



CITY OF MADISON
Curb Management Framework
Transportation Commission

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Why Curb Management Matters in Madison



Rapid population growth



Multimodal infrastructure investments



Competing demands for limited curb space



Growing use of shared mobility options, deliveries



Opportunity for a more coordinated and actionable approach



Goals & Guiding Principles

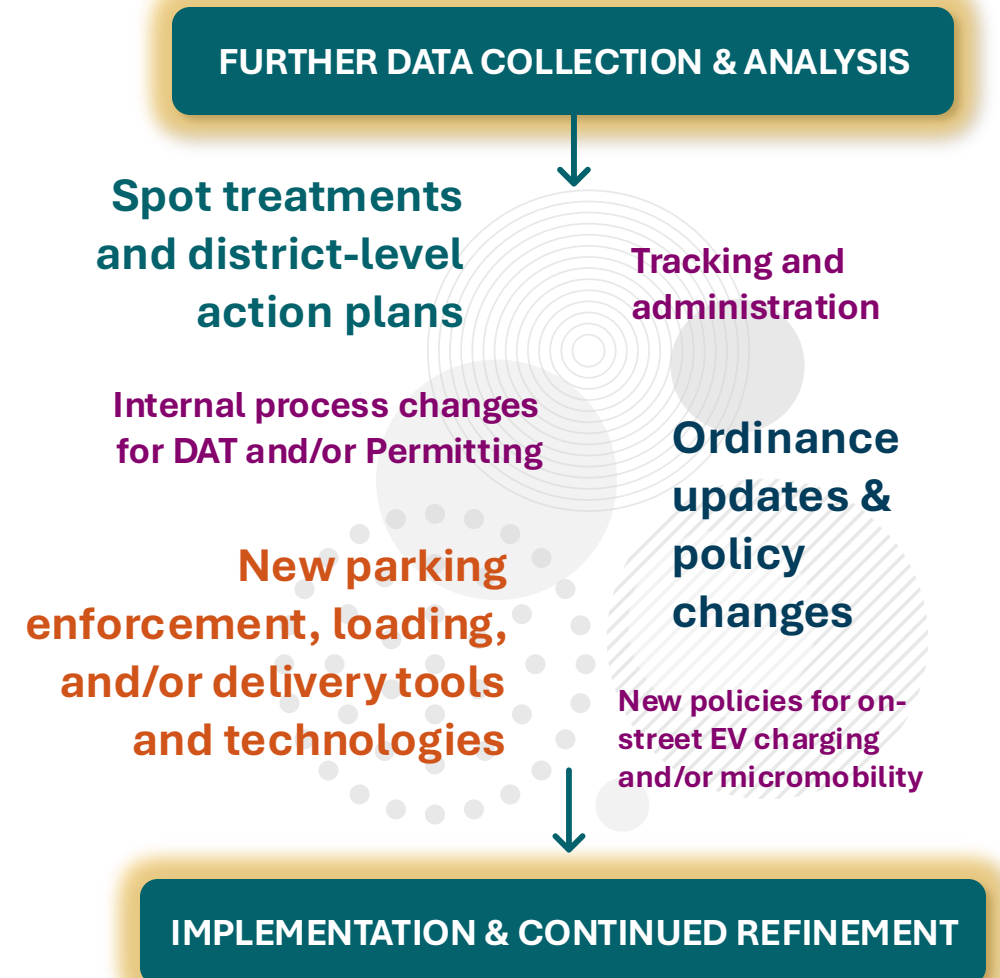
- Safety
- Inclusive Access
- Mode Shift
- Economic Vitality
- Efficiency & Predictability

Approach to Curb Management

PHASE 1: CURB MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



PHASE 2: CURB MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN



Focus Areas

Complete
Green Streets

Development
Support &
Curb Guidance

Events &
Construction

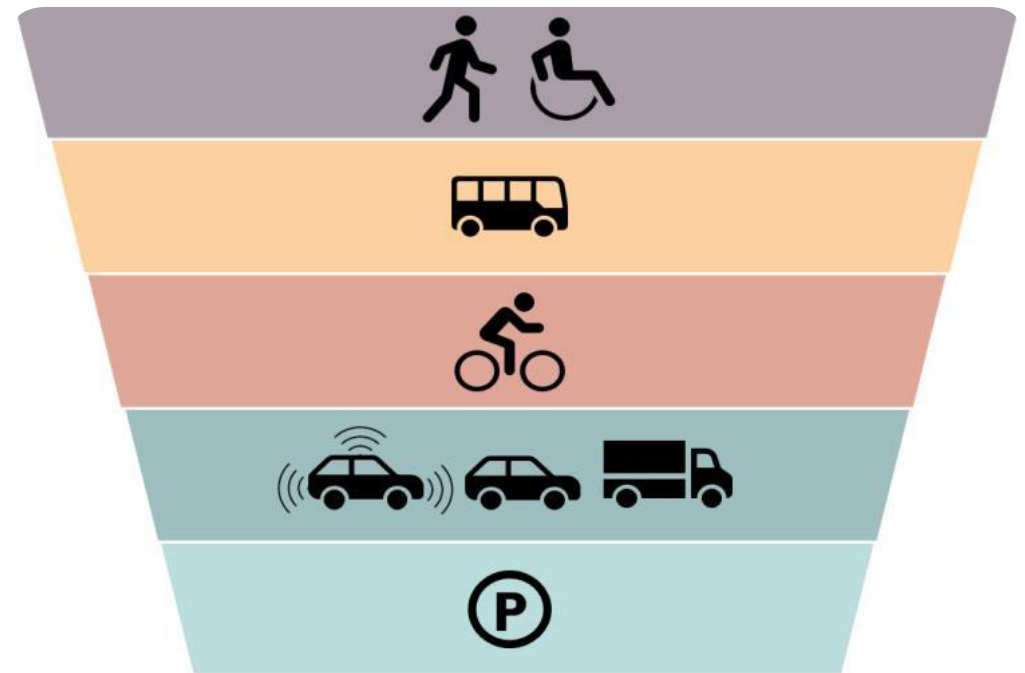
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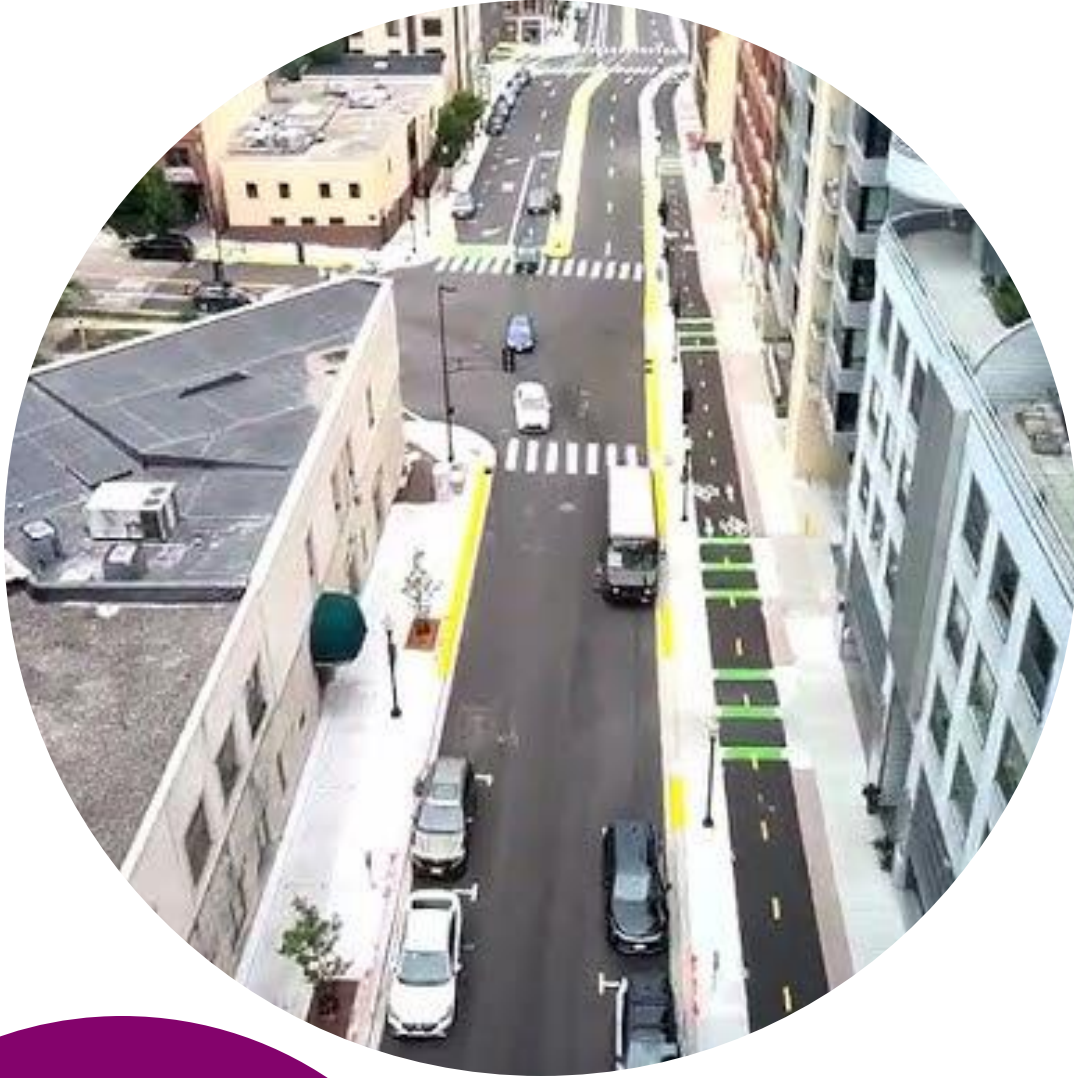
Payment &
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Tools

Policy Updates

Complete Green Streets – *Challenges*

- Limited guidance on curbside prioritization or treatment selection
- Inconsistent understanding and application of the Flex Zone
- Lack of curb-focused treatments





Complete Green Streets – *Goals*

- Further integrate curb management principles into the Complete Green Streets Guide
- Reinforce the Guide's street values and modal hierarchy
- Align curb space planning with broader City goals related to safety, access, and sustainability

Development Support and Curb Guidance – *Challenges*

- Development-related impacts to curb space are not thoroughly addressed within existing ordinances
- Lack of a standard operating procedure for reviewing curb space modifications resulting from development
- Adequately addressing the impact of infill development on nearby curb space





Development Support and Curb Guidance – *Goals*

- Improve accessibility within the curb area
- Refine the relationship between private development and curb space
- Foster interdepartmental coordination within the development review process
- Understand the impact parking minimums and other parking requirements have on curb demand and management

Events & Construction

– *Challenges*

- Event and construction closures frequently displace existing curb functions
- Construction detours often disproportionately burden people walking and biking



Events & Construction – *Goals*

- Improve access and mobility around events and construction zones
- Reduce negative impacts on existing curb functions with an emphasis on access for people with disabilities and critical loading needs
- Promote transparency and equitable ROW use, including consideration of lost revenue
- Promote curb use strategies that support mode shift to/from large events



Experiments & Spot Treatments – *Challenges*

- Lack of designated opportunities to implement flexible/emerging curb uses
- Gaps in curb-related infrastructure around higher density residential and commercial areas
- Uncertainty around feasibility of strategies such as dynamic pricing or mobility hubs, without local experience





Experiments & Spot Treatments – *Goals*

- Develop neighborhood, district, or corridor-level Curb Management Plans – standalone documents or embedded within Area Plans
- Foster better compatibility between modes
- Implement Transportation Demand Management strategies to reduce traffic congestion and competing curb demand
- Increase access for vulnerable curb users



Payment & Compliance Tools – *Challenges*

- Underutilized parking management – in specific corridors and certain days/times
- Gaps in meter payment access for users without smartphones or credit cards
- Limited access or loading space availability in dense, mixed-use areas
- Outdated compliance practices that rely heavily on manual enforcement

Payment & Compliance Tools – *Goals*

Support small businesses by encouraging parking turnover

Provide sufficient loading zone access

Increase on-street accessible parking

Make it easier to comply with parking rules

Deploying PEOs where they have the greatest impact

Right-sizing on-street parking inventory



- Outdated curb regulations that no longer meet demand for use/function; may conflict with modern mobility/land use goals
- Limited flexibility to support emerging curb uses
- Gaps in coordination between zoning, parking, and transportation policy





Policy Updates – *Goals*

- Align curb-related regulations and requirements with current policy goals and address equity concerns
- Future-proof regulations to allow for greater flexibility for changing curb needs
- Foster interdepartmental collaboration

Next Steps



Curb Management Action Plan

Purpose:

Build on the Curb Management Framework's focus areas, challenges and opportunities to develop actionable recommendations.

Approach:

- Data-driven and community informed planning process
- Align curb space allocation, regulation, and design with City goals and priorities
- Identify and recommend program changes and operational improvements
- Establish monitoring and evaluation metrics

Funding: \$500,000 Carbon Reduction Program Grant

Timeline: 12-18 months

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Curb Management Action Plan – Objectives

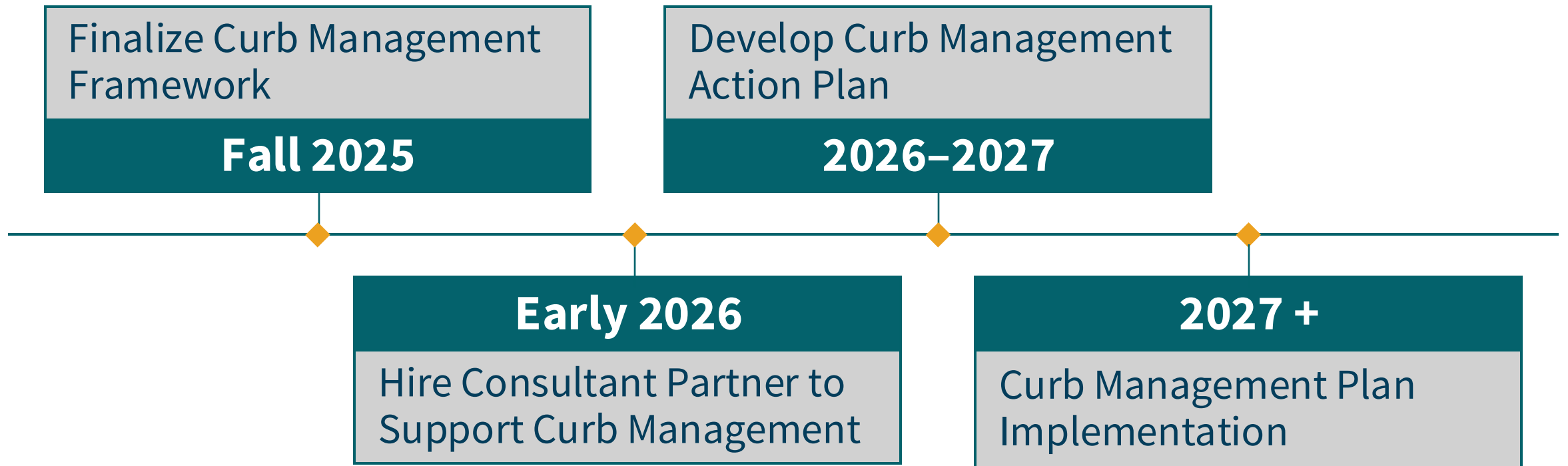
- Curb inventory and analysis
- Identify existing practices
- Engage the public, stakeholders, and key partners
- Identify and adapt successful curb management strategies
- Recommend policy, operational, and program changes
- Evaluate and propose pricing and fee structures
- Integrate curb management principles into the City review processes
- Create a phased implementation roadmap
- Develop draft curb plans for two identified curb areas
- Establish monitoring and evaluation metrics



Expected Deliverables

- Stakeholder Engagement Plan
 - Community Outreach
 - Curb Data and Conditions Report
 - Best Practices and Policy Recommendations + Opportunities Report
 - Curb Pricing & Fee Recommendations Report
 - Curb Allocation Plan (prototype for two sub-areas)
 - Final Curb Management Plan & Implementation Roadmap
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Timeline and Next Steps



Questions and Comments?

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