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Subject: Shared / Slow Streets, Mass Ave & Appleton Street [Was: Re: Sidewalk Space for Social Distancing / Suspending Mandatory Sidewalk Use]

Diane,

Thank you for voting to move forward with the Shared Streets / Slow Streets pilot at the 5/18 meeting. Given the results of the pilot, I encourage the board to broadly empower the manager and transportation planner to resume and expand the Shared Streets / Slow Streets program and related measures like lane conversions and temporary sidewalk expansions.

Also, I'm sure you've received or are soon to receive correspondence from the various advisory committees (TAC, ABAC) and advocacy groups like EALS regarding the fatal crash at Mass & Appleton. This area has long been a sore spot on my commute, and over the years I have witnessed several close calls and the aftermath of more than one crash. It is a danger to our most vulnerable travelers and a barrier to kids getting to school safely. I urge the select board to support the installation of quick-build interim remediations in this area of Mass Ave while the town works on design and funding for a more permanent solution.