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Subject: Bike Safety.

Hello,

I'm a long time bike commuter and have commuted by bicycle to work since 2004 in Providence RI, Cambridge MA, San Francisco CA, and Arlington MA. I have also bike trekked around the Greater Boston Area including one bike trip years ago from Boston to Montreal over the course of a week. I have experience biking in many conditions in many cities.

When I'm not under lockdown and it is not icy out, I ride my bicycle to work everyday, often with my kids in tow. I obey the law. I stop at traffic lights. I stop at stop signs. I give pedestrians the right of way. I try to ride predictably. I like to ride fast but limit my speed on the bike path, in traffic and while passing parked cars. I'm teaching my kids proper bike safety and to wear helmets. It is also my major source of exercise which should hopefully improve my general health.

I'm an active voting resident of Arlington and bought a home with my family last year.

Please improve road safety at the intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton St where Charles Proctor was killed.

Over the years I've seen more and more bikes on the street. It is a great form of commuting. But it is obvious the roads were not designed for bikes or pedestrians. That can change.

Please work with the town to help fix this issue:

- 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.

Thank you,
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