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Re: Austin Street Partners - Docket #119-15

Dear Chairman Laredo;

Following the questions raised at the Land Use Committee's discussion of October 29 Austin Street Partners ("ASP") submits additional information for the Committee's consideration.

Parking Count

We submit an **Attachment 1** alternative plan for extending the proposed plaza by the removal of 3 previously shown parking spaces. This plan is submitted not as the Applicant's proposal, but as an alternative for the Committee to consider. This plan would reduce the parking count of the municipal lot to 124 spaces.

Parking Dimensions

The Applicant asks the Committee if it prefers a revision so that the parking spaces between columns above grade and below grade will be uniform at 8' 4", so that the 25' clear area between columns will be equally spaced. We note that of the three spaces the two end spaces will still have wider areas for the door swings.

With this plan the 127 parking spaces would have widths as follows:

8' 19 open compact spaces

8' 4" 27 covered spaces

8' 6" 76 open spaces

5 compliant handicapped spaces

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These dimensions are consistent with other parking areas in Newton and compliant with the requirements of most of our surrounding communities. Also - as we discussed in the October 29 public hearing the door opening space adjacent to columns is wider by 6" than the listed widths, and unlike some other parking in Newton no waiver is sought for either the length of parking spaces or the width of maneuvering aisles.

Shuttle Operations

The Applicant expects to work out the final operating schedule and procedures with the Construction Liaison Committee and the Director of Planning and Development. It is anticipated that the schedule could be flexible and change with events on certain days, or during different times of the year. Experience may also show that the hours of operations should be amended.

Among the issues which the Construction Liaison Committee will discuss are:

- Hours of operation of the shuttle over time
- Location of stops and seasonal or weekly changes
- Inventory of who is using the shuttle and the Aquinas parking, with priority for Newtonville employees, Senior Center users and Jackson Road neighborhood residents. Secondary use for commuters, as available
- allocation or signage of Aquinas spaces to provide for senior parking closest to and construction parking farthest from the shuttle pick-up
- Control or limitations on commuters if the shuttle or the Aquinas parking is overloaded

It is the intention of the Applicant that the Business Liaison be tasked with providing monitoring information on the use of the shuttle and the Aquinas lot so control can be maintained and adjustments made as necessary. The shuttle usage patterns should also be adjusted to coordinate with the interim parking at the Austin Street site to maximize convenience to shoppers, employees and Senior Center visitors. It may, for example, be sensible to have certain parking reserved at the construction site on days of Senior Center events, or it may be sensible to make other accommodations as events dictate.

Interim Parking Spaces

The Applicant intends to provide 50 interim parking spaces on the site for approximately 7 months and 70 spaces thereafter for the duration of construction.

All interim parking spaces at the construction site are 8' 6" wide with 19 foot length (or 17' with 2' overhang) and have 24' access aisles.

The Applicant expects that of the 50 initial parking spaces 10 will be marked for 30 minute parking and 40 will be marked for 2 hour parking. The Applicant does not have police powers, so although the Applicant may elect to have a payment system it will

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not have the ability to levy fines, although it could tow violators. The Applicant's proposal is that the area be signed without meters or pay-on-foot, and that the Business Liaison monitor the extent of voluntary compliance.

It is the intention of the Applicant to maintain at least 50 safe and accessible spaces for public parking throughout construction. In the unliekly event there are interruptions to the interim parking for short periods of time the Applicant will provide advance notice of the occurrence of the interruption and an idea of how much parking will be disturbed for how long. The Applicant through the Construction Liaison Committee will be able to give notices as appropriate to the business community, adjust the shuttle schedule as necessary and control the effect of such interruptions as may be necessary in the course of construction.

Garden

The Applicant originally proposed the garden area as a public space. It seems that members of the Committee are concerned about possible mis-use of the property, so the Applicant is willing to sign and control the garden area as a building amenity for the use of residents and employees. Whether as a public space or a private space the Applicant and its successors will be responsible for maintenance and control of the garden area.

Used as a building amenity the garden area will be landscaped and its access controlled.

Parking Egress

Based on additional comments at the hearing on October 29 plan revisions are being submitted to further enhance the entrance/exit through the westerly end of the building. **Attachment 2** is a sketch plan of the revision. The appropriate sheets on the site plan, floor plan and elevation will be submitted in the next few days, but the sketch plan shows:

- columns on both the exiting left and right moved back to provide a clear space of 29'
- pedestrian path exiting through the west side of the building to the walkway leading to the crosswalk to Star Market
- stop sign and stop line at exit
- planters to divert pedestrian traffic from the crossing points
- tactile material in the sidewalks

The plan accomplishes both the pedestrian separation from vehicular egress and enhancement of the ingress and egress viewing corridors. The maneuvering aisle in the parking area remains at 24' for access to the parking spaces, and the entrance/exit driveway is 20', also conforming to the ordinance.

LEED Rating

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Attached as **Attachment 3** is the ASP preliminary Sustainable Neighborhood Development Checklist which contains a building score of 81 points which would qualify for a LEED Platinum rating.

Fire Department Approval

The Deputy Fire Chief has stamped the Department's approval on the site plan. Based on our discussion we have confirmed that a clearance of 12' is sufficient for the "tower" on the ladder truck which requires a clearance of 10' 8".

Very truly yours,

Alan J. Schlesinger

cc: Board of Alderman

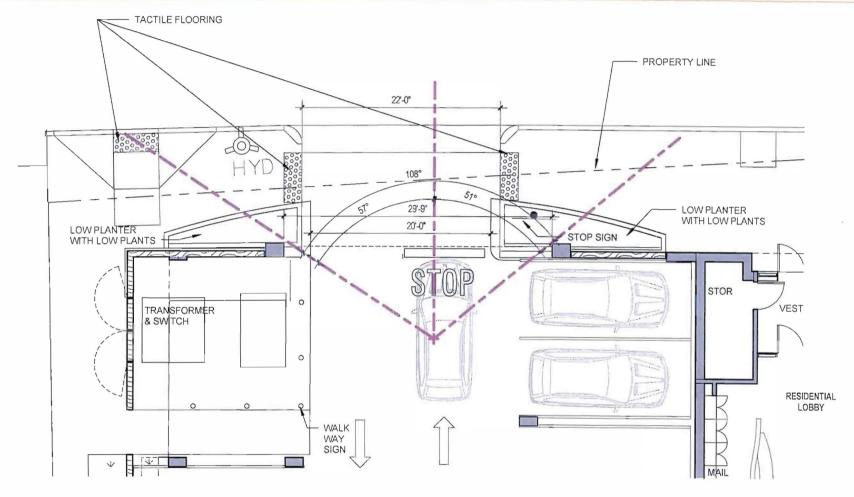




VIEW OF AUSTIN STREET PARKING ENTRANCE/EXIT

AUSTIN STREET PARTNERS LLC MAKIER





REVISED PLAN OF AUSTIN STREET PARKING ENTRANCE/EXIT





PROJECT NAME: 28 Austin Street ADDRESS/LOCATION: NEWTONNILE, MA TYPE OF PROJECT: MIXED - USE	PROJECT NAME: 28 Austin Street ADDRESS/LOCATION:	Newtonville.	MA TYPE OF PROJECT:	Mixed-Use
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STEP 1: Sustainable Neighborhood Development Checklist				横	Step 2: Optional LEED-ND Scoring Exercise				
TOPIC	DOES THE PROJECT DO THE FOLLOWING?	YES	МАУВЕ	NO	LEED-ND POINTS POSSIBLE	PROJECT "YES" POINTS	PROJECT "MAYBE" POINTS	LEED-ND SOURCE CREDIT OR PREREQUISITE	
SMART LOCATIO	ON AND LINKAGE (SLL)								
-6 PM 3	Is located on a site that is any of the following (only one required for scoring): Infill (75% surrounded by existing development) Well-connected to adjacent development by an existing street network Well-served by transit or neighborhood amenities	8 8	0 0	0 0 0	Required			Prereq 1: Smart Location	
ZDISNOV	Is located on a site that is one of the following (pick just one for scoring): Infill and also a previously developed site Infill but not a previously developed site Adjacent to existing development, and also a previously developed site A previously developed site, but not adjacent or infill	8000	0	0000	5 3 2 1	5		Credit 1: Preferred Locations	
LOCATION	Is surrounded (within ½ mile) by a well-connected existing street network. If possible, estimate the existing number of intersections per square mile nearby (pick just one for scoring):	N. Y.	_	-				Credit 1: Preferred Locations	
	200 to 250 intersections per square mile 250 to 300 intersections per square mile 300 to 350 intersections per square mile 350 to 400 intersections per square mile	0000	0	0 0 0	1 2 3 4	5			
	More than 400 intersections per square mile Is located in an economically distressed area while also providing affordable housing.		0	0	3			Credit 1: Preferred Locations	
	Does not build on habitat where species are threatened, endangered, or imperiled or creates a habitat conservation plan under the Endangered Species Act.	4	a	۵	Required			Prereq 2: Imperiled Species	
ECOSYSTEMS AND OPEN	Does not build on wetlands or water bodies and leaves buffers of undeveloped land around them of at least 50 to 100 feet.	0/	۵	۵	Required			Prereq 3: Wetland/ Water Body Conservation	
SPACES	Does not build on prime agricultural land, unless the project is infill, transit- served, or makes up for soil loss by creating permanently protected soil easements elsewhere.	6	۵	0	Required			Prereq 4: Agricultural Land Conservation	

Note: Results are preliminary until design and construction are completed

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	Does not build on floodplains.	8	۵	٥	Required			Prereq 5: Floodplain Avoidance
ECOSYSTEMS	Conserves pre-existing on-site habitat, native plants, wetlands, and water bodies in perpetuity.	0	٥	۵	1			Credit 7: Site Design for Habitat/ Wetland Conservation
AND OPEN SPACES	Restores degraded on-site habitat, wetlands, or water bodies, and conserves them in perpetuity.	0	٥	٥	1			Credit 8: Restoration of Habitat/Wetlands
	Implements a long-term (at least 10 years), fully funded management plan for on- site wetlands, water bodies, and habitat.	0	٥	۵	1			Credit 9: Long-Term Management of Habitat/Wetlands
	Limits development on steep slopes (greater than 15%), and restores many or all previously developed steep slopes with native or noninvasive plants.	a	۵	ū	1			Credit 6: Steep Slope Protection
CONTAMINATED SITES	Does one of the following (pick just one for scoring): Remediates a contaminated site and then locates there.	1	٥	0	1	1		Credit 2: Brownfield Redevelopment
	Remediates a contaminated site in an economically distressed area, and then locates there.	Q	٥	۵	2			
TRANSIT- ORIENTED	Is located on a site that is either of the following (pick just one for scoring): Within walking distance (¼ mile for buses or streetcars and ½ mile for rail, ferry, and bus rapid transit) of high levels of transit service (See the LEED-ND Rating System for detailed transit thresholds).	1	0	o o	1-7	5		Credit 3: Locations with Reduced Auto Dependence
LOCATIONS	In an area documented to have low vehicle miles travelled (See the LEED-ND Rating System for detailed thresholds).	۵	o ·	0	1-7			-
	Does both of the following:	B-198			1			Credit 4: Bicycle
CYCLING	Is located within ¼ mile of a bicycle network that is either 5 miles long (minimum) or connects to 10 diverse land uses.	۵	٥	۵				Network/ Storage
FACILITIES	Provides secure and covered bicycle storage (for at least 10% of nonresidential and 30% of residential building occupants), as well as bicycle parking for visitors.	۵	ם	ū				
	Does one of the following (pick just one for scoring):	ŭ -						Credit 5: Housing/
	Existing jobs within ½ mile walk distance outnumber project's dwelling units, and the project provides affordable housing.	4	۵	۵	3	3		Jobs Proximity
JOBS AND	Existing jobs within ½ mile walk distance outnumber project's dwelling units.	۵	0	0	2	0		
HOUSING PROXIMITY	Provides jobs on an infill site within ½ mile walk distance of both existing housing and an existing (or new) rail, ferry, tram, or bus rapid transit stop.	0	٥	0	1			
					27 Points Possible	19		SLL SUB-TOTALS

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NEIGHBORHO	DD PATTERN AND DESIGN (NPD)							
	Includes all of the following at minimum:	- 100		Shr	Required			Prereq 1: Walkable
	Public-facing building entries (onto any public space except a parking lot) on 90% of building frontage.	B	۵	۵				Streets
	A minimum "building-height-to-street width-ratio" of 1 to 3 (1 foot of building height for every 3 feet of street width) along at least 15% of street length.	w/	٥	۵				
	Sidewalks along 90% of street length (both sides of the street).	0	0	a				
	Garage doors along no more than 20% of street length.	8	D ay 1	ū				
	Includes some or all of the following (See Rating System for scoring thresholds):		Tie.		1-12			Credit 1: Walkable Streets
	Minimal distance between the sidewalk and most buildings, with mixed- use and nonresidential buildings particularly close to the sidewalk.	0	۵	۵				
	Frequent building entries (at least every 75 feet).	0	a	۵				
WALKABLE	Unshuttered windows along the sidewalk for nonresidential buildings.	0/	0	۵				
STREETS	No blank walls more than 50 feet along sidewalks.	0	O O	۵		12		
	Frequent on-street parking (available along at least 70% of streets).	0	0			16		
	Sidewalks along 100% of street length (both sides of the street).	8		a				
	Elevated ground-floors for at least half of all dwelling units (at least 24 inches above sidewalk grade).	0	٥	۵				
	A minimum "building-height-to-street width-ratio" of 1 to 3 (1 foot of building height for every 3 feet of street width) along 30% of street length.	8	۵	a				
	Low design speeds for most streets (20 mph for residential, 25 mph for non-residential).	8	٥	۵				
	Driveway crossings along no more than 10% of sidewalk length.	4	0	۵				
	Lines 60% of street length with non-invasive trees (spaced an average of at least every 40 feet from trunk center to trunk center).	٧	٥	۵	1	2		Credit 14: Tree- Lined and Shaded Streets
	Provides noon-time shade along at least 40% of sidewalks.	8	o.	۵	1			
COMPACT	Meets minimum required densities (At least seven dwelling units per acre for residential and 0.50 floor-area ratio for non-residential—see Rating System for calculation and scoring details).	4	0	۵	Required			Prereq 2: Compact Development
DEVELOPMENT	Exceeds increasing density thresholds (At least 10 dwelling units per acre for residential and 0.75 floor-area ratio for non-residential—see Rating System for calculation and scoring details).	4	0	۵	1-6	6	1	Credit 2: Compact Development

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PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION DEMAND	Does all of the following:				1			Credit 5: Reduced
	Minimizes total surface parking area (no greater than 20% of development area) and includes no individual surface lot over 2 acres.		a	۵		1		Parking Footprint
	Locates any off-street parking at the side or rear of buildings (not along the sidewalk).	4	٥	ū	,	1		
	Provides bicycle storage for building occupants, bicycle parking for visitors, and spaces for carpool or shared vehicles.	4	٥	٥				
	Includes shelters, benches, lighting, and information displays at all new and existing transit stops.	0		۵	1			Credit 7: Transit Facilities
	Provides any or all of the following options (for scoring, award 1 point for every 2 options achieved):				1-2			Credit 8: Transportation
	Subsidized transit passes to half of regular price or cheaper.	0	0	Q		1		Demand Management
	Developer-sponsored-transit services—such as a shuttle—to off-site employment centers and/or major transit facilities.	۵	٥	٥				
	Well-publicized vehicle sharing facilities on-site, or within ¼ mile walk distance.	۵	4	۵				
	For 90% of dwelling units or non-residential space, separates the cost of a parking space from the price of dwelling units or non-residential space.	4	0	٥				
	A comprehensive transportation demand management (TDM) program to reduce trips by 20%.	4	0	0		l		
PARKS AND	Enables access (within ¼ mile walk distance) to public space such as squares, parks, paseos, and plazas.	4	0	٥	1	1		Credit 9: Access to Civic/ Public Spaces
RECREATION	Enables access (within ½ mile walk distance) to publicly accessible indoor or outdoor recreational facilities (at least 1 acre in size outdoor or 25,000 square feet indoor).	4	۵	٥	1	1		Credit 10: Access to Recreation Facilities
	Provides either of the following (only one necessary to score a point):				1			Credit 11:
UNIVERSAL DESIGN	For residential projects, universal accessibility for people of diverse abilities in 20% of dwelling units.	8	۵	۵		1		Visitability and Universal Design
	For non-residential projects, universal accessibility for people of diverse abilities along 100% of public rights-of-way.	۵	۵	۵				,
	Does either of the following (pick just one for scoring):							Credit 12:
COMMUNITY	Relies on multiple forms of community input and feedback to guide project concept and design, both before and during development.	٥	٥	۵	1	2		Community Outreach and Involvement
PARTICIPATION	Relies on multiple forms of community input and feedback as above, but also conducts a design charrette or obtains an endorsement from a smart growth jury or program.	V	٥	۵	2	4		

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	Provides both of the following:				1	The second		Credit 13: Local
LOCAL FOOD	Permanently set aside gardening space, free local produce shares (from within 150 miles) for residents, or proximity to a farmer's market (on-site or within ½ mile walk distance).	۵		۵		1		Food Production
	Allows growing of produce, including in yards or on balconies, patios, or rooftops.	0	٠.	۵				
	Achieves both of the following:				1			Credit 15:
SCHOOL	Is located within walking distance of a school (½ mile for elementary and middle schools; 1 mile for high schools).	۵	۵	۵				Neighborhood Schools
ACCESS AND DESIGN	New school campuses included in the project are no larger than 5 acres (elementary), 10 acres (middle schools), or 15 acres (high schools).	o.	0	٥	C			
			i en la		44 Points Possible	40	3	NPD SUB- TOTALS
GREEN INFRAS	TRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS (GIB)				100 mm (1)			
	Creates and implements an erosion and sedimentation control plan for construction activities, reducing soil erosion and downstream pollution.	2	٥	a	Required			Prereq 4: Construction Pollution Prevention
CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES	Does both of the following: Preserves all heritage trees and most other noninvasive trees, especially larger ones.		۵	۵	1			Credit 7: Minimized Site Disturbance in Design and Construction
	Preserves a proportion of previously undeveloped land (10% to 20%) on the project site.	٥	0/	ū				
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION	Ninety percent of building square footage meets minimum energy efficiency requirements. (Minimum 10% improvement over ASHRAE 90.1—see Rating System for details),	0/	۵	a	Required			Prereq 2: Minimum Building Energy Efficiency
	Ninety percent of building square footage exceeds increasing thresholds for energy efficiency. (Minimum 18% improvement over ASHRAE 90.1 and/or 75 HERS Scoresee Rating System for details and increasing thresholds).	8	0	۵	1-2	2		Credit 2: Building Energy Efficiency
	Orients 75% of buildings or dense blocks length-wise along east-west axes (within 15 degrees) to maximize passive and active solar access.	6	0	۵	1	1		Credit 10: Solar Orientation

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	Uses LEED or a similar green building rating system to certify at least one project building.		۵	۵	Required			Prereq 1: Certified Green Building
CREEN	Uses LEED or a similar green building rating system to certify the following percentages of the project's building square footage (pick just one for scoring):							Credit 1: Certified Green Buildings
GREEN BUILDING	At least 10%	ū	a	a	1			
PROCESS	At least 20%	۵	0	a	2	5		
	At least 30%		O.	O.	3			
的国家128	At least 40%	0	0		4			
	At least 50%	D	0	a	5			
HISTORIC AND EXISTING	Reuses and restores at least 20% of the existing building stock.	٥	٥	۵	1			Credit 5: Existing Building Use
BUILDING REUSE	Includes a historic building(s), and rehabilitates if necessary.	۵	a	۵	1			Credit 6: Historic Resource Preservation/Reuse
	Uses one of the following strategies— or a combination of the two —to reflect instead of absorb solar heat:	,			1	,		Credit 9: Heat Island Reduction
HEAT ISLANDS	Solar-reflective roofs (usually light-colored) or vegetated roofs.	M	٥	a		1		
	Shade, open-grid pervious paving, or solar-reflective paving for at least 50% of roads, sidewalks, parking areas, and other "hardscape."	٥	٥	۵				
	Uses recycled content in at least 50% of the total mass of public infrastructure materials such as paving, road base, and water/sewer piping.	۵		۵	1			Credit 15: Recycled Content in Infrastructure
	Provides at least four of the following five:				1			Credit 16:
REUSE AND	Recycling services for residents	0	ū	a				Solid Waste Management
RECYCLING	Hazardous waste disposal services for residents	4	a			1		Infrastructure
	Composting services for residents	٥	0	O		Į.		
	Recycling receptacles on every mixed-use or nonresidential block	4	α ,	a				
	Recycling or salvaging of at least 50% of construction waste	5	0	a				
	Provides both of the following:		W - 1		1	_		0 - 1: 17 1: 1:
	Motion sensors in "shared areas" (publicly or privately owned) to reduce lighting when unoccupied and during daylight hours.	4	۵	ם		1		Credit 17: Light Pollution Reduction
POLLUTION	Limits "light trespass" to surrounding areas by directing exterior lighting downward and reducing its brightness, especially in rural areas and residential or mixed use neighborhoods.	1	a	۵		•		
					29 Points Possible	14		GIB SUB-TOTALS

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INNOVATION A	ND DESIGN PROCESS (ID)							三八字
INNOVATION AND EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE	Exhibits exemplary environmental performance in areas not addressed by, or greatly exceeding, the LEED-ND rating system. Write in below (for scoring, add up to five): 1. Public garden with fountain 2. Schambeof 3. Roof-to Community Garden (in house) 4. GSX Sytemor Envelope 5.	9888	0000	00000	1 1 1 1 1 1	4		Credit 1: Innovation and Exemplary Performance
	Employs a project team member credentialed as a LEED Accredited Professional, in smart growth by the Natural Resources Defense Council and Smart Growth America, or in new urbanism by the Congress for the New Urbanism.	0	a	a	1	1		Credit 2: LEED Accredited Professional
		100	Ha Lu		6 Points Possible	5		ID SUB-TOTALS
REGIONAL PRIO	RITY CREDIT (RP)							主要
REGIONAL	Addresses geographically-specific environmental, social equity, or public health priorities. Write in below (for scoring, add one point per strategy used up to four, even if the strategy is already addressed in LEED-ND. A complete list of Regional Priority Credits is available from U.S. Green Building Council): 1. Meet Age - Friendly Crty Wto Health Chlena. 2. Increases # of affordable units in City 3. Mixed generations 4.	9990	0000	0000	1 1 1	3		Credit 1: Regional Priority Credit
PRIORITY		ام باد			4 Points Possible	3_	Kelley	RP SUB-TOTALS
							110	POINTS POSSIBLE
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						81	4	PROJECT TOTALS (Certification Estimates)
	Certified: 40-	49 points	Silve	er: 50-	59 points	Gold: 60-79	points !	Platinum: 80+ points

Total Prints - 21. Platinum