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MEMORANDUM

To: Richard C. Rossi
From: Susan Clippinger
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Re: First Street Garage

The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department operates for the City of Cambridge the First Street public parking garage. The garage building includes the 1100 space parking garage as well as approximately 12,000 square feet of retail space along the First Street frontage of the garage building. The entrance to the parking garage is on Spring Street and the exit is on Thorndike Street. The garage building was built in the late 1980s to accommodate the parking needs in the area including the Courthouse when it was in use by the State. The parking garage has not been fully utilized since the Courthouse closed and can accommodate the parking needs of the proposed redevelopment of the Courthouse.

This change would not adversely impact the City's policy of providing free parking in the garage to City residents when a snow emergency is declared.

The retail spaces along the First Street frontage of the garage building are partially vacant. Currently the only tenant is the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department's operational base, which uses approximately 4,000 square feet of the retail space. The department also uses a portion of the parking garage for vehicle and materials storage.