

## Comments from bike / pedestrian committee regarding parking requirements at 82 Hanover St. development

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Dear Members of the Planning Board,

Please find attached a letter from Portland's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee regarding parking requirements for the proposed development at 82 Hanover St.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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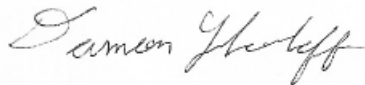
Dear Members of the Planning Board,

The Portland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee urges you to consider reducing the parking requirements for the development proposed at 82 Hanover St. We understand that the required parking study for this project indicated a need for parking in excess of the City's zoning ordinance requirements. We strongly believe that this result is contrary to the intended urban purpose of the B7 zoning. The assumptions made likely do not reflect the ultimate trajectory of this or any other neighborhood of Portland. We need to be planning for a future that includes far less of a need for storage of personal automobiles on development sites.

Our Committee has, for many years, supported policies of all kinds intended to shift travel from motor vehicles to other modes. It would be a shame to see outdated and inflated parking requirements end up cluttering our city with unnecessary auto-centric infrastructure. If every new development has to provide for parking need generated during peak demand, any kind of true urban development supported by non-automobile transportation modes is unworkable.

To be clear: Our committee sees this issue as applying throughout our city. This letter is not to be interpreted to indicate a position on any non-transportation component of this or any other project. But make no mistake: We support reducing parking requirements, especially in the case (like this one) of developers implementing meaningful measures to promote alternative modes.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Portland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

*The Portland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is an ad-hoc group of Portland-area residents working to make the city and region a better place to walk, bicycle, and wheel chair. We advocate and educate on bicycle, transit, and pedestrian issues, including handicap accessibility, with support from the city's Healthy Portland office, and in collaboration with other offices and organizations including the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Portland Trails, PACTS, the Department of Public Services and the Planning Department.*