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Better transit is the answer to Logan parking woes

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IN "MASSPORT picks sites for Logan garages" (Business, Nov. 15), Massachusetts Port Authority officials argued that building more parking at Logan Airport would reduce traffic congestion by reducing the number of drop-off and pickup trips. While building more parking may indeed reduce these trips, it would also entice people to drive who are currently taking transit, such as Logan shuttles and the MBTA, thereby creating additional car trips that do not exist today.

If parking is filling up today, instead of building more garages, Massport should raise the price to reduce the demand, and use the additional funds raised to improve transit to and from the airport. People who are willing to pay the higher price would be guaranteed to find a space, and those who are not would have improved transit options for their trip.

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