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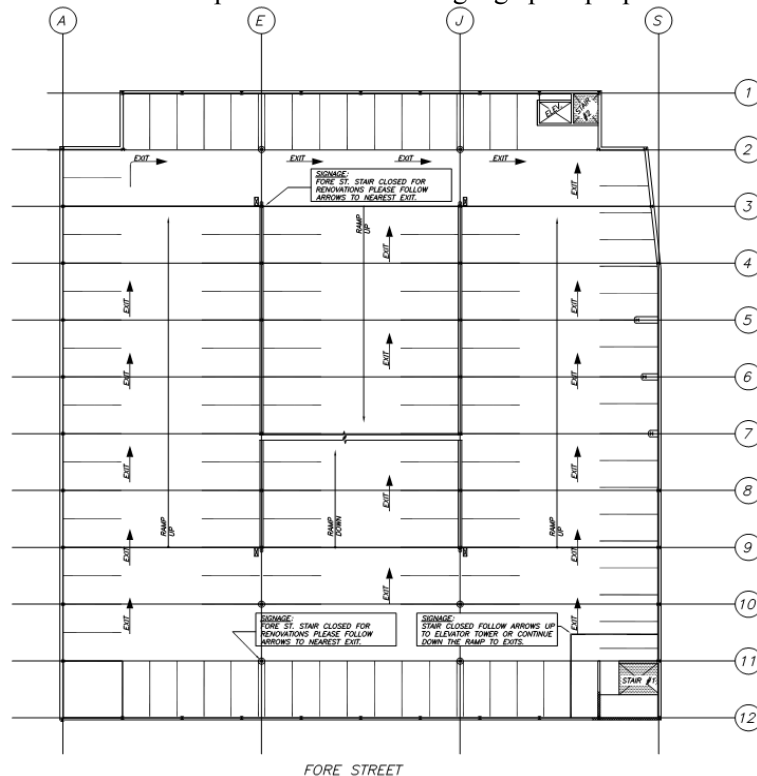
Ms. Jeanie Bourke  
Code Enforcement Officer/ Plan Reviewer  
City of Portland, Maine  
Building Inspections Divisions, Room 315  
389 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04101

**RE: Fore Street Parking Garage  
Fore Street Stair Restoration Egress Plan**

Ms. Bourke,

In preparation for the replacement of the stair system at the Fore Street Parking Garage we are providing this letter as a summary of the intent for providing egress in the garage during the duration of this project. This letter is offered as a preliminary summary of our intent and we, as well as the contractor, will work with the City to provide an acceptable level of signage and direction to ensure patron safety during this project.

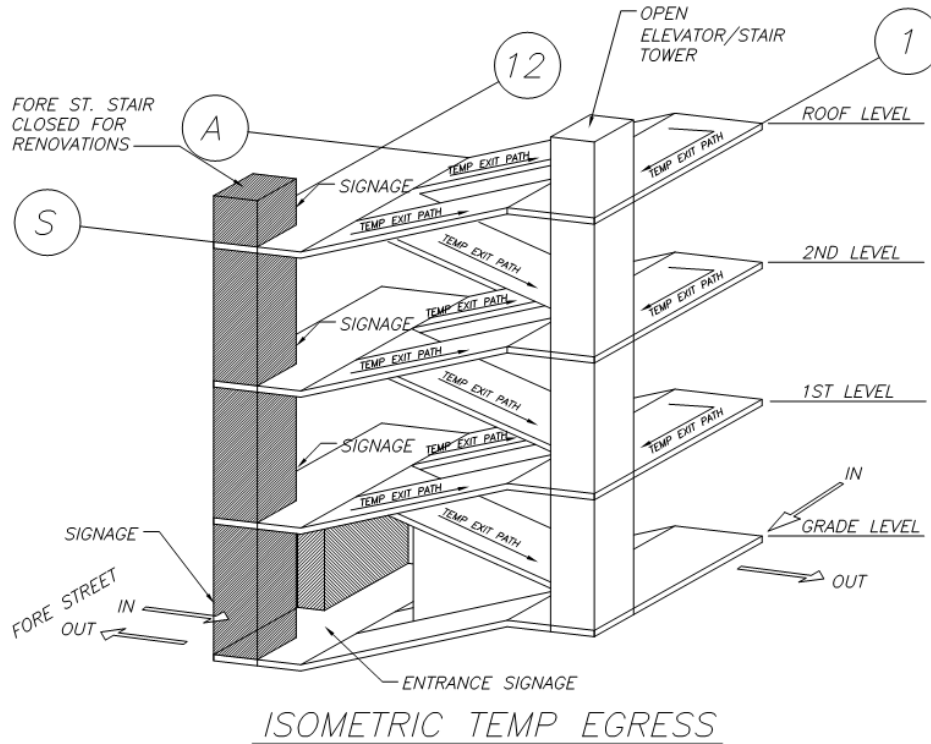
The contractor will provide a sign at the entrance of the garage indicating that the Fore St. Stair is closed for construction. In addition there will be signage at all levels to direct patrons to the nearest exit and indicate that the ramp system can be used as a secondary means of egress. The sketch below is a schematic representation of the signage plan proposed at each elevated level.



TEMPORARY EGRESS – TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN  
1/16"=1'-0"

The intent will be to install signage at key locations visible to patrons as they circulate through the garage so they will be aware of the work prior to parking their vehicles. Arrows will be painted on the parking deck indicating the direction to the nearest exit.

This will be completed on all levels above grade with specific attention paid to the Fore St. end of the parking garage where the functioning stair tower is not visible. The sketch below is an isometric of the facility with the intended means egress.



We trust that this addresses the City’s concerns regarding the egress during the extent of this project. We are opened to suggestion and look forward to input from the City. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Sincerely,

**BECKER STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, Inc.**

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