Transit Street Exception to Minimum Parking

The Zoning Code requires a minimum number of parking spaces based on the size and use of a building on a site. However, there are exceptions available, including one for sites that are well-served by transit.

Per 33.266.110.B.3, an applicant may request an exception to the minimum parking requirement for sites located less than 500 feet from a Transit Street with weekday 20-minute peak hour transit service.

Q What is a Transit Street?

A Transit Streets are identified in the City's Transportation System Plan. They are streets with one of the following designations: Major Transit Priority Street, Transit Access Street, Community Transit Street, and some Regional Transitways.

Q How can I find a street classification?

A Transit Street classifications can be found on www.portlandmaps.com. Enter a street address and then under Transportation click on Transportation System Plan. You may also visit the Development Services Center (DSC) to talk to a planner or call us at 503-823-7526.

Q How is the 500 feet measured?

A The measurement is the shortest distance from the site to the nearest right-of-way meeting the requirement (not necessarily the transit stop itself).

If you need help measuring the distance, you may talk to a planner in the DSC or call 503-823-7526. We can make the measurement for you.

Q What is peak hour service?

A Peak hour service is weekdays 7:00 am to 8:30 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Between these times, bus, streetcar or light rail service lines must run at least every 20 minutes on a Transit Street within 500 feet of a site.

Q How can I tell if a public transit line has 20-minute peak hour service?

A Schedules and locations of specific bus, streetcar and light rail lines can be found on the Tri-Met website at *www.trimet.org*. You may call them at 503-238-RIDE (7433) to find out which bus, streetcar or light rail lines are within 500 feet of the site. Tri-Met has a list of frequent service bus lines running at least every 20 minutes at: *www.trimet.org/bus/frequentservice.htm*.

Print the screens for the morning and evening peak hour periods for the transit line(s) closest to your site and provide a copy with your building permit or land use application when you are requesting this exception.

For more information contact staff at the Development Services Center, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, First Floor, 503-823-7526
For the current Portland Zoning Code visit www.portlandonline.com/zoningcode