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Good morning,

It's my understanding there is a planning commission vote to abolish parking minimums. I strongly recommend parking minimums are abolished in their entirety.

There is no easier policy decision than to abolish parking minimums. I do not mean this in a metaphorical sense but a literal one. In the world of policy it is rare to find a situation where there are no winners and only losers. Parking minimums, save for the fees earned by towing truck companies, is one of those rare situations with no winners and only losers.

They do not work, they do not make parking any easier. The land wasted or materials spent is a cost that's passed on from developers to buyers and renters, then sometimes, onto consumers. That's all there is to say about them.

In the years since the city's DESMAN study in 2016, the decades of your own lives as drivers, and after years of my own activism and the activism of others, you should have sufficient evidence to know this is the case. If you don't believe me, it's as simple as driving around and looking. If parking minimums are so useful, why is it so hard to park? Why is it, even when I am surrounded by dozens or hundreds of empty parking spaces, I have nowhere I can park? If they were abolished today, all anyone would notice is that they have some more money in their pocket and fewer empty parking lots. That's it. I think that would be a good thing.

If you won't do the right thing when it's easy, will you do the right thing when it is hard?

I hope you make the right decision.

Thanks,
Brock