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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Cambridge Planning Board  
**From:** Joseph E. Barr, Director   
**Date:** August 25, 2016  
**Re:** **249 Third Street Special Permit #301 Amendment**

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The Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department (TP&T) has reviewed the Planning Board Special Permit application for an Amendment to the 249 Third Street Project Review Special Permit (Case #301) by Equity Residential.

The Project is an 84-unit residential building, including approximately 1,400 square feet of ground floor retail space. The Amendment seeks to add a basement to the building with approximately 14,484 additional square feet of useable floor area. TP&T offers the Planning Board the following comments:

- The total number of residential units (84 units) will not change, therefore, there will be no change to the Projects' traffic impact estimated in the approved Transportation Impact Study (TIS), which was certified by TP&T on January 22, 2015.
- There will be no changes to the project's automobile parking spaces.
- The Amendment proposes to relocate long-term bicycle parking spaces from a bicycle room on the first floor to the basement level, with elevator access to the rear courtyard of the building. The project will increase the number of long-term bicycle park spaces by 1 (from 89 to 90 long-term bicycle spaces). The project will also continue to meet zoning required short-term bicycle parking spaces. TP&T reviewed the long-term bicycle parking layout plan for the basement and believes it will be functional. We will work with the applicant on the final design through the Building Permit review process.
- If the Planning Board approves the Amendment, the Project should continue to be subject to all the conditions in the TP&T August 13, 2015 Planning Board memo.