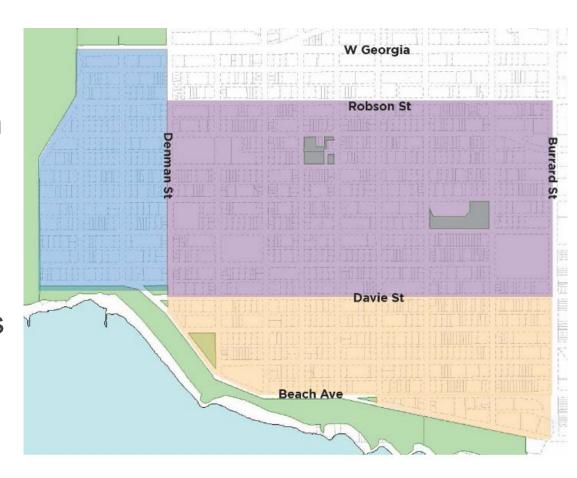




Split West End Permit Zone into 3



- As per 2017 West End Parking Strategy
- Encourages trips within the neighbourhood to be via sustainable modes
- Improves parking availability for residents who live close to commercial streets
- Effective June 1, 2025



Questions?



