

Supplemental Public Correspondence

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Hello, as someone who lives on Rose Street in the North End, and used to live on Hyde Street, I can't support this idea strong enough. As someone who made the conscious decision to get rid of a car, and use Carshare to get around, another car in the North End would be amazing. There aren't many pods on that side of town, and I would find it extremely useful to have another option.

Thank you for your time

Graham Gowen

Fri 3/15/2019

Hello, Phillip.

For both personal and community reasons, I am writing in support of CarShare Vermont's request to add a pod at the corner of North and North Union Streets.

Not owning a car is the right logistical, environmental, and economic choice for me. I can meet many of my needs on foot, by bicycle, or by bus, but sometimes I need to transport bulky items, visit family, or get to events occurring in places or at times not best served by these other modes. My block in the Old North End is too tightly packed to offer enough off-street parking even for the people who live on it, and we face on-street parking competition from employees of Community Health Center. CarShare Vermont membership makes it possible for me to accomplish my goals without crowding my neighbors.

There is clearly a need in the Old North End. CarShare's records show that both existing ONE vehicles are well-used, and one is at capacity (I assume this means "reserved all the time"). Meanwhile, their membership continues to grow. When reservation schedules are tight, I would love to have another option between the closest-to-my-home pod and the current next-closest.

The "loss" of a parking spot is not a loss when it's used for a shared vehicle. Making it easier for people to do without private vehicles (via methods like car-sharing, improved public transportation, and safe cycling infrastructure) is how we decrease the very congestion/competition that people worried about parking spots sometimes cite. For example, one CarShare vehicle can take an average of fifteen privately-owned vehicles off the road! Among other benefits, this helps free up parking spaces elsewhere in the area.

Since the CarShare fleet consists of well-maintained, fuel efficient vehicles (<https://www.carsharevt.org/locations/>), the environmental impact of that one shared car is likely much lower than the impact of whatever random privately-owned vehicles would use that spot.

<http://www.accessmagazine.org/spring-2011/impact-carsharing-household-vehicle-ownership/>

Thank you for your time,

Krista Hasert

Fri 3/15/2019

Good morning, Mr. Peterson.....I write as an advocate for the DPW assigning a car space in the Old North End for a carshare vehicle.

I am a 15 year resident of the Old North End (Riverside and North Winooski) and have been a carshare member for 3 years or so.

At 72 years old I don't walk too well, so the car share service lets me go food shopping....the bus ride is ok for 1-2 small lightweight bags, but a bag of sugar or gallon of milk is out of the question for me to carry from my bus stop to my apartment.

The problem in the Old North End is there is only one car (Butch and Babes) that I can walk to and the availability of that car is low...it may take me 3 days before I can make a reservation because the car is being used by other members.

So I do hope that you will grant my carsharevt, the street space it needs to adequately serve the Old North End and, in particular, senior citizens.

Thanks you for your consideration and have a good day,

Steve Yurasits