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My name is Becca Charlier-Matthews of 265 Lowell St. I and my undersigned neighbors are writing to request that the Arlington Select Board and Transportation Advisory Committee study the issue of pedestrian and traffic safety in the Westminster Avenue, Downing Square, and Lowell Street areas.

Following a fatal crash on Westminster in 2007, the TAC made several reports and recommendations to address speeding and traffic safety in these areas. Some of the recommended improvements in these reports, including a 4 way stop and road banking/curbing on Westminster and a marked pedestrian crossing on Lowell St., were installed and likely improved safety, but other TAC recommendations were not addressed. (More recently, Lexington made intersection changes at Westminster–Lowell - as recommended by the Arlington TAC - and we believe these also were beneficial and may impact the results of any new traffic study on Westminster.) We have also discovered that previous to the 2007 crash, there was another fatal accident in Oct 1999 involving a pedestrian crossing Lowell St near the reservoir, though we can find little detail about the town's response to this accident. We hope that more can be done to improve safety for everyone using these streets.

Speeding along Westminster Avenue and Lowell Street is a continuing neighborhood concern and navigating the 6-way intersection at Downing Square is difficult and dangerous for both pedestrians and auto traffic. We know that significant work was performed already at Downing Square, including pedestrian bump-outs and changing on-street parking. However, we are concerned that the 34 new apartments under construction at Downing Square may exacerbate the problems at this intersection.

I'm requesting that the board and/or TAC revisit these past reports and, taking into account the changes in the area since the prior TAC studies, make new recommendations for improving pedestrian safety and decreasing speeding.

Thank you for your consideration

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