To: Auburn Public Library Board  
From: Doug Greene, Urban Development Coordinator  
Date: April 18, 2018  
RE: Proposed New Parking Facilities for the Auburn Public Library

As the Urban Development Coordinator for the City of Auburn, my job duties include facilitating development, making our downtown more safe and walkable, develop a bike and pedestrian plan that links nearby neighborhoods to downtown, schools and parks and increase and improve access to parking. Last year, a development was proposed on a vacant city owned property located on Troy Street. This property has been used as supplemental parking (approximately 40 spaces) for the Auburn Public Library and for emergency snow parking for the general neighborhood area.

This development, also known as 48 Hampshire Street has been approved by the Planning Board, City Council and the Maine State Housing Authority and is now moving towards construction late in 2018 or early 2019. The 53-unit apartment will create a mixture of work force and market rate housing bringing new residents to live downtown and stimulate other redevelopment projects in the area. In response to the 48 Hampshire Street project, the Economic and Community Development Staff began exploring ways to mitigate the loss of parking to the area. An evaluation of the neighborhood looked at existing parking (public, private and street parking), sidewalks and crosswalks. (Attachment 1) The staff would like to present 2 projects that can add needed parking and create safe pedestrian routes for the Library and help to improve the surrounding neighborhood.

- Project 1 is a reconstruction of Library Avenue from Spring Street to Union Street.  
(Attachment 2) This project would be a complete reconstruction of Library Avenue including new sidewalks, street lighting and the addition of 5 to 10 new on-street parking spaces.
- Project 2 is a proposal to create a new parking lot at the Auburn Public Library. (Attachment 3)  
This new parking lot would expand the current 8 to 12 space parking area on Library Avenue into an approximately 44 space parking lot. This new parking proposal could work in conjunction with the reconstruction of Library Avenue to create an attractive, safe and convenient environment for the patrons of the Auburn Public Library.

Pro's: Replace the loss of parking from Troy Street, provide increased parking on site, funded by the city, new landscape plan, ADA accessible sidewalk, improvements to Library Avenue.

Con's: Loss of greenspace, inconvenience of construction