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Pilot Project Back-in, Angled Parking on Bannatyne Avenue

The City of Winnipeg is exploring ways to increase available on-street parking in the Exchange District. A pilot project, beginning on **Monday, July 24, 2017**, will test back-in, angled parking on the south side of Bannatyne Avenue between Rorie Street and Waterfront Drive. In order to accommodate the trial parking configuration, this section of Bannatyne Avenue will be converted to one-way in the westbound direction for the duration of the pilot. We anticipate the trial lasting approximately eight months.

What's changing?

- 1) Line painting of stalls will change on-street parallel parking spaces to back-in, angled parking stalls.
- 2) Increasing on-street parking on the south side of Bannatyne Ave. by 10 with back-in, angled stalls.
- Bannatyne Ave. between Rorie Street and Waterfront Drive will become one-way in the westbound direction.
- Planters will be placed to signify closure of the entrance to the roundabout on Waterfront Drive from Bannatyne Ave.



For more information, to view project materials and to fill out a survey once the pilot begins, please visit winnipeg.ca/angledparkingpilot. For further information or to provide your feedback, contact pilotproject@winnipeg.ca or 311.



Pilot Project Back-in, Angled Parking on Bannatyne Avenue - FAQs

What is the purpose of the pilot project?

During the pilot project, feedback will be gathered from area businesses, residents, stakeholder groups, and the public to determine the effectiveness of the change to angled parking and ease of use. This information will be used to determine the feasibility of making further angled parking adjustments in other locations around the city.

City staff will also monitor traffic flows, maintenance issues, parking guideline compliance, and overall operation of the pilot project site.

How long will the pilot project continue?

The pilot project will commence this summer and continue throughout the winter months to fully test the design in terms of winter snow clearing and maintenance.

How can I provide feedback on the new angled parking?

An online survey will be available on pilot project web page starting on July 24, 2017. Those wishing to provide feedback can also contact the city via email and 311.

What happens if I park my vehicle incorrectly in the new back-in, angled parking stalls?

These new back-in, angled parking stalls require vehicles to back-in. If a vehicle parks incorrectly, a penalty notice will be issued in the amount of \$70.00 for parking improperly. Warning notices will be issued for one month following implementation of the trial. Will parking time restrictions be changed? No.

Do I have to pay for parking in the stalls being tested as part of the pilot project?

Yes. The new back-in, angled parking stalls on the south side of Bannatyne Avenue between Rorie Street and Waterfront Drive are similar to other paid parking stalls in the city. Motorists parking in the back-in, angled parking stalls will be required to purchase a parking receipt at a parking pay station or provide payment through the PayByPhone app.

Why are motorists required to back into the angled parking stalls?

Do other cities in Canada use angled parking? Back-in parking is an emerging best practice that is being proposed in many U.S. Cities. According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (Traffic Engineering Handbook 7th Edition) backin, angled parking is safer for all parties, because the driver or the automobile has visibility of street traffic far sooner, particularly if parked adjacent to an SUV. Backing in also makes it safer for people accessing the trunk or cargo area of their vehicle.

Why does Bannatyne have to be made into a one-way street in this section?

Back-in, angled parking can allow for additional parking spots to be added but requires more room for the angled vehicle as well as more room to maneuver in and out of the parking spot. With back-in, angled parking there is only space for one traffic lane on Bannatyne.

I am a business owner. How will this affect my business?

The City frequently hears from Exchange businesses that more parking is needed in the area. Feedback from local businesses will be important in determining the success of the pilot project. We encourage businesses to contact the project team about what they are experiencing as a result of the pilot project.

What will happen to the entrance to the roundabout on Waterfront Drive from Bannatyne Ave?

The eastbound entrance to the roundabout will be temporarily blocked off with planters. If this project is received there will be opportunity to provide permanent improvements.

Are any changes being made to the cycling lane at this time?

No changes will be made to the existing bike lane. This project does not prevent any future improvements to upgrade the bike lanes to protected bike lanes. Our focus at this time will be on collecting feedback on the pilot parking project.

What will determine if the City keeps the back-in, angled parking on Bannatyne Ave?

A number of factors will determine if the back-in, angled parking is successful enough to make permanent, including stakeholder and public feedback.