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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
Date: May 25, 2022
Re: Proposed parking change on S. Driscoll St (1300S/1400S/1500S block)
Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

In response to concerns raised by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and residents in the area, the City’s Traffic Section recently assessed the possibility of prohibiting parking on one side of the 1300S/1400S/1500S block of Driscoll Street (the segment located between Chares Street and the railroad tracks). The concerns generally related to the ability of the DPW to plow this block safely and efficiently during the winter months, which has gotten significantly more difficult over the past several years as the frequency of on-street parking has increased. To address this, my office proposed removal of parking from the east side of the block during the winter months.

Property owners on this block were surveyed by mail and, based on the feedback received, a parking restriction on the east side (from Dec 1st to Apr 1st) was posted for a 6-month trial period.

This arrangement appears to have had the desired effect, and we have not received any feedback from the community. Based on this, we recommend the changes be made permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** “Parking be prohibited from December 1st to April 1st on the east side of Driscoll Street from Charles Street to a point 725 feet north of Charles Street.”