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Subject: Mass Ave./ Appleton St./Appleton Pl.

Dear Select Board,

I am a resident of East Arlington and a member of East Arlington Liveable Streets (EALS). I ride my bike in Arlington to run errands, exercise and attend meetings. I find that Massachusetts Avenue presents safety hazards to bicyclist, and, because of this, I often take alternative routes that I find safer, although they are less convenient.

The recent death of Charlie Proctor, a bicyclist, at Massachusetts Avenue and Appleton, is a tragedy.

Arlington needs to prevent any such catastrophes in the future.

I urge the Select Board to work with other Town officials to implement a two-phased plan:

- SHORT TERM - with new roadway striping, modest restrictions on parking, and signs, the bike lane that currently ends at the Dunkin Donuts just west of Appleton should be extended to at least Burton St or, ideally, to connect to the existing bike lanes east of Brattle Square. Inexpensive flex posts could also be installed on the double yellow line to force left-turning motorist to use a tighter radius and more slowly.
- LONG TERM - building off of the 2012 CTPS report, a new traffic study and design plan must begin very soon. With appropriate public involvement, this could be a year-long process. Finding funding, final bid documents and construction could easily take a couple more years as well. Based on that, it is imperative that the Town initiate the short term plan this summer.

This is a very stressful time for all of us. I appreciate your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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