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Car-sharing firms getting 900 SF parking spaces

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SAN FRANCISCO -- San Francisco will allocate 900 street parking spaces for car-sharing vehicles in a two-year experiment that will begin this summer.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports Wednesday (<http://bit.ly/1g7lNi9>) that the Municipal Transportation Agency approved the plan after a

smaller two-year test, involving a dozen parking spaces, was deemed a success.

The city will lease the spaces at discounted rates to the firms Zipcar and Getaround, as well as the nonprofit [City CarShare](#).

The program will require that vehicles be available for sharing 75 percent of the time to make sure the spaces aren't being used for storage. And the companies must charge customers by the hour to keep traditional rental car operations from usurping the parking spaces.

The goal is to promote car-sharing throughout the traffic-clogged city.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/04/09/6308856/car-sharing-firms-getting-900.html>