

RE: Franklin Expansion Project

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Dear Wendy,

Thank you for your post hearing public comment. Your email comment below shall be included in the record for the project. I am including the Hearing Examiner's Clerk, Kristi Bowker on this email so she is aware of the comment and my response to the comment.

I will also ensure your email is forwarded to the applicant so they are aware of your concerns.

Regarding tree retention, I hear your concerns. Staff have analyzed these concerns in the staff report (available here: [STAFF REPORT # ___ \(cob.org\)](#)). Considering the root impacts of the tree on the parking area, the design constraints resulting in tree removal, the preservation of trees elsewhere on site, and the proposed mitigation in the form of 1:1 tree replacement and incorporation of felled trees into the landscape plan, staff find the project complies with the purpose and intent of the land clearing ordinance (BMC 16.60) and agrees that a 1:1 replacement ratio is appropriate for the proposed removal activities.

Regarding parking, I may defer to the applicant but my understanding is the additional parking is needed to for assembly events (like school recitals etc) to avoid impacts of parking spillover into nearby neighborhoods.

Regarding construction, I hear your concern. Staff has analyzed construction impacts in the staff report and recommended all existing permit conditions regarding construction impacts remain in place and enforceable for the proposed school expansion. These conditions control hours of construction, require a construction phasing plan, require construction traffic to be directed away from residential neighborhoods, and require the applicant to provide notice to adjacent residential neighbors before construction begins.

The City appreciates your comments and involvement in this process.

Most sincerely,

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