

Safe Parking Program

What is Safe Parking?

Safe parking is a free program that provides a temporary, safe location to park for unhoused Mountain View individuals and families residing in a vehicle while providing access to services that will support them across the continuum of care on the path to more stable housing. Case management, restrooms, water, wash stations and other basic services are provided for program participants.

Program Eligibility

The City's preferences for safe parking are to serve

- Families with students in Mountain View school districts.
- Those who live/work in Mountain View.
- Seniors (55+).
- People with disabilities.

Challenges and Solutions



No bids for Safe Parking Operations RFP

- Built Safe Parking site infrastructure, including sanitation and solar.
- Funded startup of nonprofit MOVE Mountain View as Safe Parking operator.
- City continues in the role of program administrator, problem-solver and nonprofit liaison.



Expansion to 24/7 operations

- Approved lease and funding agreements with County to allow 24/7 operations at three lots.
- Continue existing lease agreements, building partnerships and encouraging regional solutions.



Acquire more Safe Parking spaces

- Developed Safe Parking Ordinance to allow private lot owners to participate.
- Find more spaces through streamlined permit process during shelter crisis and assessing government land.
- Continue to search for additional space and monitor for new opportunities.

LOT

CAPACITY

ESTIMATED SERVICE TIMEFRAMES

Terra Bella
(Alta Housing)

9
oversized vehicles (OVs)

2019 to ~June 2024
(possible short extension dependent on affordable housing development)

Shoreline Lot B
(on Crittenden Lane)

46
OVs **+2** 
loading zone

2020 to TBD

Evelyn Lot
(former VTA parking lot)

30
OVs **+21**
passenger flex spaces

2020 to ~2026
(Until construction for affordable housing begins, estimated Q1 2026)


Two Faith Lots
(local faith collaborative members)

8
passenger vehicles

2018 to ~no end date
(one on temporary hiatus; no end designated at this time)

114 

Total Safe Parking spaces

150-160 

average number of people served each month by Safe Parking

~\$2mil 

City funding for startup and associated implementation

~\$1mil 

additional annual funding from County

\$700k 

annual operational cost at current service level