

Bend Parking Study Project Background

The Parking Study consists of three parts: (1) an update of the current downtown parking, access and circulation plan; (2) a city-wide study of parking requirements required by the state land use and transportation goals and policies; and (3) a Council-directed study of parking issues along Galveston Avenue.

Since the time of the original [Downtown Parking plan \(2002\)](#), downtown commercial square footage has increased an estimated 50% and the downtown core has expanded outward. Parking pricing and enforcement practices have remained relatively unchanged. The Downtown Parking Plan will update parking supply, demand and utilization data in order to develop policies that better serve downtown business, customers and surrounding neighborhoods. [It was revisited in 2006.](#)

Statewide planning goals and rules (OAR 660-012-0045(5)) require the City to reduce parking spaces per capita by 10% over a 20-year planning horizon. The Citywide Parking study will review code requirements for parking, conduct several sample analyses, and suggest new policy and code language.

Galveston Avenue is a developing local commercial center that is adjacent to established residential neighborhoods. The City recently concluded Phase I of the [Central Westside Plan](#) (CWP), which included Galveston Avenue. The [Galveston Avenue Corridor Parking Study](#) will identify parking issues and determine whether parking management would be appropriate within the study area.