



17 April 2017

SENT VIA EMAIL

Subject: Residential Parking Toolkit

Dear Mayor Wheeler,

In 2013, City Council directed PBOT to work with neighborhoods and other stakeholders to develop a toolkit of parking solutions that neighborhoods could leverage to address on-street parking challenges unique to each neighborhood. PBOT's proposal, briefed to the City Council last December, represented the unanimous recommendation of a year-long stakeholder advisory committee that included a representative from the Boise Neighborhood Association (BNA) and Historic Mississippi Business Association. BNA is disappointed that Council did not vote on the proposal, and urges that action be taken on it in the near future.

As you are aware, Boise is one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in Portland, and the Williams-Vancouver corridor has the highest concentration of Ex zoning in immediate proximity to residential zones anywhere in the city. Historic Mississippi is similarly challenged with CS zoning next to residential. Parking availability for our residents and businesses has become scarcer with each new building, and we believe that applying some of tools in the kit can help ensure that Boise remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

BNA understands that implementation of the toolkit will represent significant change for many residents, and we recognize a cautious approach will be necessary for successful implementation. In that regard, we recommend pilot areas, such as N Mississippi St, that were part of the study be given the go-ahead to partner with PBOT in implementing the toolkit in those neighborhoods. BNA stands ready to work with you on this to ensure the parking toolkit is successful before you implement it city-wide.

Please consider Boise and other neighborhood associations' offer to be pilot areas for the toolkit. Time is of essence, as new development is rapidly increasing pressure on competing parking interests.

Sincerely,

David de la Rocha

Chair, Boise Neighborhood Association