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**From:** Ellen Mass [emass73@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Purchasing parking space for throughway to T

Dear Council,

Traffic in the Fresh Pond Mall is horrendous during busy hours and the Mall is already used as a throughway by many people coming from different directions and extremely hazardous driving for pedestrians and for drivers and parkers. New St. is a short cut for folks avoiding Alewife Brook Pkway and Fresh Pond Parkway and the large parking lot should be closed off to through traffic, but a bridge over the small track behind Fresh Pond Mall for residents may work to get to the Mall sidewalks in front and 10 min. to T.

Ideally, all permitting should stop until these things are worked out very carefully. No rush to permit is evident. Folks wanting to move to Cambridge can live in close proximity to the city in other municipalities.

Another imperative scenerio:

In order to order to perform any development on New St. the city will need to purchase walking space at the Fresh Pond Mall in order for residents to access the T. Either crossing a defunct railroad track to go from Whole Foods side of Mall to Alewife Brook Pkway and T stop; or purchasing land from side of new Yoga Center along its edge to attach to Fresh Pond Mall sidewalk along store fronts.

There is no other way to get to T and presently, passageway is very unsafe taking life in hand when navigating between moving cars.

This may be expensive, but required for any safety towards T access.

I work daily in Fresh Pond Mall and travel New St. 3 or 4 times a day.

Taking any of the park front would be a travesty of environmental protection.

My comments.

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