

Circulation Topic Paper Parking

General Questions

1. **Top Priorities.** What are the top 5 priorities related to the issue of parking? Consider things like availability now and into the future, the kinds of material that should be used to surface parking lots, and what should they look like. Is Business General different than Business Village?
2. **Inventory.** Identify existing parking within Freeland. This can be done through the use of a map, a list, or some other medium. Before going into the field it is suggested that you consider the existing reports and studies that have already been prepared. Some of this work was previously done a few years ago.
3. **Improving the Existing Conditions.** Identify at least 5 existing areas, features or issues that you identified in the inventory where improvement could occur in the future. Development regulations aren't triggered until there is a development proposal. In the absence of development, what can be done with the existing conditions to make them work better or look better?

Specific Questions

4. Please provide some opinions to the following questions. Some of these questions likely require a legal opinion as well. The answers to these questions will help define some of the philosophy behind codes and policies.
 - a. Should each business provide their own parking lot or do we strive for community parking lots and on-street parking (avoiding the perpetuation of individual parking lots can help create a more pedestrian friendly environment since you won't have parking lots "interrupting" the pedestrian feel)?
 - b. Can parking be shared by businesses? If so, how? We want to ensure that we have adequate parking so that people aren't encouraged to park in inappropriate spaces, but we also want to keep impervious surfaces to a minimum and utilize commercial square footage for businesses, sidewalks, gathering places, etc.
 - c. How do you guide drivers to the appropriate parking areas? We may want employees to park in more discrete places so that tourists and visitors to Freeland can park in the more obvious locations.