

Appendix VII: Downtown Victor Parking Study

II.5 Parking in Downtown Victor

There is an overabundance of parking spaces in downtown Victor according to a survey performed for the joint Town and Village comprehensive plan in the fall of 2008. The survey tracked the utilization of every public space within downtown during five different days and times.

In a business district, parking utilization is considered ideal when parking occupancy averages 85 percent. This ratio still gives newcomers looking for a parking space the ability to easily find one, since about one in eight are free. At the same time, it does not result in an overabundance of unused asphalt.

In downtown Victor, the highest parking space occupancy identified was 56 percent on the western portion of Main Street from Maple Avenue to School Street. The second highest was on the eastern side between Maple Avenue and Church Street, which saw a peak of 47 percent occupancy during one study period. Other occupancy rates for these areas ranged down to 19 percent on the western portion and 16 percent on the eastern side. The least used parking area was east of Maple Avenue near the Village Hall. This area never had more than 27 percent of its parking spaces occupied during the course of this parking survey. The range of occupancy rates for other areas is on the chart below.

The highest occupancy recorded was on a Tuesday in September with Saturday close behind. Not surprisingly, Sunday afternoon was the lowest period noted. It is important to note that the sample size was only five days and therefore it is hard to conclude anything about a parking pattern other than there is an underutilization of parking in general. A summary of the parking survey is provided in Appendix VI.

Parking Occupancy Rates

