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Maine Medical Center 2,400 space Garage

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At the end of today's review meeting I brought up an issue that I think should be looked into more deeply if it hasn't already. With the size of the garage, I question if the two exit lanes onto St John St will be sufficient to "empty" the garage in a reasonable amount of time. I bring this up because many times when we boot MMC employees they say that they do not park in the existing (1,200 space ?) garage because it takes too long to exit. Additionally some employees who should currently be parking in the shuttle lot now say they don't because it takes too much time out of their day and they are not being paid while on the shuttle bus.

I know the hospital has staggered shifts, but I am concerned that if this garage is not efficient, employees will park on the neighboring streets and we will be chasing them around. Keeping in mind that St. John St only has one travel lane in each direction, I worry that traffic may back up in the garage. MMC had discussed a second exit onto the Fore River Parkway, does anyone know why that is not included in this plan ?

I think everyone's goal is have the MMC employees fully utilize this garage, but if they perceive it as problematic, everyone will become frustrated ! Just getting over the hurdle of taking a shuttle will be difficult enough.

Thanks
John