



To: Columbus City Council Members

Mayor and City Manager

Trade and Convention Center Board and Staff

Re: Proposed parking deck in the Columbus Historic District

Dear City Leaders:

This letter is written on behalf of the Historic District Preservation Society (HDPS) Board of Directors to share its members' position on the proposed parking deck to be built along 8th Street between Broadway and Front Avenue.

From the HDPS Bylaws Mission Statement: "The object and purpose of the Corporation is to preserve, protect, promote and especially encourage residency in that area known and designated as the Historic District of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, as designated on the official zoning map of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia."

We have been notified that the Trade Center will develop a Master Plan for the Trade Center site and the City owned parking lot on 8th and Front. HDPS requests the following items be included in the Master Plan:

- A Traffic Impact Study concerning current and future traffic demands, and seek community input to determine ingress and egress of parking decks associated with the Trade Center.
- A Parking Study to inventory current on-street, surface and parking deck spaces that serve the Trade Center and the future parking demands for convention hotel

- An operations plan for parking management
- During the development of the Master Plan, have a kickoff meeting with HDPS residents and update meeting monthly.

Additionally, we ask that the City comply with BHAR guidelines. These guidelines should be consistently applied, even when development is by the City government and not private residents.

The Board thanks you for your attention to our concerns. HDPS expects and looks forward to future meetings with the City and the Trade Center to continue discussions and establish the neighborhood's comfort with the project.

Regards,
The Historic District Preservation Society Board of Directors
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