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MMC parking garage

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Nell,

Beside the potential loss of on-street parking, I have other concerns about the parking garage project. The before and after architectural projections of how the building will look from various locations don't ring true to me. It's such a huge building, but the projections show it as hardly visible. In some cases, the building is shown as obscured by trees which happen to be in the way from that location. Trees are hardly permanent shielding, and don't even have their leaves for half the year to begin with.

Lots of sunlight, views of the Fore River estuary behind Veterans Bridge, and open skies to the west for nice sunsets have been some of the benefits of living in our little neighborhood. These will all be impacted by construction of the garage. I'd like request that before and after sun/shadow studies of the building be completed. I think these might give a more accurate idea of its size and effects. I'd also like to request architectural projections done from the top floor back corner of the Railroad Building looking toward the Fore River estuary.

Please share these concerns with the Planning Board.

Best regards,

Dan Chase