

# West Trade Street Post Office Is An Eyesore Of Conjested Traffic

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The West Trade Street Post Office in downtown Charlotte is an eyesore of conjested traffic during the morning rush hours. Just ask some of the people who go there!

"It has been very difficult to find parking space. Sometimes there were days I had to drive three or four blocks to park my car. Other times people have created traffic jams waiting for legal parking spaces. Perhaps, if we were allowed to park on both sides of this one-way street from 8-9 a.m., that would ease the problem and leave two lanes for flowing traffic," suggested Joseph Crosby of Druid Circle.

Mint Street near the post office, was made a one-way street almost a year ago to connect with Poplar—another one-way street. This was done to create better flow and carry an increased volume of traffic, according to a spokesman from Charlotte's traffic engineering department. Parking was eliminated on the left side of Mint Street when it became one-way.

The Post Office is attempting to alleviate the problem by requesting that customers be allowed to park on the left side of Mint Street during specific hours in the morning.

"It's bad, give us somewhere to park. I have been



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### ...For Legal parking spaces

coming here for 15 years and every year it gets worse," commented James Johnson of LaSalle Street.

"We will go to the city and see if we can get some relief from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.; the

bulk of the business people are there at that time," stated Willie Stafford, spokesman for the post office.

"I have been coming here for 15 years and every year it gets worse," commented James Johnson of LaSalle Street.

Plans are underway to ease the problem of overcrowded traffic in another manner.

"What we're planning to do is look for a site for a new uptown facility—one city block

long with ample parking space," Stafford said. He explained, "The new post office will be located in an area bounded by Tenth Street, Graham, Morehead and McDowell Street."

Once the location has been selected, post office personnel are committed to moving as quickly as possible according to Stafford.

He requested that in the meantime, customers be patient while attempts are being made to alleviate the problem.

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