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Subject: Safety at Mass Ave & Appleton St.

Dear Arlington Select Board,

The intersection at Mass Ave. and Appleton St. is a proven danger that needs immediate action to protect our safety. The dangerous conditions have been documented since the CTPS study in 2012. Our failure to act on these recommendations has put people at risk, including our children who attend Ottoson Middle School. Tragically, this resulted in the death of Charlie Proctor earlier this month.

The town of Arlington has to take both immediate and long-term actions. I support the measures recommended by East Arlington Livable Streets:

- 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 righter 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.

The Town of Arlington has to take action to prevent another tragedy.

Regards,
Jennifer Litowski