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RE: Response to Questions for Planning Board Hearing June 16, 2022

Thank you for hearing our presentation on June 16, 2022 for the proposed mixed-use project at 16-20 Medford Street. Below are responses to questions that were posed following the presentation. We look forward to discussing any additional comments or questions at our upcoming meeting.

**Question 1: Clarify the Trash Location**

The residential trash and recycling area is proposed to be located within a fully enclosed room. The room is proposed to have direct access to Bedford Street and the covered parking area. The trash and recycling will be disposed of in totters by the building residents. As the building will be professionally managed, the totters will be brought out for the trash pickup and brought in afterwards by the building manager. Bedford Street is a two-way street, with no on street parking, therefore, we believe a trash truck that is double parked for a very short period should cause minimal disturbances. In addition, the applicant would be amenable to setting designated times with the trash collection company for the pickups if that would be beneficial to the neighborhood.

The commercial space has a separate trash room proposed which has direct access to the commercial space and opens onto Warren Street. Similarly, the trash would be brought out at the time of the pickup and brought back in afterwards.

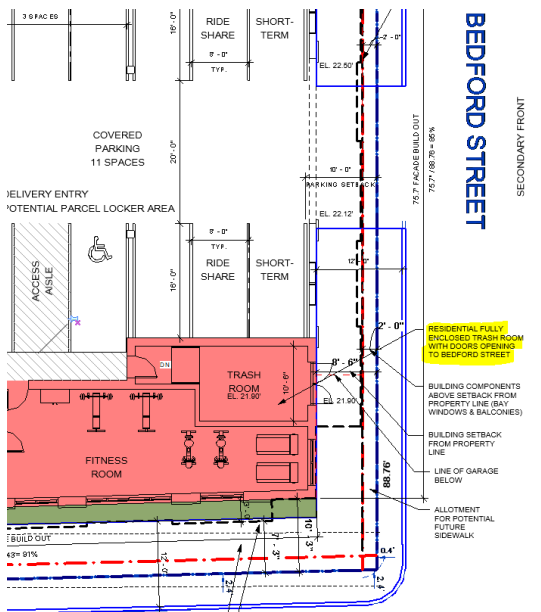


Figure 1: Residential Trash Room Location

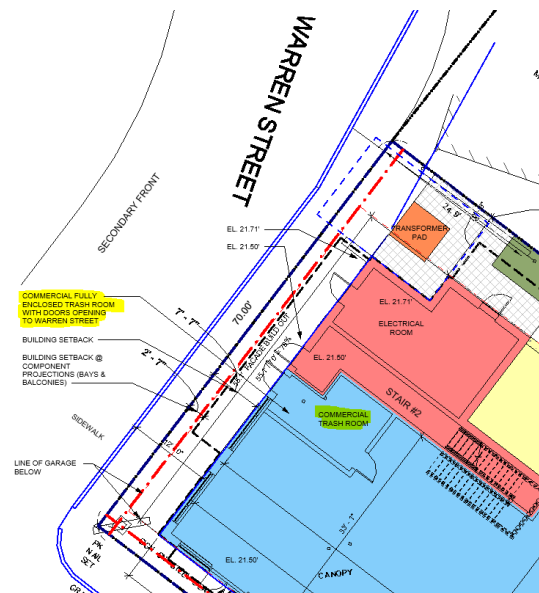


Figure 2: Commercial Trash Room Location

**Question 2: Clarify how the project plans to accommodate deliveries to the building.**

We have reviewed this question and revised the 1<sup>st</sup> floor plan to provide more efficient accommodations for deliveries to the building. Accessed from Bedford Street, we have short-term parking available within the site. We have relocated the secure garage entry overhead door to further within the site at the ramp location. This will allow deliveries to be made directly from the short-term designated parking spaces into the main lobby of the building. An entrance door is located from the covered parking area into the lobby and within the lobby a sizable package room is proposed. Access can be granted for all types of deliveries through the use of building digital access system such as ButterflyMX or similar. Additionally, there is room outside of the building within the covered parking area for a potential parcel locker area that could be accessed without gaining entry to the inside of the building.

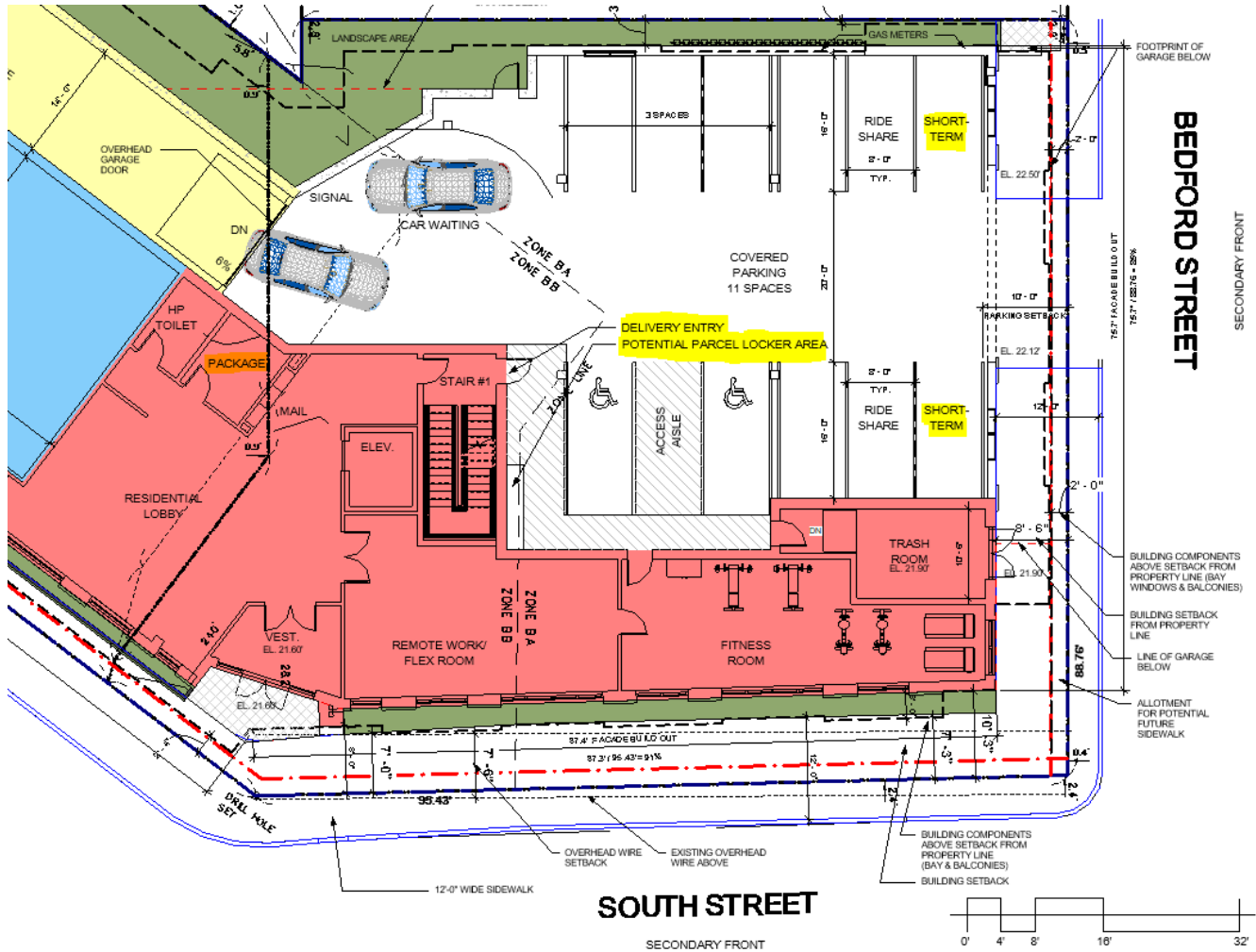


Figure 3: Short-Term Parking & Delivery Locations

Sincerely,

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