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Subject: Request for improvements in bicycle safety in Arlington

Dear Select Board of Arlington-

In light of the recent death of bicyclist Charlie Proctor in Arlington, I ask that you work with other town officials to make improvements in bicycle safety in our town. As someone who commutes everyday by bike in normal times as well as rides recreationally around town with my family, I see firsthand the dangers that exist for the large number of cyclists that use our town roads and paths. I have also seen the great benefits of initiatives that have taken place East Arlington and in Cambridge. I am also hopeful about the progress made at Lake St and the bike path. Even when riding in my car I am mindful and appreciative of the dedicate bike lines that keep everyone safe and minimize tragedies. I ask that you implement this two part plan summarized 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 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.

Thanks for your time and consideration-

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