

November 10, 2023

Mayor and Council
City of Vancouver

Re: Elimination of Minimum Parking Requirements – Phase 2

Dear Mayor Sim and City Councillors,

We write to express our support for the City of Vancouver staff recommendation to eliminate parking minimums in the West End and the Broadway Corridor.

We applaud the foresight demonstrated in this recommendation, recognizing the need to address the evolving dynamics of urban living and transportation. By eliminating parking minimums, the city takes a step towards creating a more equitable and sustainable urban environment. This approach allows developers to determine the appropriate amount of parking spaces, aligning with the actual needs of the community rather than adhering to outdated and excessive standards.

One of the key advantages of this proposal is the reduction of the oversupply of parking spaces. This not only promotes efficient land use but also aligns with the principles of responsible urban planning. By empowering developers to make informed decisions regarding parking requirements, the city can optimize the use of valuable space and allocate resources more effectively.

Moreover, the elimination of parking minimums is a crucial component of a more equitable development plan. As the city evolves and the number of individuals who own or can afford vehicles declines, it is imperative that our urban policies reflect these changing demographics. By allowing for a flexible approach to parking requirements, the city can better address the diverse needs of its residents, fostering a more inclusive and accessible community.

We also want to emphasize the positive impact this recommendation will have on advancing the goals outlined in the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP). As our city commits to reducing carbon pollution by 50% by 2030, it is essential to encourage modes of transportation that contribute to this objective. By supporting active transportation and transit use, the removal of parking minimums aligns with the broader vision of a sustainable and environmentally conscious Vancouver.

We are pleased to note that the staff recommendation is scheduled for presentation to the council on November 15th, and we wish to express our strong support for its approval. The removal of parking minimums is an important step towards a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient Vancouver. We appreciate the council's commitment to addressing the evolving needs of our community and urge you to endorse this staff recommendation. Furthermore, we urge you to consider extending this policy across the entire city in the near future.

Sincerely,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent 25 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.