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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas G. Faseler, City Manager

From: Kyle Kramm
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Subject: Conversion of Parking in Downtown

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Parking in downtown Seguin is a major concern for all downtown stakeholders, with many blocks being completely full at peak periods. In an effort to increase the number of parking spaces in downtown, staff looked into converting parallel parking spaces to angled parking spaces.

Staff found three blocks where angled parking could be accommodated on one side of the street, while still allowing for two way traffic. These blocks are the 100 and 200 block of East Nolte and the 300 block of South River Street.

The conversion from parallel to 45 degree, ten foot wide angled parking spaces would increase the number of parking spaces by nine additional spaces and add additional handicapped parking spaces. Attached are renderings of each block measured out by City staff.

In addition to the increase in number of parking spaces, there are several benefits to the angled parking. Angled parking is easier operationally for drivers to enter and exit. Also, Nolte and River Streets are extremely wide streets that encourage vehicles to travel at faster speeds. The deduction in lane widths to accommodate the angled parking will act as a traffic calming mechanism, making downtown safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Historic Design Review Committee, the area businesses, and the Main Street Advisory Board have all been notified about the proposed changes and expressed positive feedback.