Please delay approval of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Surgical Center until the numerous concerns of the entire neighborhood have been considered. Neighbors still have many concerns regarding offsite parking, traffic, etc.

I grew up on Hutchins Road in Medford and know firsthand the impact the hospital traffic and parking has had on our small neighborhood. My parents still live on Hutchins Road and we spend countless hours there. I am already uncomfortable with my children playing anywhere near the street due to increased parking on their street, limited visibility due to the parked cars and vehicular traffic.

It is very disappointing that the public meeting was called in August when many neighbors were not home to attend. This has been done before in the past when they constructed the Courtyard Nursing Center. They like to say they included neighbors' input when in actuality they seem to purposely limit it. This is unfair practice for those who choose to live in a quiet residential neighborhood. Please don't let them trick the system by checking the box of "neighbor's input" when they were attempting not to include all neighbors.

Please allow the neighbors the opportunity to obtain more information before approving their plans.

Nancy and Jeff Corthell