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This is my comment on the study:

Two main points jumped out at me.

- 1. It seems difficult to consume any cannabis onsite. This doesn't really allow for coffeeshops with cannabis, or something similar to a bar or brewery where cannabis can be consumed. I think there should be a way to allow this, in the way that alcohol is allowed at many places throughout the city for on site consumption.
- 2. The proportion of required bicycle parking to car parking by GFA is really disproportionate. Basically, it doesn't require cannabis retailers to provide bicycle parking, but then requires them to provide a lot of parking for cars. This encourages more driving, if I'm understanding correctly. We need to decentivize driving as much as possible.

Finally, is there any way to encourage cannabis retailers to set up shop along transit corridors? Seems like this would be a good way to encourage transit use, and safe cannabis consumption so people are not driving high.

Thanks! Ben Werner