

Expansion Group Meeting

April 4, 2018, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Maine Medical Center

East Tower Classroom 1

Minutes

Attendees:

Emma Holder

Alva Davis

Anne Pringle

Brett Gabor

Lin Parsons

Moses Sabina

Ian Jacob

Garry Bowcott

Penny St. Louis

Walter Pochebit

Matt Wickenheiser

Jeff Sanders

Dennis Morelli

Al Green

I. Welcome

Jeff Sanders extended a welcome to the attendees.

II. City Update

Tuck was unable to attend the meeting.

III. Phase I Site Logistics

Traffic/Detours/Parking

- Congress Street closure May 7 – June 28
- Detour – discussion surrounding signage routing people towards waterfront to circumvent all traffic diverting through the Parkside neighborhood
- MMC will forward Emma’s concerns to City of Portland traffic engineers
- It was suggested that perhaps the City traffic engineers could attend the next Expansion Group meeting or a separate meeting to discuss the detours.
- MMC has also been coordinating with Portland Police Department on monitoring of traffic flow, signage, traffic signals as the detour begins in order to make any adjustments necessary to transition traffic
- In the short term, Crescent Street will become 2-way



- On April 9 Wescott will be closed – displaced parkers have been notified and have come in to receive parking passes. Notice of this closure has also been posted to the MMC website. Ian Jacobs suggested using the social media site “nextdoor.com” to provide greater outreach

Congress Street Retail Space

Turner is 50% complete with renovations to the space it will use as its construction office for the duration of the project. The space is being fitted for best layout for eventual retail use

Western Prom

Discussion around Western prom path and who will maintain will be talked about at the next meeting

Use of Local Restaurants

MMC will be encouraging workers to use local restaurants and contribute to the economy. Turner looking at catering options using local restauranters

IV. St. John Street Garage

- MMC hopes to submit its Site Plan application to City on April 10. It is expected that the City of Portland will hold 2 workshops scheduled April 24 and end of May; hearing end of June
- The garage will house +/-2,400 parking spaces used primarily by two shifts of employees working 7am and 7pm/ 7pm to 7am)
- Gorrill Palmer did a turning count which informed the entrance/exit layout and the entrance/exit to the garage doesn't meet DOT criteria for traffic signal on St. John Street
- MMC is adding a crosswalk at 222 and D streets
- Earthwork for project is estimated to start July/August and Consigli, who has a great deal of experience building parking structures, is the general contractor
- Historic Preservation Board presentation is scheduled for April 18
- MMC is still planning to camera adjacent property owner buildings prior to the commencement of construction.
- Emma – Concern regarding lack of south traveling bike lane on St. John Street. Emma believes this may be required by the City's Complete Streets Policy.

V. Western Prom Improvements – thoughts?

Discuss at next meeting

Link to project:

<https://mainehealth.org/maine-medical-center/newsroom/modernization>

