TO: DSG Staff

FROM: Richard Hart, Development Services Director

DATE: March 28, 2001

RE: Administrative Interpretation of Allowable Use of Existing, Approved Parking Lots for Metro Park-N-Ride Lots in Residential Zones

The Code Official under Section 19.15.010 C. 5. (a.) of the Unified Land Development Code makes this administrative policy determination and interpretation of the Unified Land Development Code of Mercer Island. Section 19.02.010 (C) 1. of the Code requires a Conditional Use Permit for any government service or public facility in a residential zone. When an existing approved parking lot for a church, school or other institutional use allowed within a residential zone is proposed for use as a Metro Park-N-Ride facility, it shall not require approval through a Conditional Use Permit.

The Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element, Policies 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4, encourages the provision of Metro Park-N-Ride facilities throughout the Island to meet the demands of island residents. The provision of small Park-N-Ride facilities throughout the Island within existing church, school and institutional uses helps implement this policy and represents good transportation policy and sharing of resources, as well as reduces the amount of impervious surface added to the island.

Therefore existing and future Park-N-Ride lots will be encourage to co-locate in church, school or other institutional uses parking lots where feasible.