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# Free parking at Chicago airports to open for picking up passengers

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Starting today, drivers meeting travelers at O'Hare International and Midway airports will be able to use new free parking lots while waiting.

The so-called "cell-phone lots" are meant to cut down on congestion and air pollution from circling cars.

The lots also are intended to discourage motorists from parking illegally on the shoulder of roads leading to the airports as they wait for a cell phone call from the travelers they're meeting.

O'Hare's cell-phone lot has 150 spaces; Midway's has 90.

Police officers monitoring the lots will ticket and tow unattended vehicles. Drivers will be required to stay with their vehicles, and there is a one-hour limit.

Other cities where airports also have opened cell-phone lots include Los Angeles, San Diego and Baltimore.

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