

**Ash Institute Summer Fellowship in Urban Policy  
Project Description | 2009**

**City of Boston**

**Developing a Greener and More Efficient On-Street Parking Policy for Boston**

Staffing Department:	Boston Transportation Department
Supervisors:	Vineet Gupta, Director of Policy and Planning, BTD
Project Description:	<p>The City would like to establish curbside parking policies and regulations that: result in a more efficient use and sharing of available on-street parking inventory; reduce “cruising” for bargain hunters; promote use of clean-fuel vehicles; and address the concerns of diverse users including residents, delivery trucks and visitors. Strategies to pursue could include higher parking meter rates in commercial areas, dynamic pricing to reduce rush-hour congestion and access to real-time information on space availability. The Fellow will research the success of similar programs in other cities, evaluate Boston’s existing programs and develop implementation strategies to adopt new programs and make Boston a leader in this field.</p>
Context:	<p>The low price of curbside parking relative to garage parking, competition for limited on-street spaces, and lack of reliable information about location and availability of spaces all create inefficiencies in the use of existing parking space inventory. The saturation of parking is a direct contributor to air pollution, illegal parking and traffic congestion, all of which impact Boston’s environment, economy and quality of life.</p>
Potential Collaborators:	Mayor’s Office, Transportation Department, Office of Energy and Environment, Management Information Systems, local non-profit Transportation Management Associations
Product:	<p>Products will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Presentation to the Mayor that outlines the recommended strategies and regulatory programs with identified costs and benefits.</li><li>2. An implementation plan to mobilize the new regulations along selected corridors or districts.</li><li>3. A website proposal that provides real-time information on the availability of garage and curbside parking spaces in a selected district.</li></ol>
Intended Outcomes:	<p>Familiarize City agencies with the latest technology used in parking management.</p> <p>Prepare the groundwork to mobilize an inter-agency group to adopt and mobilize the new regulatory programs.</p>