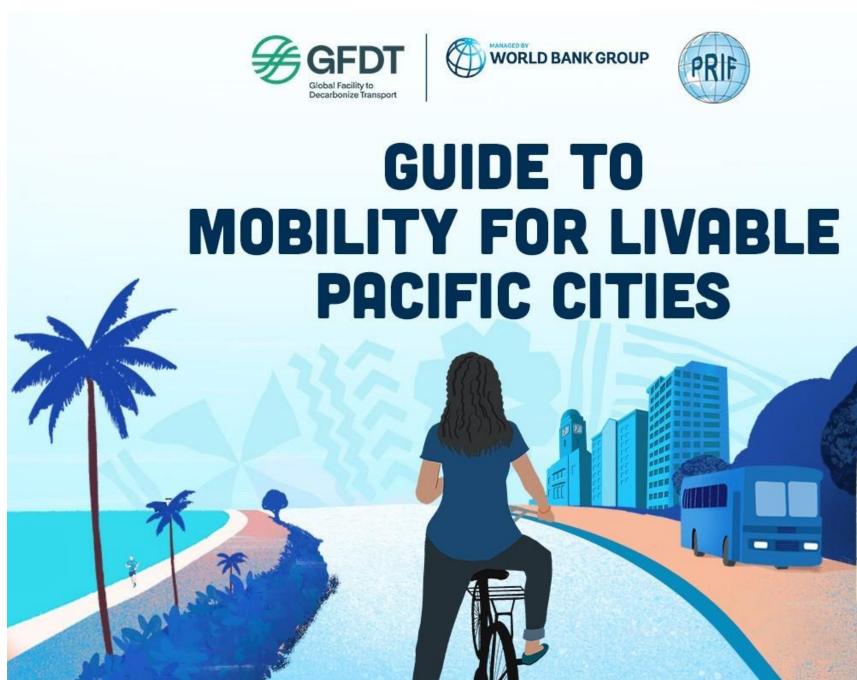


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Parking Management

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Content to be covered

- 1. The Importance of Parking Management
- 2. Current conditions and challenges
- 3. Introduction & Goals of parking policies and management
- 4. On-street Parking Reform
- 5. Off-street Parking Reform
- 6. Other Parking Recommendations
- 7. How to Achieve Parking Reform
- 8. Questions & Discussion



It is not easy to achieve parking reform. Parking is not sexy. Parking is often ignored. And parking responsibilities are divided among multiple government departments and private actors.







Car Dependency
=
Parking Dependency
=
Parking Chaos





Central Suva, Fiji Around the MyFNPF Centre (World Bank)





Space dedicated to off-street surface parking lots only (in red).

Excluded are:

- on-street parking
- indoor off-street parking (e.g. garages)

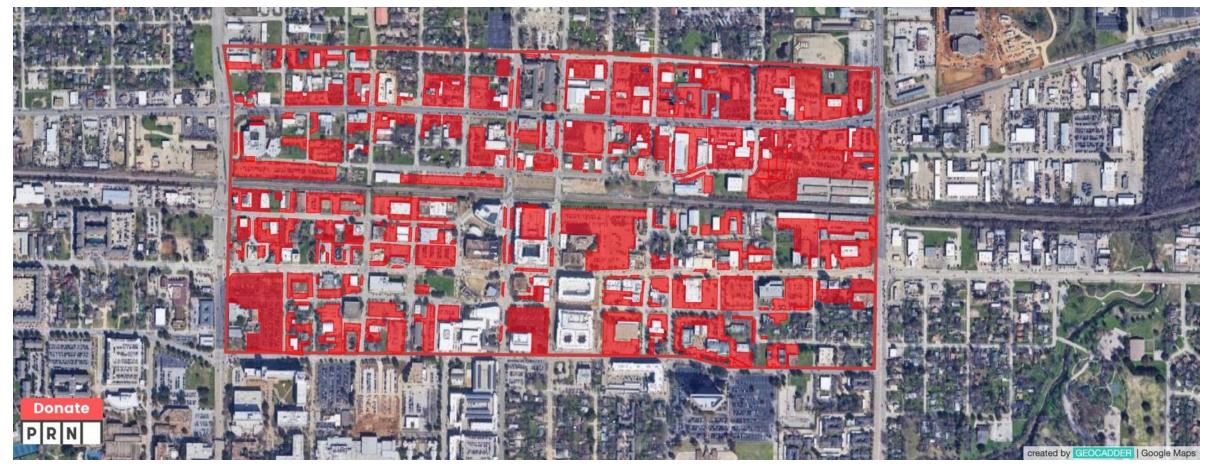


Nouméa's city center is filled with parking, both off-street (shown in red) and on-street (shown in yellow). Little space is left for buildings. When cities are built around the car, it requires vast amounts of land for parking.





Areas in red are dedicated to parking (downtown Arlington, Texas, US)

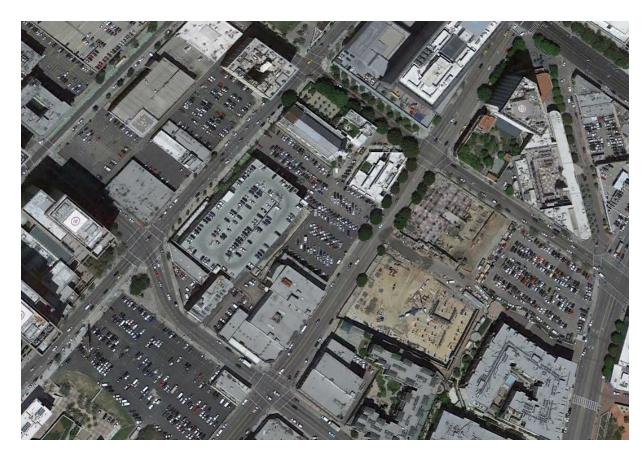




Source: Parking Reform Network

With excessive parking supply, cities turn into parking lots

Los Angeles





Source: Google Earth Source: Donald Shoup, 2015







Vehicle parking on footpaths in Honiara, Solomon Islands







Parking of abandoned vehicles on footpaths on South Tarawa, Kiribati







Key findings:

- It is difficult for drivers to find vacant parking spaces
- This impacts traffic flows with drivers 'circling'
- Parking on footpaths and setbacks affect pedestrian flow, safety and comfort
- No management and enforcement of parking
- Formal, delineated parking spaces are rare
- Parking is free of charge unlimited use of scarce road space
- End-of-life vehicles

Current approaches focus on increasing parking supply, but...

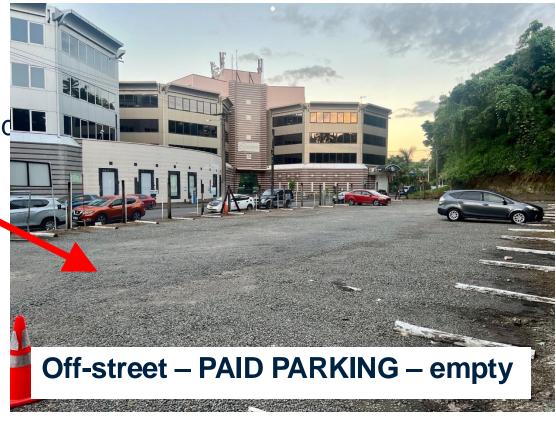
...there is often no shortage of parking supply
There is a lack of parking management to balance supply and demand for parking



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Suva Car Park // Tuesday 21 May 2024 - 5:30pm

- On-street FREE PARKING full
- Off-street Paid parking empty







Suva's on-street parking revenue could be increased more than 10-fold.

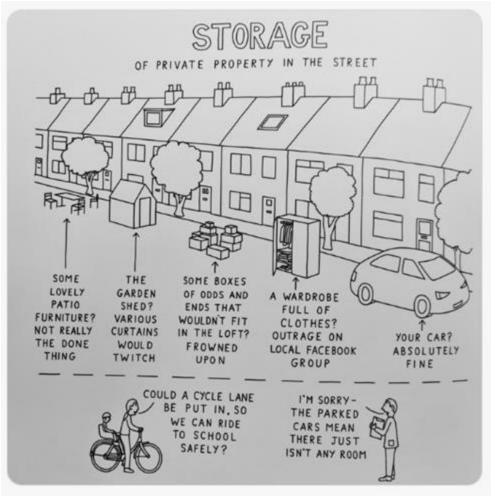
	Currently	Possible
# of parking spaces	800	2,000
On-street parking fee	FJD 0.80/hour	FJD 4.00 FJD/hour
Paid parking hours	47 hours/week (Mon-Fri 8am – 4:30pm, Sat 8am – 12:30pm)	60 hours/week (Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm, Sat 8am – 6pm)
Average occupancy	90%	70%
Annual revenue	FJD 1.4 million	FJD 17.5 million



There are many good examples, where parking is properly managed. It requires a shift in

thinking about parking.



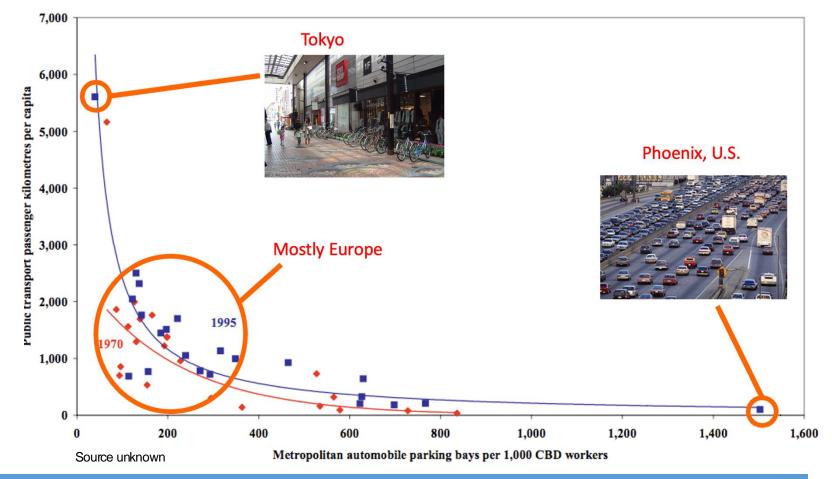


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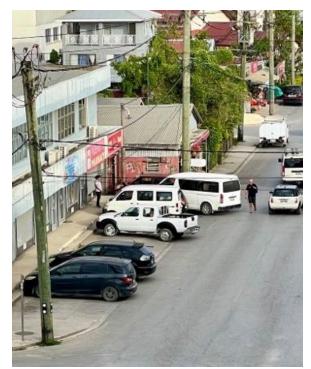


Implementing the right parking policies, management and operation are a <u>key</u> part of managing your urban transport systems. It cannot be ignored.

The availability of parking spaces and the use of public transport are opposites: to achieve high public transport use, you cannot provide too much parking. If you provide ample parking, you will not see much public transport use.













On-street

Footpath

Setback

Off-street

Government-owned

Government goal is to improve, manage, price, enforce

Privately-owned:

Government goal is to set (building) regulations, enforce



Different kinds of parking spaces serve different purposes and should be approached differently.









On-street: regulated parking in central areas

Footpath: ban and enforce

Setback: allow only in special circumstances

Off-street:

if privately-owned:
government to regulate access, size, etc.



Parking on footpaths?

NO!





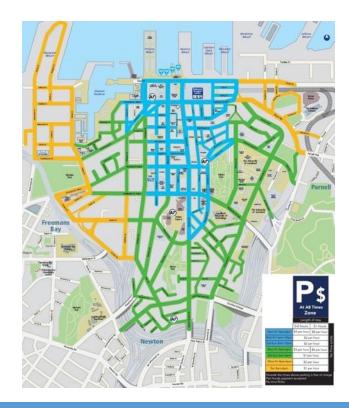


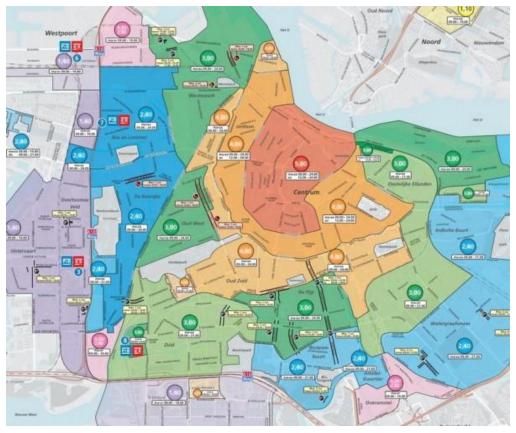
Implement and on-street parking zone in areas with 70%+ occupancies during peak hours Do not choose small areas, or some streets only. Implement in a larger area.

Differentiate the parking fee based on occupancies:

 $<50\% \rightarrow$ lower the fee

 $>85\% \rightarrow$ increase the fee





Auckland (left), Amsterdam (right)

Source left: Greater Auckland (2013) Source right: Egis (2017)



Red Zone 1:

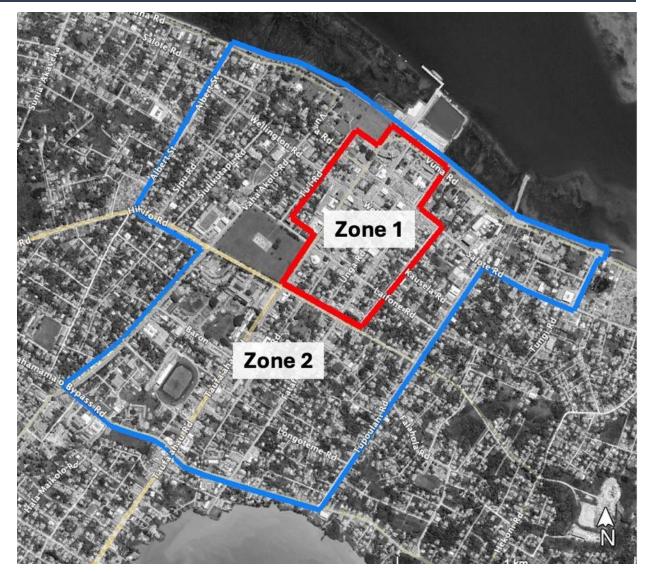
- Higher parking fees
- Maximum 60 minutes parking
- Strict enforcement

Blue Zone 2:

- Lower parking fees
- Maximum 3 hours parking
- Normal enforcement

On right: possible Tongatapu parking zone

Not every street in the zone necessarily includes parking supply. Traffic, bus, pedestrian or cycling priority may apply on some streets.





The first parking meter in the world was installed in Oklahoma City in the United States in 1935, while the first version in Europe was introduced in the summer of 1958 on Grosvenor Square in London outside of the American Embassy in the Mayfair district.







Source unknown

No meters

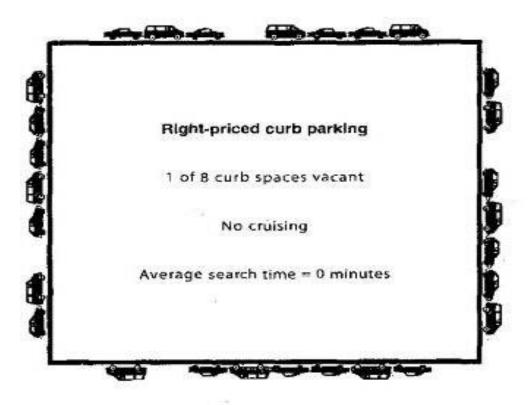
Meters

Prices quadrupled



What is the right parking fee?

- BASED ON OCCUPANCY OF THE SPACES!
- On-street fees should be equal to or higher than off-street fees, to incentivize long-term parking in off-street facilities.
- More expensive than public transport fees, to incentivize public transport use.
- Could consider progressive parking fees: first hour is cheaper, and the price/hour increases with the parking duration
- Time limit of 1-2-3 hours
- Residential permits for a lower annual fee could be considered



Source: Shoup, D. The High Cost of Free Parking

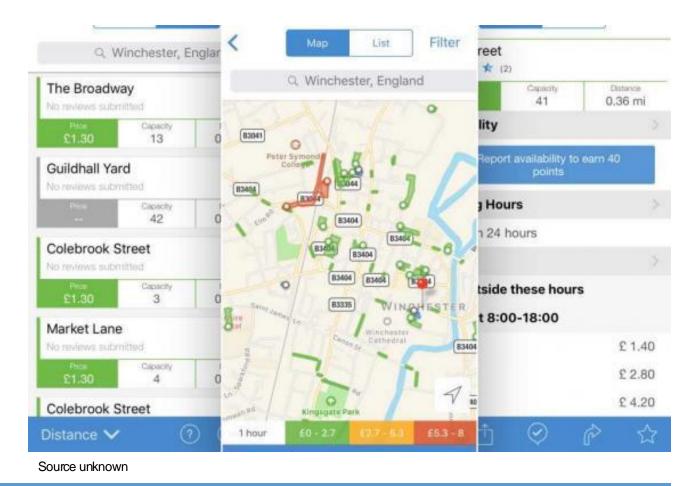


4. On-street Parking Reform – Parking Payment

Mobile or bank card payment have many benefits over cash/bank card at parking meters or parking wardens:

- 1) Obtain all revenue (no 'leakage')
- 2) Data on parking demand over time
- 3) Provide good service to drivers





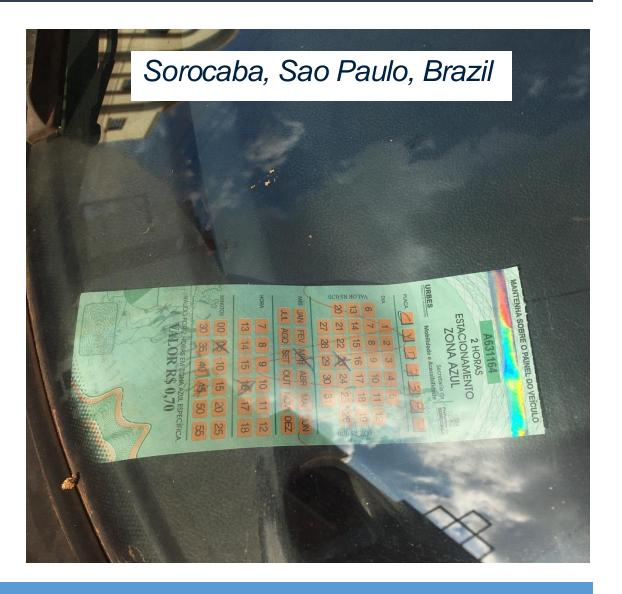


4. On-street Parking Reform – Parking Payment

Another option is pre-paid parking cards, where drivers mark the date and time each time they park. Not very convenient for drivers, but a low-tech solution in which 'leakage' is much lower than paying cash to a parking warden.









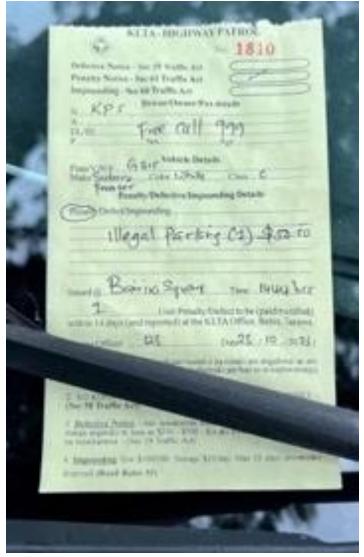
4. On-street Parking Reform – Enforcement

Enforcement of non-payment and illegal parking:

- The Traffic Police (or private company on a contract with Service Level Agreement) has the responsibility to enforce payment compliance, and parking in places not marked as parking
- Can use both parking fines, as well as clamp vehicles





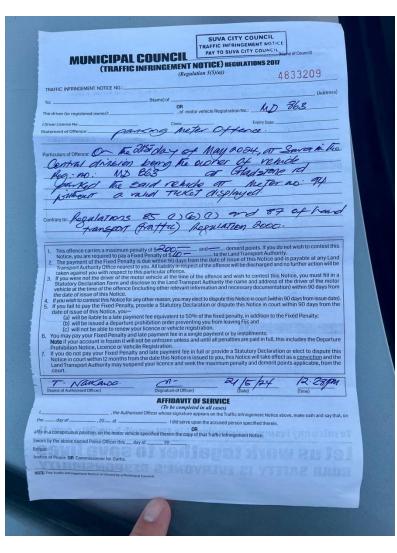


Images from South Tarawa, Kiribati



4. On-street Parking Reform – Enforcement





In Suva only 1 parking fine was observed.

- 10 FJD only too low to incentive payment compliance, and too low to cover costs of enforcement
- Could consider demerit points on driver's license



In the design of on-street parking spaces, it is important to use physical measures (bollards, trees, seating, etc.) to block vehicles from entering the footpath













Hibiscus Road, Honiara





Hibiscus Road, Honiara



On-street parking design considerations:

- Ban parking near intersections and midblock crossings and create bulb-outs, using bollards
- Eliminate some parking spaces for alternative uses: street amenities such as trees and waste bins, public seating, restaurant outdoor seating
- Incorporate (~15 minute) delivery bays
- Incorporate taxi queuing bays
- Incorporate dedicated parking spaces for wheelchairs users







5. Off-street Parking Reform - Setbacks

The Government of Samoa's Urban Design Standards for Apia CBD and Waterfront provides regulations on setback parking for the betterment of walking conditions. In Apia's CBD setbacks should contribute to a high-quality built form along the street edge. Setbacks are allowed to be cancelled and building walls moved.

Maximum number of driveways per lot:

Table C4.1: maximum no. of driveways

Length of boundary facing a street	Max number of driveways
Less than 25m	1 two-way
25m to 50m	1 two-way or 2 one-way
Greater than 50m	2 one-way or 2 two-way*

^{*} PUMA may approve additional driveways if the nature and scale of the proposed development warrants it.

Minimum distance from curbside:

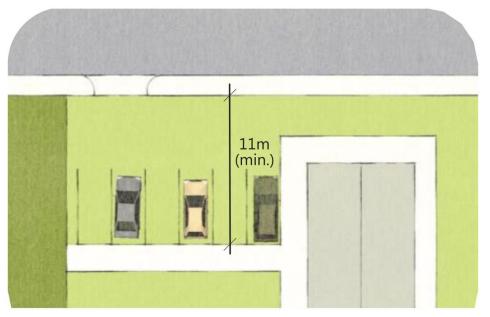


Fig. C4.3 Parking setback on street frontages



5. Off-street Parking Reform - New Parking Lots?

Honiara: JICA studying a new ("tower") off-street parking lot in the CBD near/on Mendana Ave

Tarawa: planning a parking building in Betio

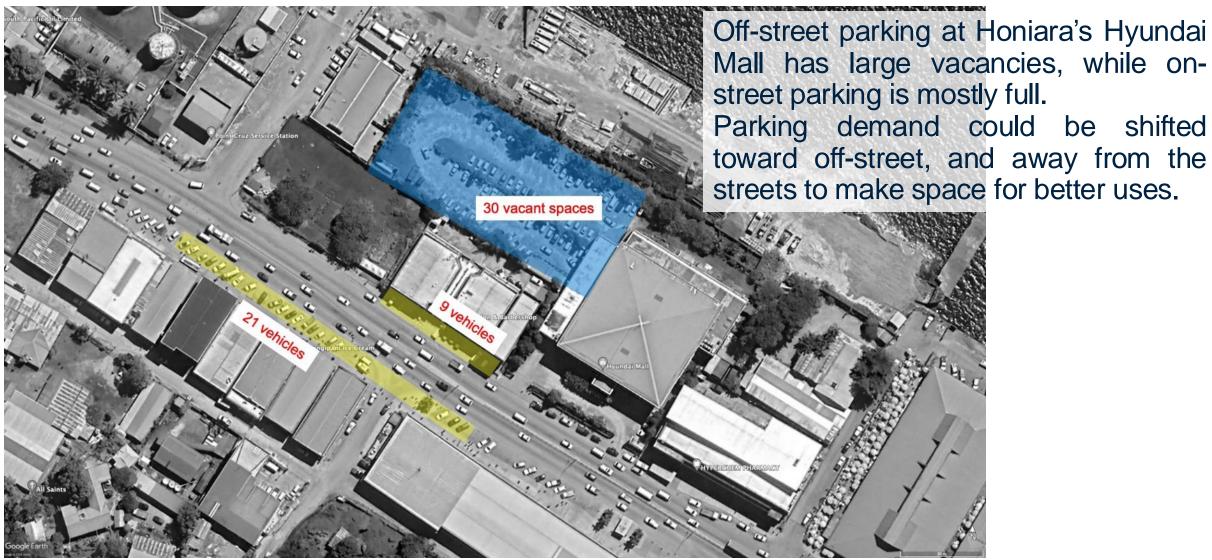
Tonga: planning a parking building near the edge of the city center







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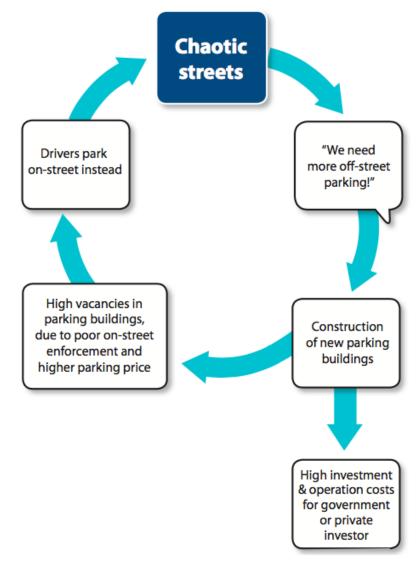
Off-street parking at South Sea Evangelical Church and Church Wesley United Church is little used on weekdays. These are only a 100-200m walk from the market entrance.





Building only new off-street parking facilities without implementing on-street parking reform would be a big mistake!

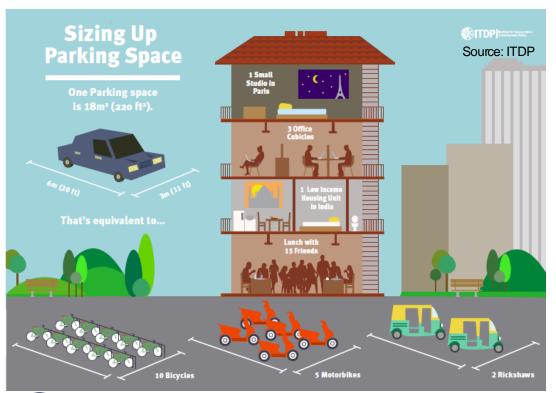
- Instead of building more off-street parking lots and buildings, an analysis of existing supply and demand is needed. One often finds that some streets have a large shortage of parking, whereas most adjacent streets or existing off-street parking facilities have large vacancies
- Tackle on-street parking woes first. Only then private offstreet parking development is possible.
- Use on-street parking fees to steer parking demand
- Break the vicious circle of car-dependency. Making parking easier will attract more people to drive, and soon enough you need another multi-level car park. And congestion levels will keep increasing.





Be very cautious in investing in the development of off-street parking facilities, especially multilevel structures:

1. Off-street parking requires large amounts of land that is costly and may be better used for other purposes. An off-street parking space in a garage or building takes 35 - 40sqm.







Be very cautious in investing in the development of off-street parking facilities, especially multilevel structures:

2. It requires large public funds for investment, operation and maintenance

Chinese costs for parking buildings, 2019:

Construction costs: 14,000 - 22,000 USD/parking space

Operational costs: 7-12 USD/month/parking space



Be very cautious in investing in the development of off-street parking facilities, especially multi-

level structures:

3. It may not be used if on-street parking is not managed simultaneously. Honiara's National Hosting Authority has ample parking availability



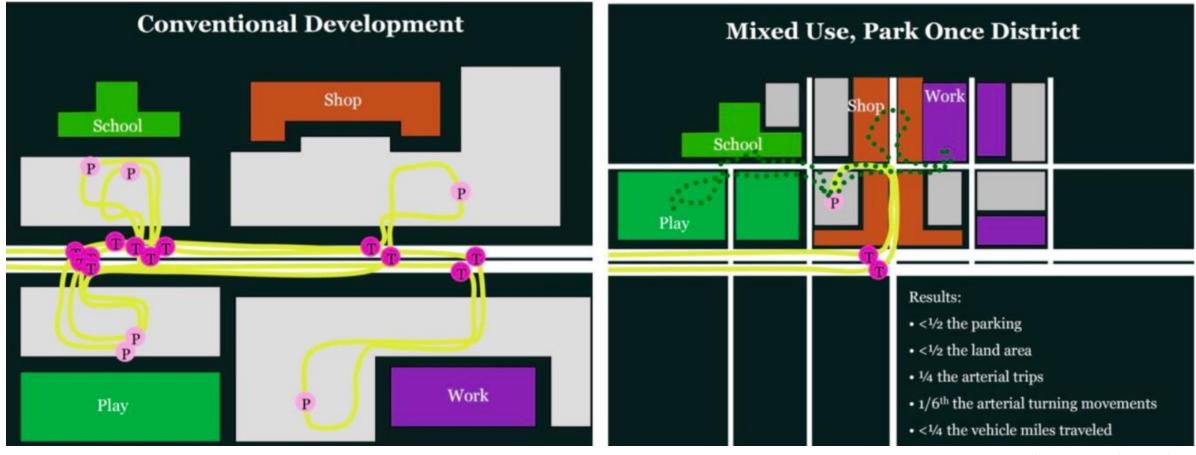




5. Off-street Parking Reform - Park-Once Districts

Better use existing supply of parking spaces.

Use push & pull measures to stimulate the sharing of existing (and future) off-street facilities.





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5. Off-street Parking Reform - Parking Sharing



Think of it as a food court: restaurants share a larger pool of tables for all guests, rather than each providing seating for their own guests.

- A neighborhood's 'pool of parking': balances supply & demand
- The user pays (market rate) vs. "you already paid, might as well use it"
- Steers demand to vacant spaces, prices parking, modal shift

Source: unknown



5. Off-street Parking Reform – Parking Mandates

Off-street parking standards are fairly high, and excessive for commercial functions.

4) Car Parking

In case of new land use, development, or redevelopment, the required number of car spaces shall be provided first, otherwise such land use will not be approved. Car parking requirements are shown in the Table 3.2-3.

Table 3.2-3 Car Parking Requirements

Use	Decision Guideline	Car Space Measure	Rate
Residential	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that subject to	Car spaces per dwelling or	1
apart from	road capacity considerations, future residential	unit	
serviced	developments should have sufficient parking provision		
accommodation	to match the car ownership of residents		
Commercial	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that, except in	Car spaces per 100m ² of	2.25
	special circumstances, future commercial	actual retail or office floor	
	developments should have sufficient on-site parking to	space area (excluding	
	match manifest operational requirements.	storage area)	
Industry	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that sufficient	Car spaces per 100m ² of	1.5
	parking and loading/unloading spaces are provided to	actual floor space	
	satisfy requirements.		
Serviced	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that adequate	Car spaces per unit	0.5
accommodation	parking spaces are provided to satisfy requirements.		
Education	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that adequate	Car spaces per classroom	0.6
Centers	parking spaces are provided to satisfy requirements.		
Any other uses	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that adequate	Depends on the demand of	-
	parking spaces are provided to satisfy requirements.	the particular development	

Source: Honiara LPS 2015

Table 3.2-6 Car Parking Requirements

Use	Decision Guideline	Car Space Measure
Residential apart	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that subject	1 parking space per
from serviced	to road capacity considerations, future residential	dwelling + 2 more for
accommodation	developments should have sufficient parking	dwellings with > 3
	provision to match the car ownership of residents	bedrooms
Accommodation	Ensure that a reasonable number of car parks are	0.25 parking sites per permissible
	provided for staff and guests that may have need of	guest + 0.1 per staff with a minimum
	on-site parking	of 2 car parks
Retail	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	2.25 spaces per 100m ² of leasable
	sufficient parking and loading/unloading spaces are	area with a minimum of 2 car spaces
	provided to satisfy requirements.	
Restaurant and	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	2.25 spaces per 100m ² of leasable
bars	sufficient parking and loading/unloading spaces are	area with a minimum of 2 car spaces
	provided for good commercial activity.	
Office	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that, except	1.5 spaces per 100m ² of leasable area
	in special circumstances, future commercial	with a minimum of 2 car spaces
	developments should have sufficient on-site parking	
	to match manifest operational requirements.	
Industry	To ensure that future development have adequate	1.5 per 100m ² leasable floor area
	parking space on-site	with a minimum of 2 car spaces
Education:	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	0.2 per student over the legal age of
primary and	adequate parking spaces are provided to satisfy	driving + 1 space for every 5 staff
secondary	requirements.	
Education:	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	0.2 per student over the legal age of
tertiary	adequate parking spaces are provided to satisfy	driving + 1 space for every 5 staff
	requirements.	
Health	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	0.5 per patient + 1 space for every 5
	adequate parking spaces are provided to satisfy	staff + 1 space per ambulance
	requirements.	
Other uses	The purpose of the standards is to ensure that	Depends on the demand of the
	adequate parking spaces are provided to satisfy	particular development
S H I	requirements.	

Source: Henderson LPS 2016 (Draft)



5. Off-street Parking Reform – Parking Mandates

Minimum parking requirements → more off-street parking spaces → easier parking → more private cars driving

Considerations:

- Consider a <u>maximum</u> number of off-street parking spaces for new developments (common in European and some US cities) – e.g. CBD areas, locations with convenient bus services
- Extra costs of off-street parking will increase property prices, eventually paid by house owners, shoppers, diners, etc.
- Parking requires large amounts of land choose carefully
- Without on-street parking enforcement, a desired shift to off-street parking is futile



6. Other Parking Recommendations

- To increase local support (including business owners) for paid parking, it is recommended to <u>ringfence parking profits</u> and use these funds for:
 - Street scape/public space improvements: reinvest where you charge for parking
 - Improvements of transport alternatives (bus, cycling, walking)
- Institutional changes: <u>a parking authority</u>, comprised of representatives of all related government departments, headed by the highest local authority who has influence over each of these departments, to ensure compliance and integration.
- Future transport developments are unknown. Building too much parking now, will have decade long impacts on the livability and success of the city



Strategy 8 Organize parking to make streets less chaotic

Key Messages

- 1. Don't build more parking supply as this will lock cities into car dependency for decades to come.
- 2. Manage parking better to ensure it is available to those who need it most (those with extra accessibility needs, deliveries to local businesses, and taxis).
- 3. High demand parking should be *priced*, and the revenue generated used to fund public space beautification, etc.





Strategy 8: Organize parking to make streets less chaotic





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Develop a parking strategy and plan that surveys parking supply and demand, sets out parking zones, fees, operation hours, time restrictions, technology for payment and enforcement, parking space design, communication plan to stakeholders and the public. Implement parking laws and decrees for paid parking and fines.



Make institutional arrangements through a new parking authority, or a committee comprised of related departments. Consider outsourcing operation and enforcement to a private entity.



Eliminate parking in setback areas and move vehicles to areas behind buildings to activate street fronts with shops, cafes and restaurants that add economic value and vibrancy to the streets.





Reinvest parking profits into the local area via public transit and redesigning of streets to make them more livable.



Limit construction of new (especially government-financed) off-street parking buildings as lots of drivers will continue parking on-street if the street remains the cheaper option or if enforcement is weak."





7. How to Achieve Parking Reform

What would a parking study entail?

1. Parking Survey:

- Formal parking supply (on-street, off-street, setback) in city center
- Current parking prices (formal/informal) and practices (technology, enforcement)
- Parking demand in city center (16-hour, hourly surveys, in city center), documenting parking demand, duration, turnover

2. Parking Management System Recommendations:

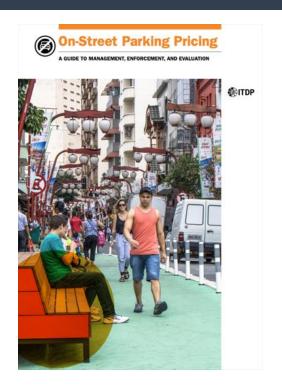
- Business and operational model, including consideration of PPP, institutional changes
- Parking technology (payment, enforcement, occupancy)
- Parking fee and revenue projections

3. Parking Policies and Legal:

- Drafting a parking strategy, parking decree, parking schedules
- Drafting a communication plan for parking reform

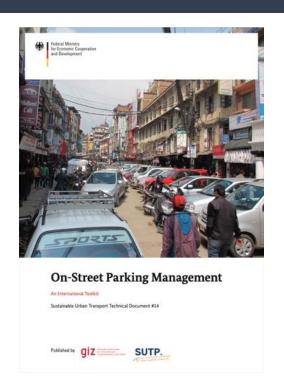


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Reinventing Parking – a website run by parking expert Paul Barter, with a large library of resources and podcasts on everything parking

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