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Thank you for discussing the tragic bicycle accident at this intersection at the June 8 Select Board meeting, and for taking steps to study the situation further.

As a nearby resident on Peirce St., I must use this area frequently, and I have experienced many close calls. A comprehensive traffic review is long overdue, and both short-term and long-term changes are needed to address bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle usage.

I would urge you to expand the scope of the review to include the entire Mass Ave corridor from Forest/Burton Streets through the equally difficult V intersection at Lowell St. A change at Appleton to address this particular bicycle incident is only one part of the overall problem.

For the committee, I would also urge inclusion of someone from the Ottoson School, and/or perhaps one of the crossing guards who has first-hand knowledge of the difficulties at the intersection. Although school is not in session now, school-related car and pedestrian activity is also a critical issue for the entire corridor and adjacent streets.

Thank you for your consideration,
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