

Google Groups

Re: 100 Fore Street Level Site 3 Plan (540 parking spaces)

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To Whom it May Concern and Planning Board,

As an Eastern Promenade resident who's route through and out of the city to all destinations west and south is via Franklin Street. I have serious concerns about the impact of the added parking spaces and the work hour flow that this adds to the already bloated new business areas of India Street, new residences, and new hotels in the lower penninsula and waterfront. This represents, in combined total, a massive increase into Portland's already notable "urban rush hour" glut on this main thoroughfare in and out of the city. THIS is the time to think "FUTURE" vision of this city with longterm plans that accommodate growth.

Approving such massive parking slots ahead of creating progressive public transportation plans and placing parking locations closer to the marginal way/295 satellite lots is short sighted.

The second concern this presents is related to HOUSING. Look around the city at present. Count the parking garages of significant height, all with ocean views. These are already in great number. Such facilities replace and eliminate now desirable ground for future housing with walkable city access, which is what we all want and the city needs NOW, as noted by the current controversial transformation of Munjoy Hill where I reside.

PLEASE, NOW is the time for walkable housing and keeping the city commutable and clear of needless traffic glut — NO MORE INTOWN PARKING FACILITIES.

Thank you,

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