

Brooklyn, NY

Downtown Brooklyn Residential Parking Study



For years, residents in several downtown Brooklyn neighborhoods have petitioned the city for a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program, without success. There currently is no RPP program within the five boroughs of New York City and the prospects of a typical permit program within a city in which resident vehicles greatly outnumber curb spaces remain unclear.

At the direction of the Downtown Brooklyn Council, the New York City Department of Transportation, and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, Nelson\Nygaard undertook an extensive effort to document on-street conditions in the residential neighborhoods surrounding downtown Brooklyn, including: an inventory of curb spaces, utilization levels and turnover, parker perceptions, and the balance of resident and non-resident occupancy at key time periods.

Nelson\Nygaard developed a series of feasible options for managing a permit program in a mixed-use, high-density setting. Options ranged from no program to offering an unlimited number of permits to establishing market-rate pricing to limit the number of permits to the curbside supply. A key part of the study was a Project Advisory Committee to allow residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to vet the study methodology and policy options. The final study is currently serving as a guiding document for a potential program to support the Mayor's recent proposal for congestion pricing in Manhattan.

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