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Re: Council Study Issue - Exploring the Use of Stacker and Tandem Park ing

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Hi, Amber-

It was a pleasure meeting you Wednesday evening! I hope I didn't bore you too much with my long-winded explanation of why I hope the study of this innovative approach to parking will highlight the opportunity to reclaim some of our street space that is currently being used for vehicle storage, and redirect it to more beneficial purposes (safe accommodation of vulnerable road users being my personal preference).

To that end, I would like to call your attention to City policies in the LUTE that were approved by the Council in 2008 but do not appear to be widely appreciated:

LT-5.12 City streets are public space dedicated to the movement of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Providing safe accommodation for all transportation modes takes priority over non-transport uses. Facilities that meet minimum appropriate safety standards for transport uses shall be considered before non-transport uses are considered.

LT-5.13 Parking is the storage of transportation vehicles and shall not be considered a transport use.

LT-5.14 Historical precedence for street space dedicated for parking shall be a lesser consideration than providing street space for transportation uses when determining the appropriate future use of street space.

LT-5.15 Parking requirements for private development shall apply to off-street parking only.

I understand your study is focused on facilitating new developments, so only the last policy is directly relevant. However, I think it's worth noting in the staff report that if this limited application is successful, it may also prove to be a useful option in other situations in order to implement some of the Council priorities that are described in the related policies, but are currently being thwarted by the perceived need for street parking.

In any case, you can honestly report that 100 percent of the people attending the public input meeting wholeheartedly support my position!

Kevin