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Subject: Improvements in Bike Infrastructure in Arlington

Good morning,

As you are aware, a bicyclist, Charles Proctor, was killed in a crash with a motor vehicle on Massachusetts Ave on May 5. I did not know Charlie, but my friend & colleague was a dear friend of his - so this hits very close to my heart.

I am a resident of Somerville, and often ride my bike to visit friends in Arlington. Most of the time I'm doing that with my family bike and with our kids in the family bike.

I'd request that the safety of this intersection and those like it be added as an agenda item for today's Select Board meeting.

Although great improvements have been made to Mass Ave in East Arlington those improvements haven't been made to the section that Mr. Proctor died on. Multiple viable recommendations were made in the 2012 memo titled "FFY 2011 Safety and Operations Analyses at Selected Boston Region MPO Intersections: Massachusetts Avenue at Appleton Street and Appleton Place in Arlington". I'm told that there are at least 5 other intersections of concern on Mass Ave with poor sight lines and chaotic lanes.

Improving bike infrastructure will help keep us all safe on the roads, and will increase the attractiveness of Arlington as a city in which to live and visit.

Thank you for your consideration,

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