

BULB-OUTS

Bulb-out (i.e. “curb extension”) benefits:

- For vehicles
 - Increased sight distance for safety
 - More parking spaces
 - Potential for increased green time on main road
- For people walking
 - Increased visibility at intersections
 - Shorter crossing distance (less exposure to vehicles)
 - More sidewalk space for movement, dining, street furniture, shade trees

According to New Jersey state law, parking is prohibited in the following areas¹:

- Within an intersection
- Within 25 feet of a crosswalk or cross street; OR within 10 feet of a crosswalk or cross street if a curb extension or bulb-out has been constructed at that crosswalk
- On a crosswalk or sidewalk
- Within 50 feet of a “stop” sign

In Option 1, the striped areas near the intersection show where it is illegal for vehicles to park. Option 2 shows how bulb-outs narrow the crossing distance for pedestrians from 46' (in Option 1) to 33'. Note also that a typical Option 2 intersection can accommodate 8 more parked vehicles (highlighted in yellow) because of the bulb-out.

¹For a full explanation of parking prohibitions and exceptions, see New Jersey Statute 39:4-138 (<https://lis.njleg.state.nj.us>)

