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Good afternoon!

I read a recent Star Tribune article sent to me about St Paul parking issues, and possible ban on semi parking? I can personally understand both sides of this issue. I see this isn't in your ward, but I'm not sure who to contact with possible ideas? There's the old K-Mart off I-35 & Maryland Ave that I pass daily, and it's been vacant for quite a while. Here's a couple ideas:

1. Leave the building up, and put restaurants and shops in there and make the lot into truck parking spots. I feel it could easily house 80ish parking spots (2 rows of 40), and also accommodate the equal number of car parking spots for the drivers while they're out driving truck, on the south side of the lot.
2. The other idea is to level the building and create more space. I know there's other cities that have fenced in lots to park that drivers pay to park. They get a ticket to put in their windshield to show they paid. Some also have heat & air conditioning tubes for drivers to put in the windows of the trucks so they don't have to idle. Which they charge more for, and the drivers save from the fuel cost and wear and tear on their motors. Doing this would double the parking to roughly 160ish parking spots.

I used to drive full-time, and now am a full-time desk jockey, but also a part-time driver for a local trucking company. (As you can see in my email signature.) I feel either of these options would be very beneficial to St Paul, the drivers, and local businesses!

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Thank you,

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