

Agenda Item 722

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REGULAR AGENDA

COMMERCIAL SURFACE PARKING ON ODOT BLOCKS IN CENTRAL EASTSIDEIF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, **PRINT** YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE (Optional)	Email (Optional)
Peter Stark		

**CENTRAL EASTSIDE
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EASTSIDE INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

June 21 2017

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Regarding: Authorize Temporary Commercial Surface Parking on Oregon Department of Transportation Blocks in the Central Eastside (Ordinance, waive Title 33 and Storm Water Management Manual)

Honorable Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners;

We represent the Central Eastside Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC), a committee of the Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC). Our mission is to monitor, review and advise on parking and transportation in the Central Eastside Industrial District (CEID). Our committee is comprised of CEIC board members, business & property owners and neighborhood representatives.

It is our understanding Prosper Portland will acquire three ODOT blocks west of SE Water Avenue on July 1, 2017.

Further it is our understanding Prosper Portland intends to provide temporary parking pending development of those sites.

This letter is in support of Prosper Portland's efforts to provide temporary parking and as part of that effort extend the current ordinance waiving Title 33 and storm water management requirements for approximately three years or until such time as the site is developed.

Our support is predicated on the following:

- 1) The district is facing rapid growth (especially in the area around Water Avenue), yet lacks the parking infrastructure to support that growth.
- 2) These blocks have been traditionally used for parking by OMSI and adjacent businesses for many years.
- 3) Parking on street that has been used by employees (by default) will be metered and have increased enforcement to address Customer parking demand.
- 4) Off street options for business and employee parking is limited and even a temporary relief will help the district evolve it's TDM and parking management strategies.

- 5) To maximize benefit to the district businesses, priority will be given to businesses and employees' from the CEID for monthly parking passes
- 6) Prosper Portland will work with the TPAC to create additional parking use guidelines to support district needs.

Thank you for allowing the TPAC to respond to your request to extend the current ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bolliger, CEIC Board Member and TPAC Chair

Cc: CEIC Board, TPAC members, Leila Aman (Prosper Portland)