

# THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

### MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

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#### **State Street Parking Study Announced**

SPRINGFIELD- Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, along with project partners from the Springfield Parking Authority (SPA) and Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) announced a joint study of the Upper State Street Area to determine the need and feasibility for developing a parking structure to serve the growing needs of the neighborhood. The partnership has released a Request for Proposals through the SPA seeking professional services to undertake the study.

The study area includes several areas of current and future parking demand including the campus of STCC, the Federal Courthouse, the Springfield Museums, the High School of Commerce, as well as many private medical, office and residential buildings. Future demand could include the development of the currently vacant Masonic Temple building, the State Street Supermarket Project, and the 195 State Street building. The study will help determine overall demand, costs, size, and options for location of a potential structure.

The study is part of Mayor Sarno's commitment, along with SPA and STCC to provide safe and affordable parking. The City, in conjunction with the SPA and STCC hope to find a location that will benefit those that travel to this part of the City for work or school.

Mayor Sarno stated, "The city is growing in this area and with this growth comes an increase in parking demand. The three entities, City of Springfield, SPA and STCC, believe that visitors, employees and students should be able to park their vehicles in a safe and convenient location. We look forward to taking this first step in advancing this important initiative."

Interested bidders can access the RFP by contacting the Springfield Parking Authority at 413-787-6118, or visiting their website at <u>www.springfieldparkingauthority.com</u>.