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Needham to Hold Open House to Gather Community Input as Town Embarks on Parking Study

Parking Study to Help Improve Parking in Center, Heights Areas

NEEDHAM – Thursday, January 12, 2023 – As the Town embarks on an effort to improve parking in Needham Center and in Needham Heights, the community is invited to attend a Parking Study Open House, where individuals are encouraged to share their experiences with parking in Town and offer any feedback or input for consideration by the Town and its project consultant, Stantec.

During the Open House, the public will have a chance to view parking data, share concerns and ideas, and help formulate parking strategies, which may include changes to regulations, pricing, signing, access restrictions, and more. The Open House format allows visitors to come and go at a time that is convenient for them during the Open House hours.

The Open House will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 6 pm – 8 pm in Powers Hall in Town Hall.

In November 2022, the Town initiated a parking study focused on parking in Needham Center and Needham Heights. The study includes a detailed inventory of all public and private spaces, an analysis of parking occupancy and use, and a review of Town regulations and management—all to help identify useful improvements to Needham's parking system. A public <u>survey</u> is underway, and the public can provide feedback via the survey until January 19th.

Town Meeting approved the Parking Study at its annual meeting in May 2022.

The Town of Needham retained the services of Stantec Consulting Services to lead and execute the project. The project is being coordinated with the Town's Economic Development Department.

For questions regarding this meeting please contact Amy Haelsen, Economic Development Manager at (781) 455-7500 ext. 255.