



Maine Medical Center
MaineHealth

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Mr. Phillip DiPierro
Development Review Coordinator
City of Portland Planning Division
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101



Re: City Project ID # 2013-130/ MMC Surgical Facility Addition

Dear Mr. DiPierro:

The City of Portland's Planning Board approval for the above project contained the following condition of approval:

ii. *That the applicant shall implement the TDM Plan enhancements as proposed in Attachment M to this report prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. These comprise a car share parking space that shall be for the car share company utilized on public streets by the City (currently U-Car), in an off-street location to be agreed with the City; and two bike racks (36 bicycle parking spaces) at the corner of Bramhall and Chadwick Streets. If the City changes carshare vendors in the future, MMC will change the company utilizing this space to match the City's new vendor. MMC will provide information on bike rack usage across their campus as part of MMC's ongoing annual reporting on TDM performance;*

Maine Medical Center has designated a car share space located in the lower portion of the Congress Square garage. This parking space is accessible to the public as well as Maine Medical Center's employees who periodically may choose to use it for the carshare program, only. Maine Medical Center will erect signage to be provided by the City, designating the space for use by the City's carshare program. Please contact Walter Pochebit directly (662-5508) to inform of the delivery date of such signage.

Below is a summary of the current status of the Maine Medical Center "Get On Board" program's bicycle rack usage.

In the inaugural year of Maine Medical Center's "Get On Board" TDM program, we started out with five strategically located bicycle racks and ten bicycle lockers. Since that time we have watched the demand for bicycle parking grow annually and have added more bike racks and adjusted the location of these assets as demand dictated.

In addition, in compliance with the requirement of the City Planning Board for the addition of 36 bicycle parking spaces in connection with its approval of the Surgical Facility addition, Maine Medical Center installed three new bicycle racks – two at the corner of Bramhall and Chadwick Streets and one at the main entrance to the Hospital on Bramhall Street), for a total of 38 additional spaces.

As of the last TDM report to the City of Portland, Maine Medical Center bike parking availability has grown to 13 bike racks with a capacity of 148 bikes. Even before the start of the Bean 2 project we were working with the MMC Facilities Department to find a location on campus for more bicycle racks to drive even more usage and reduce the vehicle traffic in the area of the campus. At the present time, Maine Medical Center offers a total capacity of 186 spaces for bikes at 16 bike racks spread throughout the campus.

Maine Medical Center does not have direct information about everyone uses these bike racks but by staff observation we are certain that they serve more than just our employee population. In its first year of the “Get On Board” program we had 119 employees sign up to participate. Our running total through 2014 was up to 215. **As a regular part of our daily parking duties it is observed that in the peak summer season the racks are 75% full and often more full.** There is no season that we do not have employees and others using the racks. In addition, Maine Medical Center is always surprised but encouraged by how many people ride their bikes through the winter. The number is small but it highlights how much it has become a part of their life style and we are proud to support it.

Maine Medical Center is quite proud of its TDM program and the regular high usage of its supplied bicycle racks. This report demonstrates how the program has grown over the years since its inception in 2008, and how committed the Medical Center is to maximizing this form of alternative transportation.

Sincerely,



Walter Pochebit

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