# Bus Loading Zones (Advisory 209.2.2)\*

The terms "designated public transportation" and "specified public transportation" are defined by the Department of Transportation at 49 CFR 37.3 in regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. These terms refer to public transportation services provided by public or private entities, respectively. For example, designated public transportation vehicles include buses and vans operated by public transit agencies, while specified public transportation vehicles include tour and charter buses, taxis and limousines, and hotel shuttles operated by private entities.

## Parking Spaces (R502)

## General (R502.1)

Car and van parking spaces shall comply with **502**. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.

EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.

### Vehicle Spaces (R502.2)

Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (8 feet) wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (11 feet) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with **502.3**.

### Access Aisle 502.3

Access aisles serving parking spaces shall comply with **502.3**. Access aisles shall adjoin an accessible route. Two parking spaces shall be permitted to share a common access aisle.

### Access Aisle (Advisory 502.3)

Accessible routes must connect parking spaces to accessible entrances. In parking facilities where the accessible route must cross vehicular traffic lanes, marked crossings enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Where possible, it is preferable that the accessible route not pass behind parked vehicles.