

To Bureau of Planning and Sustainability,

I do not support the NW parking update plan in its current form. The current plan will increase air pollution, congestion, and decrease the livability of the district. Instead of mandating minimums we should look to what forward thinking cities in other countries have done. Zurich and Budapest have capped the number of parking spaces in their cities. If a developer wants to build a parking space another one has to be removed somewhere else. The purpose is to create a livable city that is not dominated by cars. Many other cities have adopted parking maximums, limiting the number of parking spots a developer can create. These cities realize that increasing the amount of parking spots lessens the attractiveness of their cities.

Successful cities like London, Paris, Berlin, Sao Paulo have all abolished parking minimums. Instead of accepting the logic that the only way to increase retail business is through mandating additional auto parking they have encouraged businesses to promote density, livability, and more efficient means of travel than private automobiles.

I am considered that these new regulations will stifle development and increase the cost of housing. There is nothing in this report that talks about what these regulations will do to the cost of housing. Nor how these rules will help businesses. The proposed rules exempt buildings built within 500 feet of frequent transit lines. Why 500 feet? Are people not able to walk 501 feet?

Thanks you for your consideration,

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