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Comprehensive Transportation Review (CTR) in the District of Columbia A Parking and Design-Focused Alternative to the Traffic Impact Study

DDOT Released New CTR Guidelines in June 2019

- Replaced LOS with parking ratio, particularly near transit, as primary metric for evaluating development projects. LOS still used to evaluate roadway impacts in certain situations.
- DDOT-preferred parking rates based on MoveDC Mobility Plan's 75% non-auto mode share goal for all home-work trips to accommodate estimated 200,000 new residents by 2035 without expanding roadway capacity.
- "Form-based" review with focus on keys to high quality development: site design, minimizing vehicle parking, Vision Zero principles, streetscape, and TDM programming.
- Continues shift away from Traffic Impact Study in urban setting. Now a smaller component of a comprehensive multimodal CTR, when required. TIA can be waived in more situations.
- Significantly revamped TDM programming and standardized plans tied to parking ratio, distance to transit, and impacts.

Policies Based on Distance to Transit



Why Focus on Parking + TDM?

- Parking is a permanent site feature and driver of vehicle trips. Availability of parking induces more driving and reinforces auto dependency.
- Minimizing parking allows for more density while generating minimal additional new personal vehicle trips, especially in conjunction with high quality transit service, unbundled parking that is price appropriately, and TDM programming.
- Providing little or no parking brings in "transit-ready" residents and workforce.
- Parking is costly to construct. Not building parking saves \$\$ that can be passed on to future residents/tenants.
- If meeting DDOT-preferred parking rates, more \$\$ can be saved by not conducting CTR or TIA studies.
- With no on-site parking there is no need for a curb cut, thus minimizing conflicts with pedestrians, consistent with DDOT's Vision Zero strategy.

DDOT Site Review Priorities

- A "form-based" review...
- 1) Site Access + Connectivity
- 2) Loading Design
- 3) Minimize # of Parking Spaces
- 4) Public Realm Design (Vision Zero, ADA accessible, quality streetscape)
- 5) Transit Supportive
- 6) Bicycle Facilities
- 7) Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- 8) Curbside Management
- 9) Traffic Impact Analysis (if necessary)

Waiver from TIA

Must meet all ...

- Within ½ Mile from Metrorail OR ¼ mile from Streetcar/Priority Bus
- Meet ¼ mile from Metrorail parking rate
- Fewer than 100 spaces proposed
- "Enhanced" Tier TDM Plan
- Complete pedestrian network
- Curb cuts & loading meet standards
- Meet bike parking, shower, locker requirements
- Provide 2 EV charging stations

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Mitigation

Must mitigate high parking ratio and impacts to intersections and non-auto modes, in order of DDOT preference...

- 1) Optimal Site Design
- 2) Reduce Vehicle Parking
- 3) Implement More TDM
- 4) Off-Site Ped/Bike/Transit Upgrades
- 5) Performance Monitoring/Enforcement
- \$\$ Contribution to Mitigation Fund
- 7) Roadway Capacity Changes

Standardized TDM Plans by Land Use + Impact

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Metrorail Map: https://arcg.is/19ajgu Streetcar and Priority Bus Map: https://arcg.is/1CHTeb

Guidance for Comprehensive Transportation Review including Parking Rates, Standardized TDM Plans, and CTR Scoping Form can be found at: https://ddot.dc.gov/node/470382

DDOT's Preferred Maximum Parking Rates

Land Use		Less than ¼ Mile from Metrorail	¼ to ½ Mile from Metrorail OR Less than ¼ Mile from Priority Transit**	½ to 1 Mile from Metrorail	More than 1 Mile from Metrorail
Residential	DDOT:	0.30 or less	0.40 or less	0.50 or less	0.60 or less
(spaces/unit)	ZR16 Min-Max:	0.17* - 0.67	0.17* - 0.67	0.33 - 0.67	0.33 - 0.67
Office	DDOT:	0.40 or less	0.50 or less	0.65 or less	0.85 or less
(spaces/1,000 GSF)	ZR16 Min-Max:	0.25* - 1.00	0.25* - 1.00	0.50 - 1.00	0.50 - 1.00
Hotel	DDOT:	0.40 or less	0.45 or less	0.60 or less	0.75 or less
(spaces/1,000 GSF)	ZR16 Min-Max:	0.25* - 1.00	0.25* - 1.00	0.50 - 1.00	0.50 - 1.00
Retail ***	DDOT:	1.00 or less	1.25 or less	1.60 or less	2.00 or less
(spaces/1,000 GSF)	ZR16 Min-Max:	0.67* - 2.66	0.67* - 2.66	1.33 - 2.66	1.33 - 2.66
Other Uses	DDOT:	75% of § 701.5 or less	90% of § 701.5 or less	120% of § 701.5 or less	150% of § 701.5 or less
	ZR16 Min-Max:	50% - 200% of § 701.5*	50% - 200% of § 701.5*	100% - 200% of § 701.5	100% - 200% of § 701.5
Notes:					
* There is no vehicle parking requirement in Downtown "D" and several other zones. DDOT strongly encourages Applicants to provide no on-site vehicle					
parking where allowable by zoning.					
** Priority transit includes the H Street Streetcar, Streetcar Benning Road Extension, DC Circulator, and Priority Corridor Network Metrobus Routes					
defined by zoning in DCMR 11, Subtitle C § 702.1(c).					

*** Retail rates can be used for either standalone buildings or first floor users of mixed-use projects. The Retail category also includes a wide range of

related uses such as fast casual restaurant, bank, drinking establishment, pet grooming, coffee shop, grocery, etc