



1. Signal

2. Stop

3. Reverse

SECOND STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT

SNOHOMISH



Back-in Angled Parking

Advantages

- Removes the difficulty and risk of backing into oncoming traffic when exiting a parking space and gives drivers a better view of cyclists and oncoming traffic.
- The process of backing in to an angled space from the travel lane is plainly visible to cyclists and other drivers, so less dangerous.
- Backing into an angled parking space is more difficult than driving forward into a front-in angled space but is still easier than parallel parking.
- Results in safer and more efficient loading/unloading because the trunk or back of the vehicle is next to the sidewalk.
- Orients a car's open doors toward the sidewalk so that drivers and passengers, particularly kids, are directed away from the street.
- Accessible parking spaces can be located adjacent to curb ramps to have direct access to the sidewalk. Wheelchair users can load/unload from the side or rear of the vehicle, away from the travel lane.

Disadvantages

- Creates two different angled parking scenarios in Snohomish, potentially confusing drivers and leading to misuse.
- Learning curve for drivers unfamiliar with back-in angled parking.
- Like parallel parking, back-in angled parking stops traffic with the initial stopping and backing maneuver, which can be stressful for some drivers.
- Some drivers will be tempted to pull across the street from the opposite travel lane and park nose-first into the back-in parking stall, which is dangerous.