



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New app identifies Innovation District parking

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Starting Wednesday, drivers hunting for a parking space in Boston's Innovation District will be able to call upon a new tool: a smartphone app to locate the nearest spot.

The city has installed 330 "Smart Parking Sensors" below curbside spots along Seaport Boulevard, Congress and Summer streets, and Boston Wharf Road.

Parker — a free mobile app developed by the company that sells the sensors, California-based Streetline Inc. — works in tandem with the sensors to show drivers which parking spaces are open, city officials said. The app is available for iPhone and Android phone users.

The city will also unveil newly installed "Time to Destination" signs in the Innovation District Wednesday. The signs use real-time traffic data to help motorists find the quickest route out of the district and onto the local highway system, officials said.

The signs are located at the following locations: Sleeper Street, just before Seaport Boulevard driving from Northern Avenue; East Service Road, just before Seaport Boulevard driving from Congress Street; and Seaport Boulevard, inbound at Congress Street.

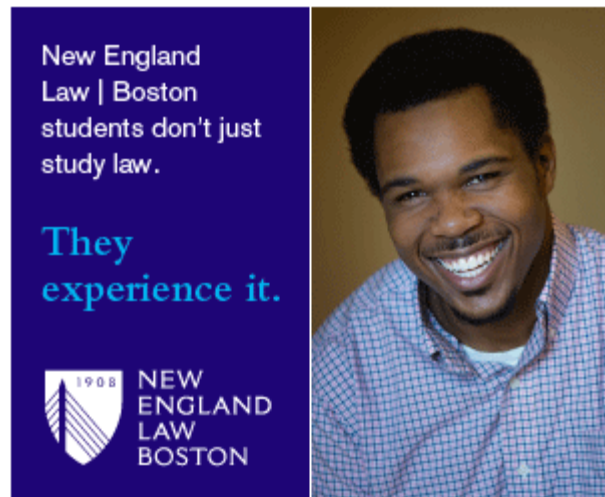
Boston officials said the new technology will reduce traffic congestion and make the sometimes-frustrating search for parking easier.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced a \$250,000 pilot program in April to pair real-time parking sensor technology and smartphone apps to make it easier to find parking.

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