



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town of Arlington

Planning and Community Development Department, 730 Mass Ave,

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c/o Daniel Amstutz

To: Select Board

From: TAC

Subject: Traffic Calming on Herbert Road at Magnolia Park

Date: June 3, 2019

Recommendation

The TAC recommends the Select Board take no action at this time on the request for traffic calming measures on Herbert Road at the entrance to Magnolia Park. The TAC will monitor traffic speeds and volume on Herbert Road this summer to evaluate the effectiveness of the speed safety zone on approved by the Select Board at its January 9, 2019 meeting. Additional traffic calming measures can be considered if warranted by the results of the speed safety zone evaluation.

Background

During the planning for the reconstruction of the Magnolia playground, the Recreation Department requested that the TAC evaluate the installation of a speed table (raised intersection) at the intersection of Herbert Road and Magnolia Street/entrance to Magnolia Park. The TAC did not recommend the speed table because of the estimated cost of over \$100,000. As an alternative to the speed table, TAC proceeded to evaluate the implementation of a speed safety zone (20 mph) at the entrance to Magnolia Park. At TAC's recommendation, the Select Board approved the speed safety zone at January 9, 2019 meeting. On May 2, 2019, the Select Board forwarded to TAC a citizen petition requesting traffic calming measures on Herbert Road at Magnolia Park. The TAC believes no action be taken on this request until the effect of the speed safety zone on traffic speed and volume can be evaluated. The TAC plans to conduct this evaluation during the summer months when the park will be at its busiest.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Muise, Chair

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