

GMNC MONTHLY MEETING | MONDAY, JULY 11TH @ 6:30 PM

I. Parking (*Parking*) & Public Transit | Alaa Mukahhal, Transportation Planner, <https://www.alaamukahhal.com/> | Former BTM Planner

*"... to prevent overcrowding of land; to conserve the value of land and buildings; **to lessen congestion in the streets**; to avoid undue concentration of population; to provide adequate light and air; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to facilitate adequate provision for transportation, water, sewerage, schools, and other public requirements; and to preserve and increase the amenities of the City."* – Zoning Code City of Boston, Section 1-2. – Purpose.

These six (6) words never appear in the neighborhood district zoning codes – to lessen congestion in the streets

Please join us as our guest Alla Mukahhal, a transportation planner offers guidance in navigating the challenges faced by our neighborhood going forward with parking, public transit, and development. In her work, she focuses on improving spatial equity in cities through policies, development guidelines, and multimodal planning. She was selected for the #40Under40 in TDM (2021).

Under Boston's large development review guidelines, all projects over 50,000 g.s.f, must reduce vehicle road trips. Alla is the author of *Boston's Maximum Parking Ratio guidelines* for new large developments that are required to submit a transportation access plan agreement (TAPA); also she was a project manager for the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Point System. It is important for us as a neighborhood to understand the written standards to demand better outcomes.

Most of the traffic that comes down our neighborhood's streets does not originate here. Roughly less than 40% actually originates from residents. Going forward we will have to decide how to demand from developers realized benefits from less parking to lower costs for housing and local retail spaces. Counting on our better angels is not a solution.

- [Maximum Parking Ratios](#)
- [Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) Point System](#)

III. GMNC Committee Reports

- Public Services Committee
- Zoning Committee
- Environment, Parks & Energy Committee

IV. Community Updates

V. City & Elected Officials Updates