

September 4, 2019

Dear City leaders and staff,

We are distressed to see the **removal of the parking spaces on Hastings from Coit to Prospect** and the removal of **business parking from Coit to Clancy in particular**; the NOBL board specifically supported the addition of the business zone as a change from the Residential Permit Parking Program which was previously established.

We are aware a memo was issued showing this change so that a turn lane can be installed, however the removal of parking was over looked. This removal will have a detrimental impact on business in the neighborhood.

We believe those parking spaces that have been removed were valuable and important to the neighborhood for several reasons:

* Parking is at a premium, therefore the loss of those spaces from a parking perspective is a detriment
* Those spaces act as a buffer evoking a community feeling
* Loss of parking diminishes long term viability of the business on the Hastings corridor
* The removal of the parking spaces does not seem consistent with the city strategy for improving pedestrian safety on Michigan with a dedicated parking lane, for example. Moreover, such choices have been given to the local area; for instance, just recently, the Monroe North Business Association was given the choice for upcoming construction on Ottawa.

We have a couple questions regarding the elimination of parking on Hastings from Coit to Prospect, and especially Coit to Clancy:

1. Why was the parking eliminated? (What supporting evidence led to this decision?)
2. What is the purpose of this change and how this will be a positive for the community and businesses in that corridor, rather than a negative?

**Most importantly how do we implement business parking on Hastings from Coit to Clancy?**

Yours sincerely,

Neighbors of Belknap Lookout