

To: DRB
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Regarding: JIPMP

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I was on the DRB when the 2014-2019 JIPMP was approved. Like the updated plan this was a weighty tome not easily absorbed in a sitting. Whether such plans effectively manage parking or merely provide approval for the institutions to proceed as they see fit is I think an open question.

The premise of such a comprehensive plan seems sensible, but its scale and the considerable challenge of simply counting the spaces, the vehicles, and the vehicle-trips makes the clarity and precision necessary for meaningful review elusive.

Barbara Headrick's analysis of the updated plan seems thorough and substantive. I hope you will take full advantage of her efforts to assist you in addressing any problematic elements in the plan that the DRB should be flagging or in framing conditions the DRB should require.

Our friends and neighbors at the hospital and colleges are well-versed in putting out plans. There's little danger their submissions will ever be on a napkin or the back of an envelope. Nevertheless, well laid plans do sometimes include smoke and mirrors too. For the JIPMP to be meaningful it must effectively manage institutional parking and parking demand — which goes well beyond simply meeting the requirement of filing a plan.