

Ad Hoc Committee on Waterfront West
Councilor Jared Eigerman, Chairman
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Waterfront West Open Space

19 November 2018

Dear Councilor Eigerman,

Please consider having the committee formally define “pedestrian open space.” Walkability is a competitive strength for Newburyport. Any proposal for Waterfront West should be evaluated by explicitly defining the walkability goal.

To me, there are three levels of “pedestrian open space”:

- 1) Open space where no vehicles are permitted (think Inn St.),
- 2) Open space where vehicles may transit, but may not park, even temporarily,
- 3) Open space where vehicles may transit, and park in, or adjacent to pedestrian walkways.

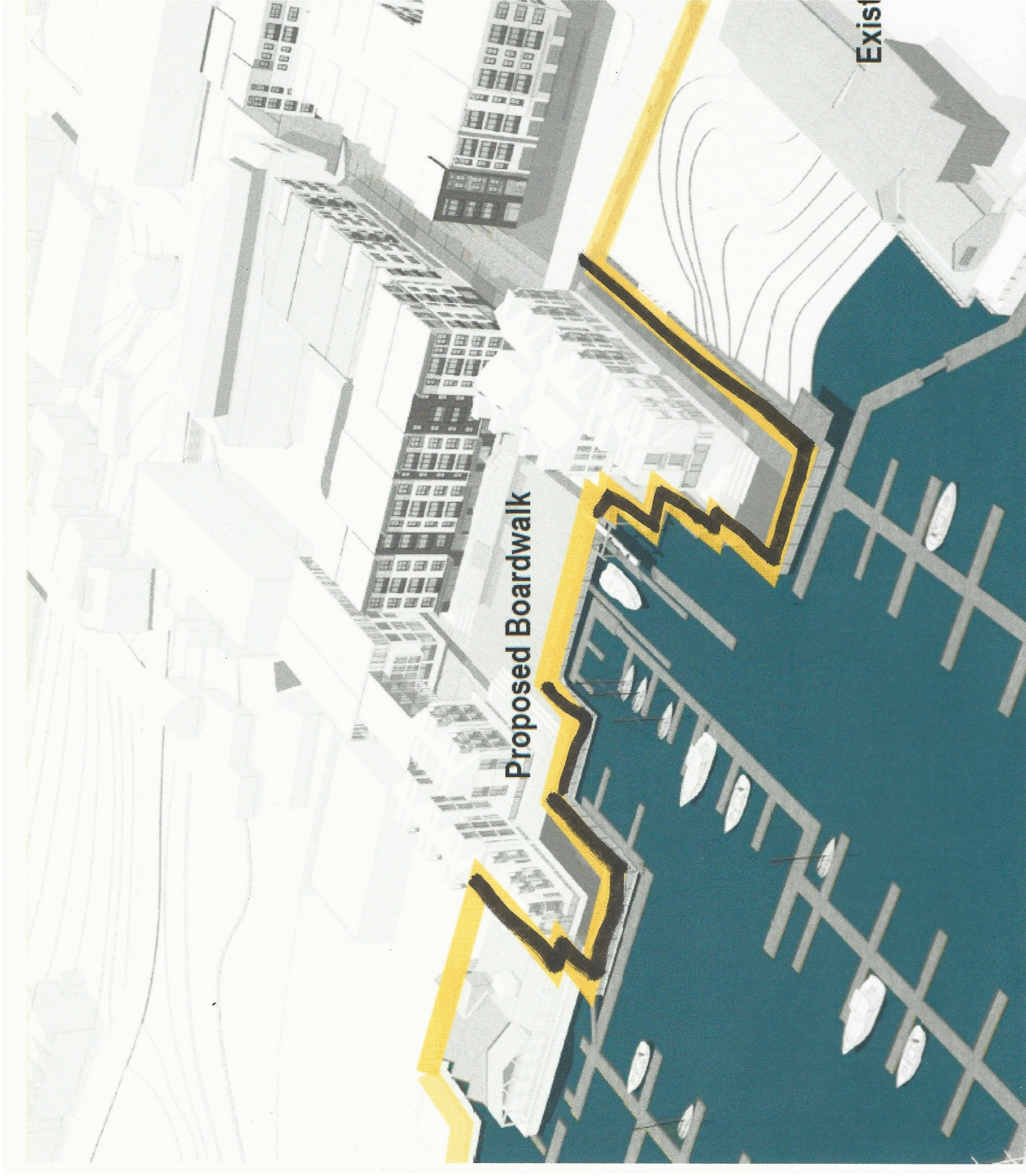
The current NED proposal uses definition 3), and claims ample open space. I urge the committee to consider adopting the definition of “pedestrian open space” as space where vehicles may transit, but there is no parking whatsoever allowed, even on a temporary basis. (Newburyport parking clerks should be allowed to enforce.)

Please see attachments (4) for illustration.

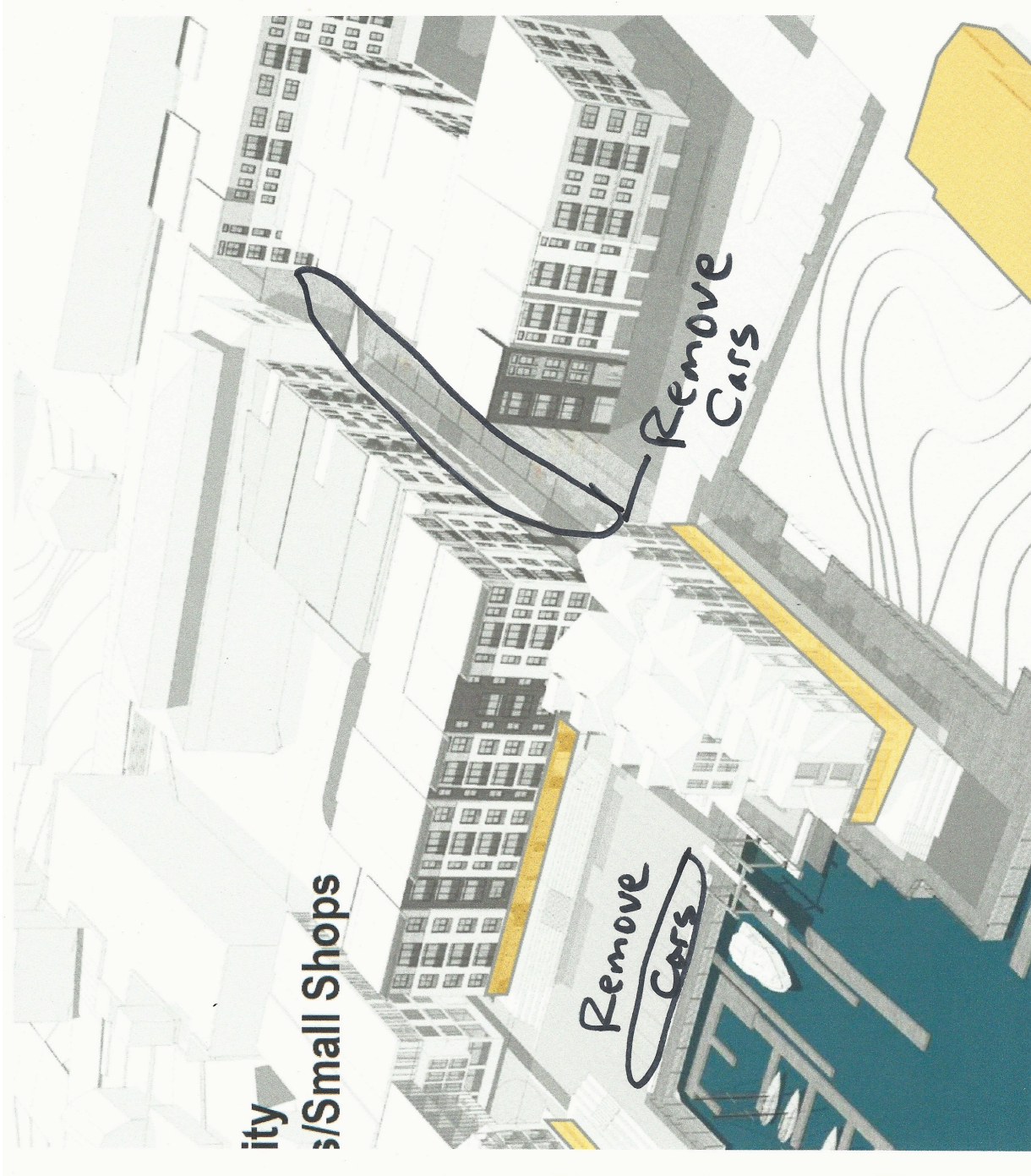
Of course I would be glad to discuss at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

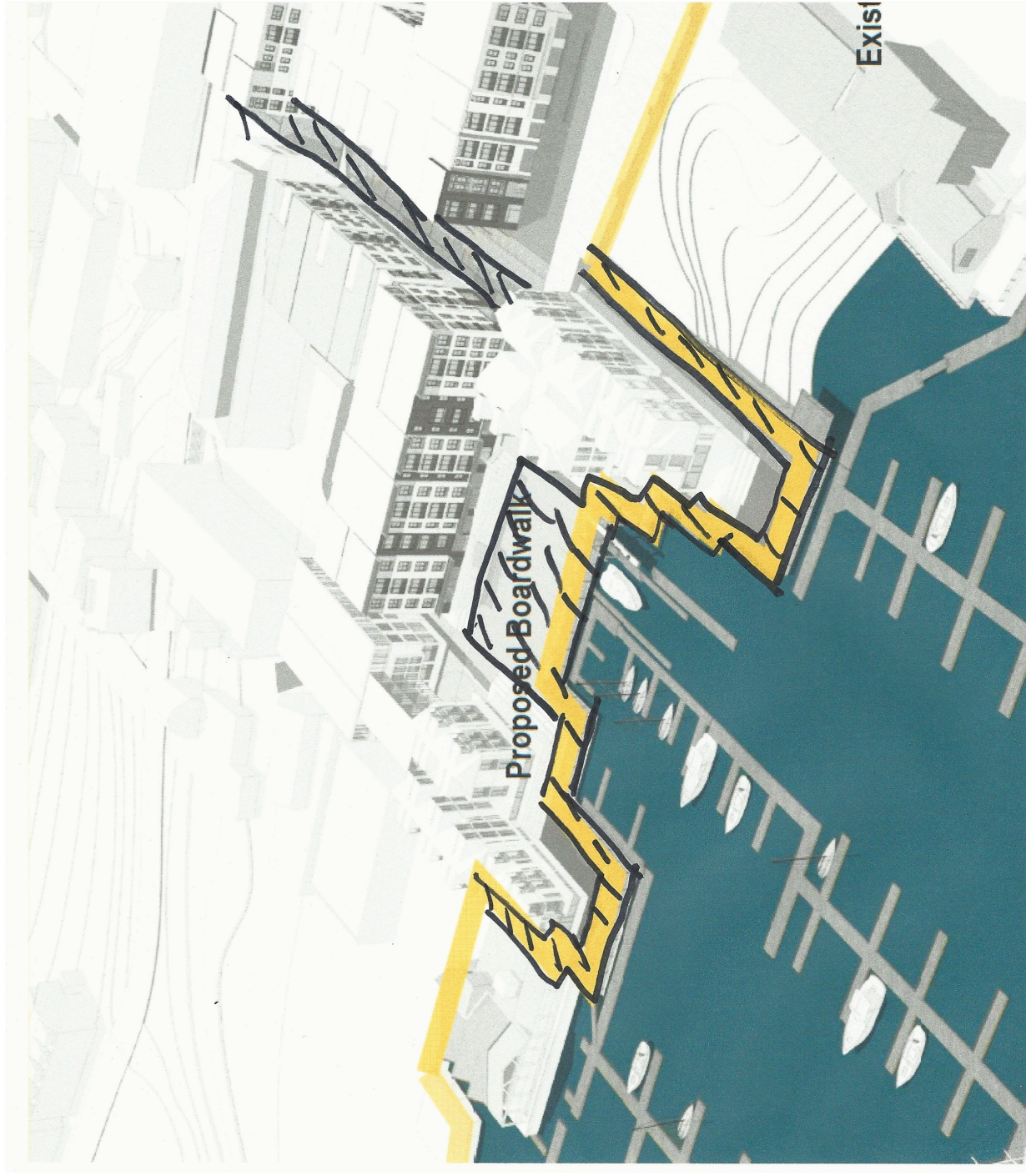
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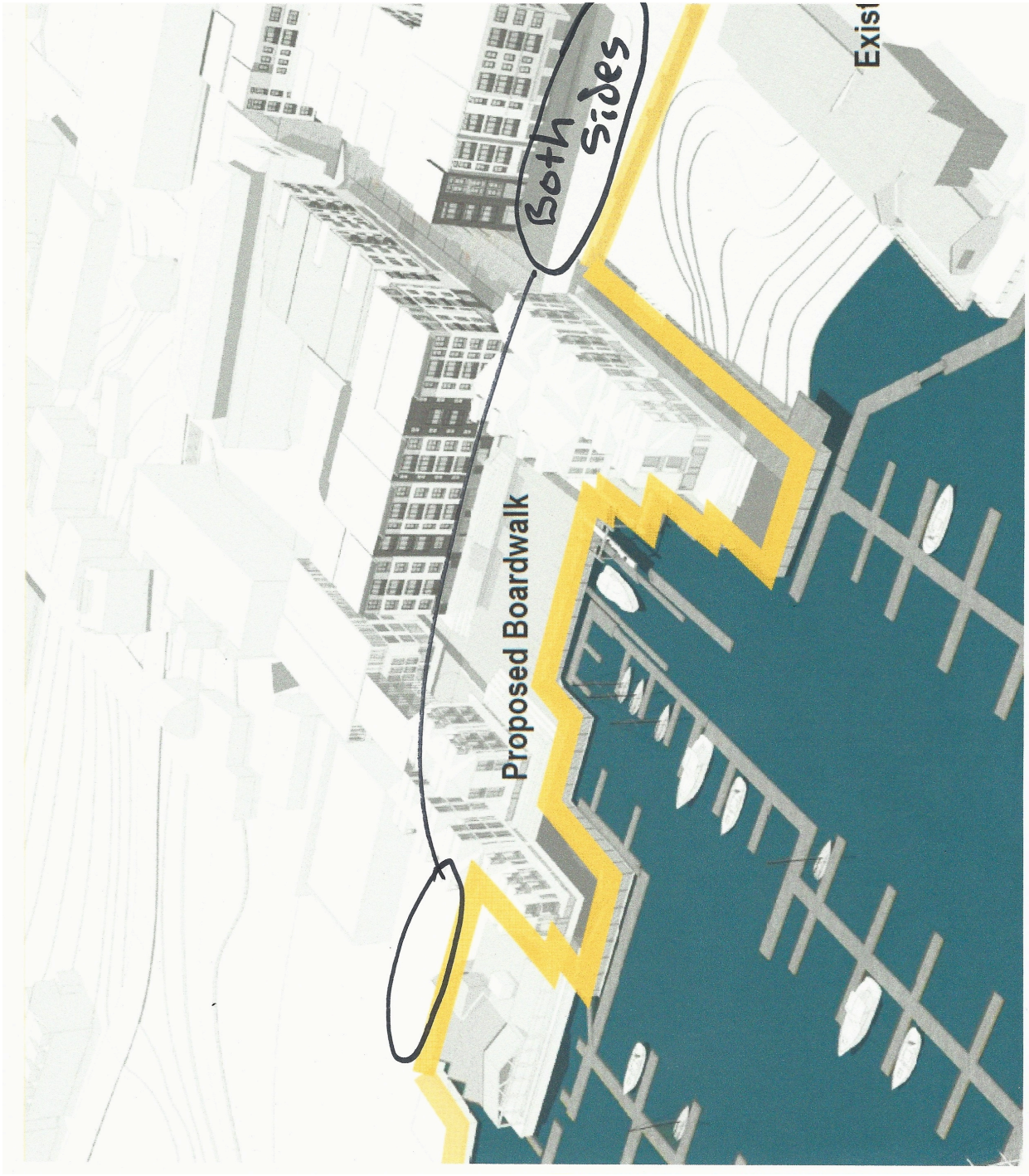
Current: Open space where pedestrians have priority



Idea: Create more open space with pedestrian as priority



True pedestrian open space (Vehicles may transit, no parking, even temporarily)



Still marina parking, make some spaces loading/ unloading only.