


Parking Attendants and Parking Policy - Dijon, France	
Keywords	Freeing Up of On-Street Parking, Abatement of Parking Congestions
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Description	<p>Carried out in 1997, a survey of households located in the urban area of Dijon showed the following distribution of journeys by mode of transport: 49% by car, 31% on foot, 14% by public transport, 3% on bicycles and motorcycles, 3% by some other mode. For the same year the survey counted an average of 3.8 journeys per person per day (Monday to Friday) and 111 cars for 100 households.</p> <p>To deal with the number of car travelers, a parking action plan was developed in 1998, responding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the under use of underground car parking facilities - the virtual saturation of on street parking. <p>The plan took the form of a new charging structure to encourage short term street parking and a new method of payment for street parking: "parking attendants" (agents encaisseurs). The role of the attendants is to replace parking meters whilst they are on duty, from 9 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 7 pm. They collect payment directly from people parking in their allotted area. They will give change and collect a supplement if the period originally paid for is exceeded. They will also give a refund if the original period has not yet expired.</p> <p>Also the plan was designed to encourage the use of off street car parks and to improve the safety of parking facilities (lighting, clearly marked areas, video-surveillance).</p>
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