



Recommendations

- > No new off-street lots are proposed.
- > Fully utilize existing parking lots at 50th Avenue SW and Riverdale Avenue SW by adding curb stops and stall striping to delineate parking spaces and discourage illegal parking.
- > Reconfigure parking at Sandy Beach to improve safety, reduce the footprint, increase parking efficiency, and incorporate low impact development features.
- > Improve safety and efficiency, and reduce the environmental impact of the parking lot at Riverdale Avenue.
- > Designate the small parking area on the Sandy Beach access road for "Park and Emergency Vehicles Only".
- > Create a new bus drop-off area and parking spaces to improve safety and convenience of camper transportation.
- > Provide support for community requests to institute resident-only parking restrictions on the westside of 14A Street SW between 50th Avenue SW and 46th Street SW (requests must be submitted to The City of Calgary Transportation).
- > Explore demand management strategies to reduce peak parking demand (e.g. shuttle service on peak rafting weekends; promoting underutilized launch points and associated parking).
- > Use temporary signage and bylaw enforcement on peak weekends to discourage illegal parking on Sandy Beach access road.
- > Work with Recreation to explore shared parking solutions associated with the redevelopment of Glenmore Athletic Park.

Key Features

- ① Support for Permit-Only Parking on 14A Street SW
- ② Landscaped Buffer at Riverdale Avenue Parking Lot - between parking and regional pathway
- ③ Reconfigured Public Parking Area at Sandy Beach
- ④ Restricted Parking Area (park and emergency vehicles only) at Sandy Beach
- ⑤ Engineering Assessment of Access Road at Sandy Beach
- ⑥ Parking + Bus Drop-Off at Riveredge

See other display boards for additional recommendations related to Roads + Parking.

Rationale

Although the overall demand for parking in the park vicinity currently exceeds supply at peak periods, the majority of stakeholders in 2011 requested that no new on-site public parking be developed, and the Draft Plan reflects this desire. The Draft Plan recommends reconfiguring the parking lot at Sandy Beach. Using a more efficient layout will reduce the paving footprint and add a few more spaces. New vegetation islands and buffers will help to clean and filter the stormwater runoff from this lot, improving water quality in the Elbow River. A number of safety enhancements are also included in the plan such as a landscaping buffer between parking and the regional pathway. A new parking and drop off area is suggested for Riveredge to provide a safe place for campers to be dropped-off and picked-up. The Draft Plan also anticipates that residents will submit a request to Transportation to initiate restrictions on 14A Street SW to guarantee residents of 14A Street access to on-street parking near their homes. Parking on peak summer weekends will continue to be an issue for park users and local residents. Stepped up enforcement of parking regulations is needed. The Draft Plan suggests that demand management strategies suggested by the public (such as a shuttle service for rafters) be explored further, and Parks continue to coordinate with Recreation to plan for parking at Glenmore Athletic Park.

