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From: Walsh, Matthew
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:11 PM
To: Bonenfant, Janice
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Subject: FW: School Street Parking Testimony for Tonight

Hi Janice – Public testimony for tonight’s Council meeting re School Street Parking Ordinance (Public Hearing # 32E).
Thanks
Matt

From: Matthew Blewett [<mailto:abelemgmt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Walsh, Matthew
Subject: Re: School Street Parking

Matt - thanks for following up. I am out of town attending a family member's funeral so won't be able to attend the meeting this evening. Since I also wasn't able to attend the Sept 21st meeting, I understand that any testimony I could provide at this point may not carry much weight. I do know that removing the spaces on School St., usually occupied by tenants at 36 Merrimack St., will result in those vehicles parking on available spots on Merrimack St. This will increase congestion on Merrimack St. as oncoming vehicles cannot pass at the same time when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street . Reading the report, it doesn't seem that other alternatives such as making Merrimack 1-way to address the reduction in available parking or converting the School/Merrimack intersection to a 4-way stop to improve safety, were addressed. Again, I understand that, by not attending the Sept 21st meeting, I missed my window of opportunity to provide this information, but do feel it's important to understand likely repercussions from the removal of the two parking spaces on School St.

Best Regards,
Matt Blewett