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ITE Releases Curbside Management Practitioner's Guide

Washington, DC—The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) has released the Curbside Management Practitioner's Guide, which provides guidance on best practices for curb space allocation policy and implementation based primarily upon the outcomes of tested strategies. It presents a framework and toolbox for analyzing and optimizing curb space in this time of change with the aim of prioritizing and maximizing community values and safety.

Curb space is where movement meets access. However, this valuable and flexible public space is not always optimized for its highest and best use. Curb space can be used not only as car parking and loading, but also as the front stoop, sidewalk café, transit hub, freight delivery zone, taxi stand, rain garden, or trash collection area. It serves many purposes throughout the day and makes possible the exchanges and interactions that occur on great streets. As transportation network companies have become an increasingly important transportation option and bike share and electric scooters have begun to compete for curb space and sidewalk real estate, the demands on jurisdictions for access to this space has increased dramatically.

The goal of the *Guide* is to provide practitioners the tools and reference material needed to make decisions pertaining to the allocation of curb space. This includes planning and implementation considerations for curbside management or sharing, policy development, prioritization, available tools and treatments, and evaluation metrics. The tools applied must match the policy goals; the policy decision about which curb uses to prioritize is almost always more important than the tool or technology used to implement it.

“This *Guide* is really a collaborative crowdsourced effort undertaken by the ITE Complete Streets Council over the past two years,” said Jeff Paniati, ITE Executive Director and CEO. “As ‘mobility as a service’ plays an increasingly important role in our urban transportation environment the competition for curb space is increasing. Creating a framework for how to best to use this public space is in everyone’s best interest.”

You can access the *Guide* via the website, <https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/topics/complete-streets/ite-curbside-management-practitioner-s-resource/>. The website also includes three case studies outlining best practices in [Washington, DC](#), [San Francisco, CA](#), and [Toronto, ON, Canada](#).

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