

Hearing 10/13/22 North Bluff Oak Bluffs Traffic pattern revision DRI 659

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To: Adam Turner <turner@mvcommission.org>; Lucy Morrison <morrison@mvcommission.org>; Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

Dear Commissioners: I like many aspects of the proposal but I write to oppose the loss of many parking spots now in use, especially the daytime parking for patrons of nearby businesses in general and in particular along Seaview Ave Ext to bus use and the loss of many evening parking spots for the many users of the Patriot for their employees for the many trades that commute to and from the island daily. The areas proposed for green space on the northwest side of the roundabout should be reconsidered for retained parking and for the tour buses to stage from right there. There is no benefit in decreasing the amount of available parking spots along Seaview Ave Extension. Moreover, in the evening, this area is heavily used for business parking for workers who take the Patriot boat to and from the island. The huge reduction of parking for these folks has not been considered. If the tour bus staging area remains where it is this could be continued evening parking for the Patriot ferry users. The parking in the North Bluff area during daytime is already very challenging. Many businesses in the area depend on the parking that is proposed to be eliminated for their patrons. The loss of the many parking spaces would impose a great deal of hardship on the harborfront businesses as well as the Seaview Ave Ext businesses. I am gratified to see the two way traffic proposed for Circuit Ave Ext was eliminated but this proposal needs to be tweaked to better balance the needs of the local businesses in the immediate area for patron parking versus the tour bus companies desire for additional staging.

Best, Ben Hall, Jr. Edgartown, MA