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Location: Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, Multi-Purpose Room
Purpose: Meeting with adjacent residents to introduce the project and identify issues and comments

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Details

The Project Team met with residents that live adjacent to the proposed temporary parking lots, the proposed relocated parking lot, and that live along Brandon Avenue to introduce the Winnipeg Transit Garage Expansion Project and to collect feedback on issues and opportunities related to the project; twenty residents attended the meeting. The meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation introducing the project followed by a question and answer period and an informal round table style discussion on issues and opportunities in the neighbourhood. A presentation was also provided by one of the residents after the introduction presentation.

Information collected from the stakeholder meetings will be taken into consideration with all of the input from the public engagement activities and considered in the project scope that will be provided to the design-builder.

Due to the number of participants, the round table discussions took place in two groups. At the end of the group discussions, each table provided a summary of their discussions. The following provides what was shared in the summary as well as notes on the comments made by the participants during the round table discussions.

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Discussion summary as presented at the meeting:

Table 1

- Don't like the location of the parking lot
 - Came up with ideas to change the demand side of parking
- Snow clearing issues
 - Where will the snow go because the vacant lot is currently used for snow storage?
- Light
 - Light pollution from the parking lot could be an issue
 - The existing lighting at the end of Brandon Ave. is excessive
- On-street parking impact from employees.
- Can residents park in the parking lot during the evening?
- What kind of building will it be?
 - Pre-cast piles?
 - Will it be LEED and can it go beyond LEED silver?
- VIA rail cuts through with their fuel trucks, can there be a discussion with them?
- Employees are loud in the morning, can transit be better neighbours?
- Where will the garbage cans be located? Metal scrap being thrown out is noisy.
- Are there no idle zones?

Table 2

- Street parking is an issue
- Damage to houses from construction
- Construction traffic
 - Route it through the transit campus
- Traffic cutting through the Nassau & Carlaw back lane.
 - Propose putting the gate to the parking lot at Nassau and Brandon.
- Noise from snow clearing (reverse alarm and scraper)
 - Try a different warning alarm – recommend a “white noise” alarm
- Fence and landscaping on parking lot to block the noise and visual of the parking lot.
- Landscaping on the boulevard along Brandon
- Remove the pedestrian gate at Nassau and Brandon Ave. to remove the convenience of cutting through.
- Make Mulvey a permanent parking lot.

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The following points were brought forward by the residents during the round table discussions:

Parking

- Parking is and has always been an issue
- Employees probably don't want to park in the lot because they have to pay
- Transit employees start earlier than when the parking restrictions begin and then they get two hours starting at 9 so employees can park for most of their shift.
- Can transit give employee's free parking? Other large corporations give their employees free parking.
- Parking issues for people at the daycare
- People cut through the alley west of Nassau. People use the alley because it is in better shape than Nassau St. Would it be possible to move the gate closer to Nassau and Brandon to prevent people from cutting through?
- Elderly parents can't find parking and when they do it is usually too far and dangerous for them to walk in the winter.
- How much is a parking pass?
 - \$32.00 per month
- Are parking spots reserved specifically for each transit employee?
 - Changed to scramble parking to improve the parking availability
 - Transit is taking steps to improve parking issue
 - \$1.25 per day for parking
 - Transit is looking to implement preferred parking spots for carpool parking this year
- Why don't they restrict parking on the street for transit employees?
- Transit employees given free bus pass.
- Can they make Mulvey a permanent lot as well?
- Access to Osborne St. may be a challenge to get out of Mulvey (difficult to go South)
- Can there be temporary lights ay Mulvey or is it too close to other lights?
- Have a shuttle from the Mulvey Ave. parking lot to the transit garage.
- Will people still be able to park on Brandon?
- Could they put a parking structure on Osborne and Glasgow?
- How many passes are sold for residential parking passes?
- Give residents a parking pass and limit parking to 1 hour, that way unless you are a resident you are limited to 1hr parking
- Deterrents are all we can do.
- Concern of light pollution from parking lot
- Can residents park in parking lot during the evening?
- Could no idle zones be put in place?

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- Current parking lot does not seem very well utilized.
- Strategically locate a park and ride for transit drivers. Make it more convenient for them to use.
- Existing large trees on the proposed parking lot are nice. Can they be preserved?
- Concerned about noise from the snow clearing from the reverse alarms and the scraping
- Have you heard of the white noise reverse alarms?
- Where will snow be stored? Used to be stored on vacant lot.
- In some places there are cement walls around parking lots to reduce noise issues.
- What will it mean for us when we try to sell our house with a parking lot behind it?
- Fence and landscape parking lot to block noise and visual of the parking lot
- Add another level to the parking lot
- What kind of fence will be around the parking lot?

Neighbourhood Traffic:

- Construction vehicles shake the foundations of the houses
- Can the construction vehicles be re-routed through the transit campus?
- If foundation damage occurs, what can be done? Is there any way to monitor before the project begins?
- How many people work in the building?
 - About 1,500 in all of transit, 900-1,000 work out of Osborne, some are bus drivers, so about 400 work on a daily basis
- Will the construction equipment go down Brandon?
- Request that transit employees can't access parking lot via Brandon Ave.
- During construction can it be residents only on Brandon?
- VIA cuts through with fuel trucks, can we talk to them about this?
- Where will the garbage pick-up be located? Can it be moved to the north side of the building away from residential?
- There is excessive lighting at the end of Brandon
- There is a pedestrian gate at Nassau and Brandon and it is convenient for people to park on the street and access the campus through that gate. If the gate is removed it will take away the convenience parking close to the gate and cutting through. The gate is also very loud when it gets slammed.
- Should put a gate on Brandon right away
- Exhaust from cars wafts towards the house
- Can transit be a better neighbour – employees are loud in the mornings
- Can transit employee use of the bus be tracked? Is there a way to incentivize those that use the bus?
 - When asked how many participants took the bus one person responded that they sometimes do. Reasons provided for not taking the bus were because of kids and

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limited bus service where they needed to go.

- Biggest concern is traffic on Brandon Ave.
- Put a bus trap in so only busses can get through
- Put entrance to the new lot up first and gate up before construction.

Building Design and Process:

- What will the construction material be?
- What kind of building will it be? Built on piles? LEED?
- How deep will they need to dig?
- Landscaping looks good
- Is there enough room on the boulevard between the building and the parking lot for trees?
- Put landscaping on the boulevard along Brandon Ave.
- Put big pots with flowers.
- Used to have a berm on Brandon Ave. boulevard but that was removed
- New transit building on Brandon looks like a nice building.
- How will the new building match the old building?
- Concerned with noise from construction.

General Comments

- This is an old neighbourhood and it does not have a lot of green space.
- What was there before Transit?
- LEED Credits – Less parking get credits
- Could Transit be better neighbours? Maybe invite the residents to a BBQ and a tour of the new and old building?
- Existing building was way too close to the property line. Residents feel like they aren't being listened to.
- Everyone's basic concerns are:
 - Noise
 - Damage
 - Lack of parking
 - Make it look not super industrial