

STATIC ZONE

The **Static Zone** of the street is oriented along the curb line of the street. It is so named because this is typically not a zone of movement, but rather the zone used for parking, loading, bulb-outs and their associated plantings, and other such uses.

The curb line may deviate from a straight line to include bulb-outs, bus bulbs and other features. For this reason, there is some overlap between the Static Zone of the street and the Pedestrian Zone.

The Static Zone is a transitional space that serves a number of functions. It provides an important buffer and protection between people on the sidewalk and vehicles moving in the travel way of the street. The static zone is also a space of exchange and transfer as people get in and out of cars parked at the curbside or buses as they stop to load or deposit passengers. The Static Zone is where loading occurs for both goods (deliveries) and people utilizing shared travel options. It plays a critical role in stormwater management, as this is an area where storm sewers and/or green infrastructure are commonly located.

Design and management of the Static Zone is important to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit riders, and area businesses and residents. Poor management can lead to congested parking or loading spaces which, in turn, can degrade the operations and safety of the adjacent travel ways.