



Extension of paid parking zones in Sofia

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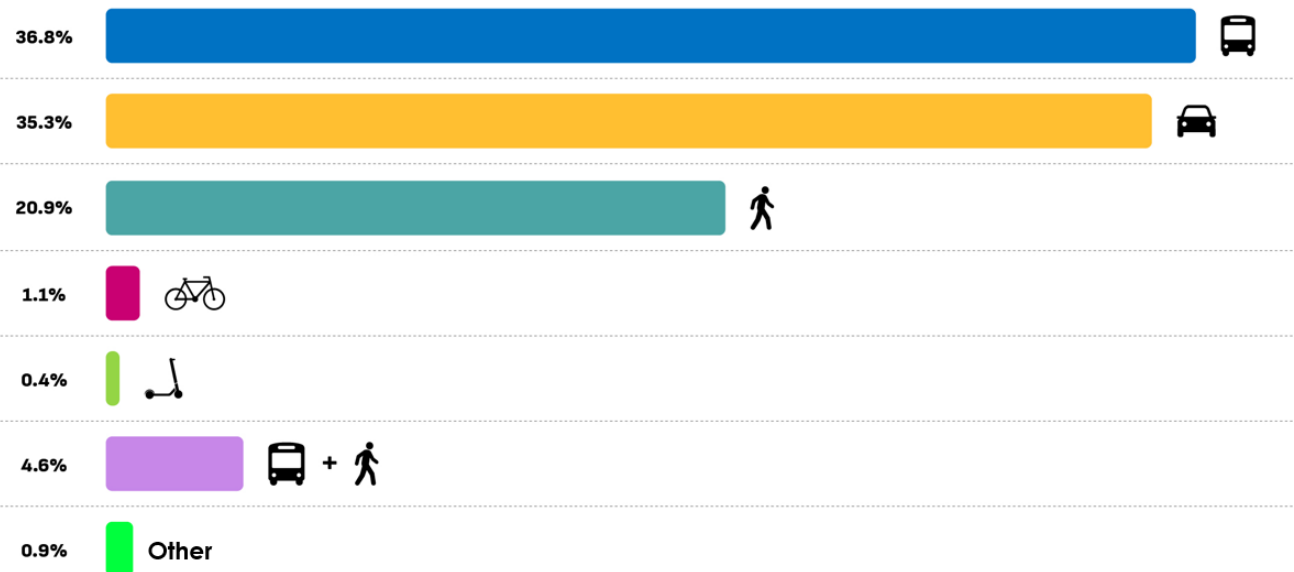
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Modal split in 2020



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“BLUE ZONE“

5 000 parking spaces (2012)

12 000 parking spaces (2021)

Price - 2 BGN per hour.

Maximum duration of time for parking – up to 2 hours.

Mon-Sat: 08.30 - 20.00 h.

“GREEN ZONE“

12 000 parking spaces (2016)

17 000 parking spaces (2017)

23 000 parking spaces (2019)

25 000 parking spaces (2020)

21 000 parking spaces (2021)

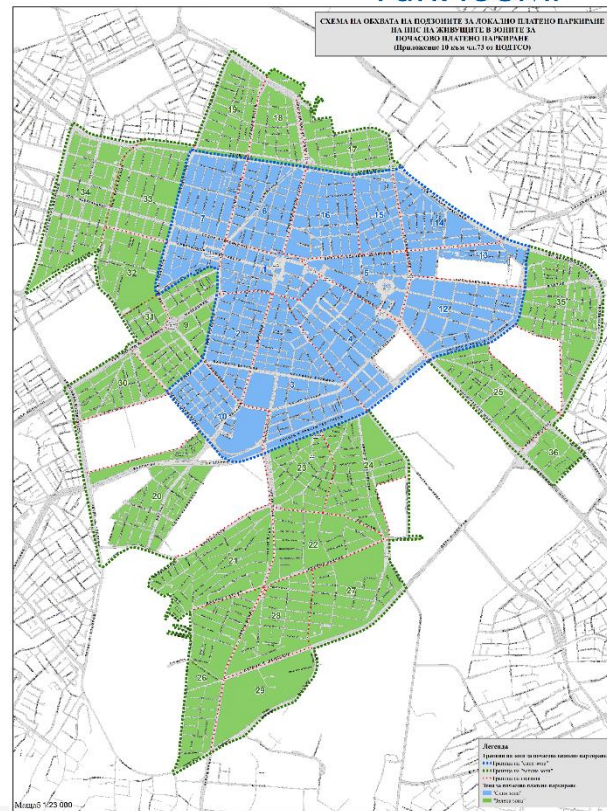
Price - 1 BGN per hour.

Maximum duration of time for parking – up to 4 hours.

Mon-Fr: 08.30 - 19.30 h.

Sat: 10:00 - 18.00 h.

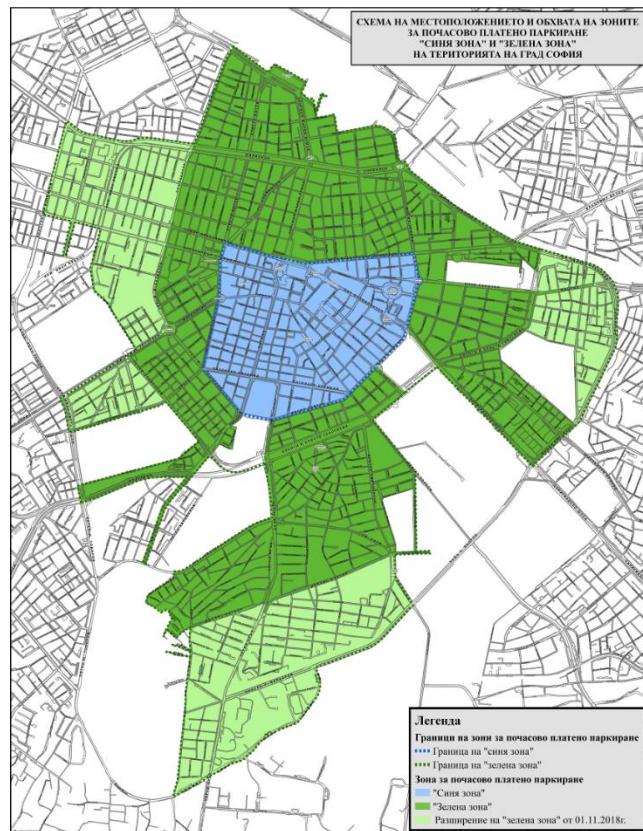
Electric vehicles park in short-term parking zones for free



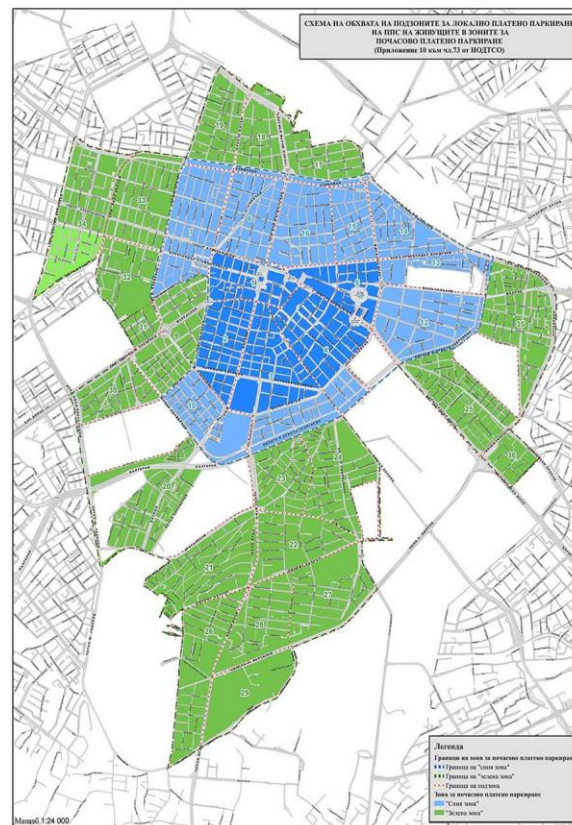
Extension of paid parking zones and time duration

Date	Blue zone	Working time	Green zone	Working time	Total
2016	5 000	Mon - Fri 8:00 – 19:00 Sat 8:00 – 14:00	12 000	Mon - Fri 8:00 – 19:00	17 000
2017	5 000	Mon - Fri 8:30 – 19:30 Sat 8:30 – 18:00	17 000	Mon - Fri 8:30 – 19:30	22 000
01.11.2018	5 000	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 19:30 Sat 8:30 – 18:00	23 000	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 19:30	28 000
04.01.2021	5 000	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 19:30 Sat 10:00 – 18:00	25 000	Mon – Fri 8:30 – 19:30 Sat 10:00 – 18:00	30 000
01.12.2021	12 000	Mon – Sat 8:30 – 20:00	21 000	Mon - Fri 8:30 – 19:30 Sat. 10:00 – 18:00	33 000

2018



2021



Resident's parking in paid parking zones

- can park only within the subzone where they live
- Max. 2 cars per household (plans for limiting it to only one)

“BLUE ZONE“

1st car - 15 BGN per month, 150 BGN per year, 300 BGN for 24 months
2nd car x 2

“GREEN ZONE“

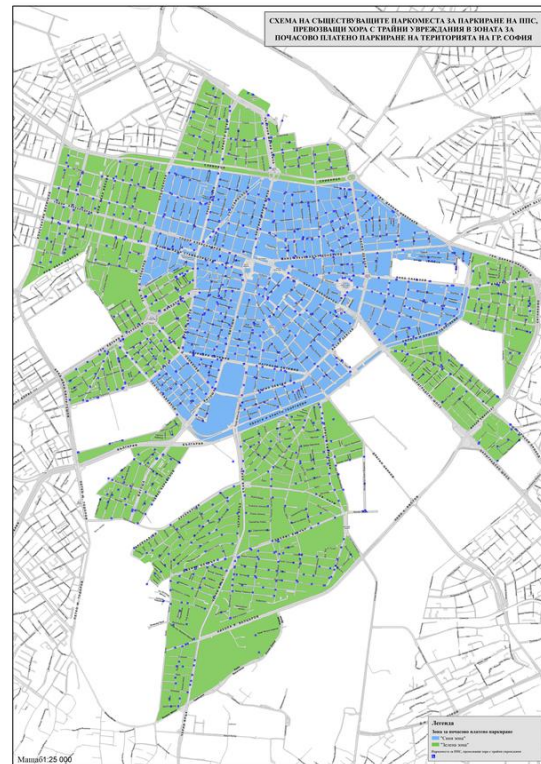
1st car - 10 BGN per month, 100 BGN per year, 200 BGN for 24 months
2nd car x 2



Designated parking places for people with disabilities

People with disabilities park for free at 1 200 designated parking places

Maximum duration – up to 4 hours



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PARK & RIDE

3000 parking spaces Park&Ride at 5 metrostations

Incentives in favour of public transport:

- Free parking with long-term public transport pass
- Discounts with metro single ticket and daily pass

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

New tariff policy for promoting public transport

Yearly pass – 365,00 BGN (unlimited number of trips for 1 BGN per day)



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Impact & outcomes

Free parking because of COVID → March – April 2020

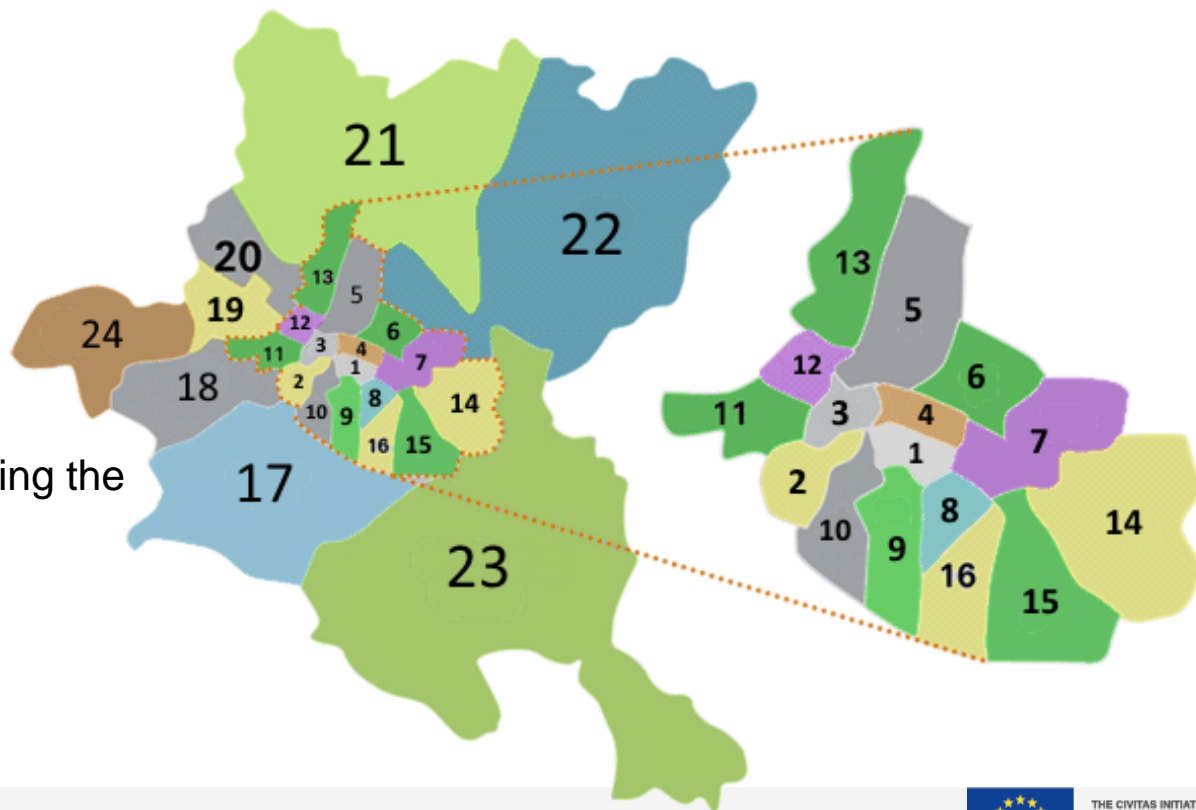
- On-street parking for free to reduce crowds in public transportation
- Effects: more traffic, difficulties in finding parking space, complains from residents/businesses
- Impact of COVID pandemic:
 - Less passengers in public transport (partially recovered)
 - Increased car use
 - Increased delivery traffic
 - „Safe“ car might stay in customers' mind for some time

Including new areas to the paid parking zones

District level approach

Several public discussions

Sofia Municipal Council is having the final decision





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