



## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Town of Arlington

Planning and Community Development Department, 730 Mass Ave,

Arlington MA, 02476

c/o Daniel Amstutz

**To: Select Board**

**From: TAC**

**Subject: Crosswalk on Summer Street at Victoria Road/Buzzell Field**

**Date: June 3, 2019**

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### **Recommendation**

The TAC recommends that the Select Board approve a no parking area on the eastbound side of Summer Street between 40 feet before and five feet after the crosswalk on Summer Street at Victoria Road/Buzzell Field. The TAC is continuing to investigate the feasibility and desirability of moving the crosswalk from the east side of the intersection to the west side.

### **Background**

The Department of Public Works and TAC received a message from a resident of Columbia Road regarding the safety of the crosswalk on Summer Street at Victoria Road and the entrance to Buzzell Field. The primary concern was that when vehicles are parked on the eastbound approach to the crosswalk, the visibility of pedestrians trying to cross from the Buzzell Field sign is obscured by the parked vehicles. This happens because Summer Street curves to the right approaching the crosswalk. As a result, pedestrians stepping into the crosswalk from the field have parked cars to their immediate left, blocking their view of oncoming traffic and drivers' views of them trying to cross. This is an issue whenever Buzzell Field is in use for games as there is no off-street parking available in the area. As an initial step, TAC recommends posting no parking on the eastbound side of Summer Street from 40 feet before the crosswalk at Victoria Road/Buzzell Field to five feet after the crosswalk. The TAC is continuing to consider other possible measures, including potentially moving the crosswalk from the east side of the intersection to the west side.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Muise, Chair

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