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**Subject:** Concern regarding traffic design for Mass Ave block between Appleton Street, Mass Ave and Burton Street.

**From:** Jane Foley <Janefoley@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 8:18 AM

**To:** mkrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us

**CC:**

Marie, Please Share this note With the select board.

The businesses and neighbors of this area are deeply concerned With the plans that are being discussed for the removal of parking spaces on Mass Ave and replaced with a bike lane.

We are completely in agreement that Something needs to be done to prevent more accidents with bicycle and cars in this location.

We do not feel that the options presented are the answer to the issue of accidents in this area.

I understand there are reasons not to put speed bumps on Mass Ave as it is frowned upon as winter plowing may be difficult, and

That a steady over the street traffic light is not in the budget and may possibly be a long term solution, but to lose the tax revenue from the businesses that will need to find optional work sites will be not only be a financial loss but another section of Arlington with empty office and storefronts.

I know this is not an easy decision but in reality, I truly believe that the bike path should be used by the bikes that are using Mass Ave in the section .It is 1 block away from Massachusetts avenue.!

I understand that the Massachusetts state legislature is looking to make registration requirements for bike riders and I am in full agreement for this. It will provide The police department and Automobile drivers some recourse for those bike riders that are spoiling it for so many reliable and conscientious bicycle owners.

In the meantime we request much better signage For both Appleton street and Mass Ave that will ensure safety for both pedestrians and vehicle traffic and will allow this area to continue to prosper .

Francis and Jane Foley

1182 Massachusetts Ave

Arlington, MA

Ps Hope you are doing better ! Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

We are writing to you all to explain our concerns regarding the two temporary options for improving the traffic situation in our neighborhood between the Mass Ave /Appleton Street area. We have been residents and tax payers in Arlington for over 40 years and have lived in the Arlington Heights area for all those years. We now reside in a town house at 1182 Massachusetts Ave, directly in the middle of the area of concern. Our front windows give us a perfect view of the street 24 hours every day.

We are pleased to see that the town is now aware of the issues concerning this section but are not sure that the two options presented are the answer, even temporarily, to the issue.

Let me outline our concerns...

1. Our main concern is for the safety of the pedestrians, students crossing, bicycle riders and car operators . Ways this can be adjusted are numerous and I'm sure that there are pointers from the police, fire, public works etc that nullify some of the ideas that are not possible. However, let us begin with simple solutions:

- Speed limit lighted signs on Mass Ave and Appleton- future full stop signals.

- Stop signs in the same locations

- Consider no turns off Mass Ave at this point

- Provide police to ticket frequently at this intersection

- Speed bumps and bump outs could work but might be a danger for snowplows etc.

Move student crossing to Burton and Mass Ave with traffic supervisors. This will slow down traffic at the time they are moving kids to school and slow traffic within that block as the bus stop is also dropping off students and workers.

Bike riders must also be stopped for not slowing down off the hill on Appleton to Mass Ave, as well as picking up speed on the straight away of Mass Ave.

Speeding motorcycles and bicycles are a huge issue for this stretch of street.

2. Another major issue to the plan to eliminate parking along one side of the street to accommodate a bike lane. With the shortage of parking throughout the town, I can't even imagine elimination of any parking on Mass Ave! The opposite side of Mass Avenue from our townhouse are at least 10 to 12 viable businesses , some have been there for many, many years and others are extremely active. Most have clients coming and going all day long and I'm sure are strong tax paying residents in our community! To jepordise these active successful businesses is a travesty! Look around town and see the empty store fronts....do you want to add to this?

Solutions from a neighbors viewpoint? How about cutting the sidewalk( the town owns) and making room for a bike lane...both sides of the street the side walks could eliminate the grass (that doesn't grow good anyway) That would keep the parking and the bikes ..

This is reaching but...down near Lake St. there is a bus lane dedicated to buses..how about a dedicated bike lane for early morning (6-9 am) and maybe again in the late

afternoon? Businesses could have parking during the major business hours and share the space during rush times.

3. My last concern is procedure in the process

Why wasn't there more involvement by participants of the district being discussed?

Why was a vote taken and one person who we were told had left the committee voted?

Why did the 'chair person' vote? I understand it is only in a tie the Chair votes.

Why haven't they talked about the "Vision 2020 or whatever been discussed? A new hotel has been approved...Mirak wants housing allowed behind his property? This certainly affects this area directly...and is in the future plans...

More building on Mill Street for a church meeting house that is able to seat 250 to 300 people? Where do they park??

I'm sure you are all aware of these issues but we felt a need to stress the issues to the number of long term residents that have supported all the improvements throughout the years in Arlington. **Please, please carefully consider no vote to the Mass/Appleton recommendation until the entire project is clarified.**

Jane and Fran Foley

1182 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, MA 02476

July 16, 2021

Honorable Select Board  
Town of Arlington

Re; Proposed changes to the Intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton Street

Honorable Members of the Select Board,

It has been brought to our attention that at the meeting of the Mass Ave/Appleton Design Review Committee on July 8, 2021 it was voted to present you with "Option 2" that would eliminate much of the parking, 41% per the plan, 22 parking spaces, between Forest Street and Richardson Ave.

In our opinion this is an overly extreme measure, not giving any consideration to the residents, Commercial Business Owners, Tenants, their customers and clients that depend upon the businesses and services they provide to the community at large.

We recognize and agree that safety improvements should be made to the intersection, but in a much more thoughtful manner to all involved. Many of the abutters most directly impacted, met with Dan Amstutz and Allison Carter on July 7, 2021 to review the plans for "Option 1" and "Option 2" as possible solutions to the safety concerns for this intersection. For the most part all are in agreement with most of the safety measures proposed in "Option 1", adding safety without having a detrimental effect on the business and homeowners.

The elimination of parking in this area, which is already tight, would have a devastating impact on the businesses located there as well as the hundreds of customers and clients they serve on a weekly basis.

We respectfully ask that you reject the plan outlined and labeled as "Option 2" and work towards a more balanced resolution to this issue.

Respectfully,

William F. Copithorne – Owner Sweeney & O'Connell RE and 11189-1203 Mass Ave  
Elaine A. Copithorne – Co-Owner Sweeney & O'Connell RE and 1189-1203 Mass Ave  
Kevin Fallon – Owner of Millbrook Animal Clinic, Tenant of 1183 Mass Ave  
Melinda Fallon – Millbrook Animal Clinic , Tenant of 1183 Mass Ave  
S. Nicholas Kriketos – Representative of St. Athanasius Church  
Mary Tremblay – Homeowner 1180 Mass Ave.  
Frances Foley – Homeowner 1182 Mass Ave  
Jane Foley – Homeowner 1182 Mass Ave  
Barbara McCauley – Homeowner 1184 Mass Ave



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Jim McCauley – Homeowner 1184 Mass Ave.  
Pat Machalinski – Homeowner 1188 Mass Ave  
Kevin Lam – Homeowner 1188 Mass Ave  
Carol McDonald – Homeowner 1192 Mass Ave  
Leo McDonald – Homeowner 1192 Mass Ave  
Jorge Loayza – Homeowner 1 Burton Street  
Maria Loayza – Homeowner 1 Burton Street  
Masnsour Bagherzadeh – Homeowner 3 Burton Street  
Julie Bagherzadeh – Homeowner 3 Burton Street  
Tom Tierney – Homeowner 15 Burton Street  
Maureen Tierney – Homeowner 15 Burton Street  
Sean Galvin – Owner of 1183-1187 Mass Ave  
Suzanne Baratta Owayda – Owner of Mosaic Oasis, Tenant 1189A Mass Ave  
Deborah Nowell – Law Office of Deborah Nowell, Tenant 1193 Mass Ave  
Robert O’Sullivan – Owner Ranch Roofing, Tenant 1191 Mass Ave  
Alan Simao – Owner Showcase Homes, Tenant 1193B Mass Ave  
Loanchi Huynh – Owner of All Star Cleaner, Tenant 1195 Mass Ave.  
Barry Munroe – Owner Munroe Construction, Tenant 1195R Mass Ave  
Fred Whitney – Owner Fred Whitney Plumbing, Tenant 1195R Mass Ave  
Dawn Marshall – Resident and Agent at S&O 1189 Mass Ave  
Heidi Zweigle – Resident and Agent at S&O RE 1189 Mass Ave  
Bill Cronin -Agent at S&O RE 1189 Mass Ave  
Elizabeth Diggins – Resident and Agent at S&O RE 1189 Mass Ave.  
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September 8, 2021

Select Board  
Town of Arlington  
760 Mass Ave  
Arlington, MA 02476

**RE: short-term safety improvements to the Mass Ave and Appleton Street/Appleton Place intersection in Arlington**

Dear Select Board,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the issue being considered on September 13, 2021 regarding the short-term safety improvements to the Mass Ave./Appleton intersection ("Intersection"). My Law Office has been operating at 1193 Mass Ave. ("Office") for over fifteen (15) years and I have closely observed the Intersection and its associated issues, including the history of accidents. I recently discovered that the Town was discussing options to improve the safety of the Intersection by overhearing a discussion at the Leader Bank next to my Office. I was surprised to learn that there was a design group that had been meeting for over a year to discuss changes to improve the safety of the Intersection. I was not informed about the Town forming a design group nor was I notified of any of the meetings that were held to discuss the matter. As I probed further into the matter, I learned that most of my neighbors, many of whom have operated businesses in the block for over five (5) years, were all unaware of any discussions and had not been asked for input. Because there was very limited input from the residents and business owners that are most knowledgeable and will be most affected by the decision, the Town should seek their input prior to making a decision. Residents and business owners will be able to help the Town develop a comprehensive list of pros and cons that can be properly evaluated.

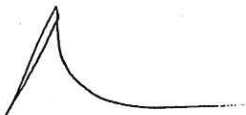
Should the Select Board feel that the Town satisfied its requirements for notice and opts to vote on the matter, please note that design option 2 ("Option 2"), the one being recommended by the Community

Redevelopment Committee, places an unnecessary burden on the businesses that will be the most affected. While the safety of residents is the primary concern, the solution should be the one that interferes least with the residents and business owners. It is my understanding that the engineering company that compiled these options did not indicate that either option was "safer" than the other. As a result, the Town is obligated to select the solution that will cause the least harm to its residents and business owners. If Option 2 is implemented, I am certain that my business and others will be forced to relocate.

Finally, this decision should consider the Town's goal to decarbonize the Town. Increasing bicycle use and decreasing automobile use is a major tool in achieving this goal, but is only one tool. The presence of functioning businesses is another essential component in achieving this goal. It is well established that urban residents have a lower carbon footprint because cities promote more efficient living by providing close access to grocery stores, doctors, dentists, banks, veterinarians, dry cleaners and other services that are necessary for daily functioning. In the absence of viable business presence, the Town will struggle to encourage alternative transportation. Option 2 interferes with the needs of business owners to have off Street parking and will result in the unintended consequence of eliminating many businesses in the blocks between Appleton and Richardson Streets. It is undeniable that these businesses provide essential and convenient services to the residents of Arlington Heights and the Town as a whole. This decision sadly comes at a time when the Town is struggling to keep many retail spaces filled. The effects of the pandemic have hit retail and small businesses the hardest and it would be disastrous to business owners and the Town to take actions that would further harm them.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Nowell'. The signature is stylized with a large, sharp peak at the beginning and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Deborah Nowell

Cc Jennifer Raitt, Adam Chapdelaine





September 9, 2021

Select Board  
Town of Arlington  
760 Mass Ave  
Arlington, MA 02476

Re; Proposed changes to the Intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton Street

Honorable Members of the Select Board,

As a follow-up to my letter dated June 16, 2021 and after further consultaion with my Mass Ave neighbors, I must reiterate my opposition to the proposed changes to the intersection. The proposed removal of a significant amount of parking in the area will be devastating to a number of the businesses along this stretch of Mass Ave as they depend on this parking for their customers and clients. Further it would create a hardship for the residents that live in the area.

I do agree that there is a need for some safety improvements to the intersection, but as I am not a traffic expert, I can not speak to what the right and fair solution is.

One of the problems I have is with the whole process. Abbutters, whether residents, business owners and/or property owners in the affected area have been in large part left out of these discussions. I personally have never heard from anyone in the Planning Department or the Economic Development office, who I would think would want to maintain the viability of the businesses in the area.

Another problem I have is the apparent focus on making short term changes. Personally I think we should be looking at permanent solutions as a more financially sound pathway.

As some of you may know, I own the buildings located at 1189-1195 Mass Ave and 1201-1203 Mass Ave where I have seven storefront businesses as well as the Leader Bank Branch. These businesses are reliant on parking for their customers and clients and a few have indicated that they will need to relocate their businesses if this proposal moves forward, resulting in more vacant storefronts. Something no one is interested in seeing along Mass Ave.

I respectfully ask that this proposal be voted down and other options be developed with more input from those of us most affected.

Respectfully,

William F. Copithorne  
1189 Mass Ave.

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## PETITION

To: The Select Board of the Town of Arlington

We, the undersigned, are **NOT** in favor of the plan titled Option 2, voted by the Mass Ave/ Appleton Design Review Committee to be presented to the Select Board. This plan would eliminate 41%, or 22 total car parking spaces between Forest Street and Richardson Ave, creating hardship for the residents, businesses, and their customers and clients.

We respectfully ask the board to vote **NO** on this proposal and work to seek a better solution for all that are affected.

Jane Foley 1182 Mass Ave Arl  
Francis B. Foley 1182 MASS AVE ARLINGTON  
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1195 Mass Ave - Arlington

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**Date:** 08/05/2021 07:31 AM  
**Subject:** Support for Mass. Ave. and Appleton redesign

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To the Arlington Select Board,

I am writing to support the short-term changes and long term redesign of the Appleton and Mass. Ave. intersection. I am the parent of a student that will be at Ottoson in another year, as well as two that have attended previously. I bike and drive through this intersection regularly.

With multiple, recent crashes at this intersection, including one causing a tragic death, it's clear that safety improvements need to be made. I fully support the proposal by the Project Advisory Committee for short-term changes and long-term redesign. In particular, I support the short-term changes that protect pedestrians and cyclists here, such as striped buffers, flex posts, better bike lanes, and improved intersection geometry.

I also feel that these changes are also in line with Arlington's Climate Action Plan, Sustainable Transportation Plan, and Complete Streets policy.

Thank you,  
Ray Jones  
51A Wyman Terrace



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**Subject:** in support of safety improvements at Mass Ave/Appleton

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Hi. I am writing in support of the safety improvements at Mass Ave. and Appleton, to help avoid further tragedies there. That intersection causes stress every time I pass it. I hope for the success of both the short-term improvements proposed by the project advisory committee and also a longer-term solution that may be planned. Thank you for all your work to keep Arlington safe and also to support bicycle and bus transportation in a time of climate emergency even if it requires changes to our current layout of Massachusetts Ave. These changes seem like an inconvenience at first glance, but really they give me hope because they promote a sense that our town government really can handle the transitions that these times require. Best, Parke

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**Date:** 08/07/2021 09:07 PM  
**Subject:** Please support safety improvements at Mass Ave & Appleton St.

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Dear Select Board of Arlington,

I strongly support the proposed plan for short-term safety improvements at the intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton Street, including a bike lane going west-bound, a protected bike lane going eastbound, and features to slow down or even restrict vehicles turning left onto Appleton Str. When my child attended Ottoson Middle School (he's currently a student at AHS), the lack of a safe route meant that I never allowed him to ride his bike there. Tragically, our assessment that this intersection is dangerous was proven to be correct when Thomas Proctor was killed there last year. Please vote to approve the Advisory Committee's recommended plan and implement it quickly. In the long term, I strongly support a full redesign of this intersection to include permanent features to improve safety and ease of use for people biking, walking and taking transit.

Our children deserve to have a safe way to walk and bike to school. It's important for their health and ability to develop independence. This generation is passionate about fighting climate change – let's give them the tools to do so.

Regards,  
Jennifer Litowski

**From:** Christopher Tonkin <tonkinc@comcast.net>  
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**Subject:** Mass Ave Appleton Intersection Design Review.

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To the Select Board:

I am writing to you after a unanimous vote by the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC) on August 18 to endorse the "Option 2" plan that was approved by the Appleton/Mass Ave Design Review Committee. We believe that Option 2 of the two plans proposed by Green International provides the best plan for a quick-term solution to the issues presented by this intersection and will help protect lives of bike and pedestrian users of this corridor.

We note that it has been nearly 18 months since the tragic crash that precipitated the Review. We feel that we need to move forward with due diligence with a short-term solution to the problems that this intersection presents while not losing site of the need for a more permanent long-term solution that ensures the safety of all users of this intersection.

Thanks for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions or if we can assist further with this important initiative.

Christopher Tonkin

Chairperson, Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

(and member of the Design Review Committee)



**From:** "Stephen DeCoursey" <SDeCoursey@town.arlington.ma.us>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Appleton and Mass Ave

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Hello,

As an Arlington resident and active bicycle commuter, I'm writing to voice my support for changes to the Appleton and Mass Ave intersection to make it safer for cyclists and motorists alike. I find the lack of action on this since the incidents of 2020 to be unacceptable. Please act to improve this situation.

Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Bruce Pierce  
65 Bellington St.  
Arlington, MA 02476

**From:** "Stephen DeCoursey" <SDeCoursey@town.arlington.ma.us>  
**To:** "Ashley Maher" <AMaher@town.arlington.ma.us>  
**Date:** 09/09/2021 09:37 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please support bike lane at Appleton and Mass Ave

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Subject: Please support bike lane at Appleton and Mass Ave

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Dear Town Manager Chapdelaine, Select Board Members, and other important town officials,

Please do everything you can to build bike lanes at Appleton and Mass Ave when the issue comes up on Monday. I live in East Arlington and often do landscaping work in the Heights. I have traveled by bicycle through that intersection literally hundreds of times for work (yes I do landscaping work using a bicycle). The three accidents last year made clear it is an unsafe intersection.

When there was a fatal accident in Powderhouse Sq the city of Somerville responded with a temporary bike lane within three days. Over a year later we still don't have a bike lane? That does not reflect well on our town.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,  
Eli

**From:** "Stephen DeCourcey" <SDeCourcey@town.arlington.ma.us>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Bike lanes for Appleton St and Mass Ave

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Dear Arlington officials,

I'm writing to voice my support for improving bike safety in Arlington by creating bike lanes on major traffic routes. The immediate need is for protected bike lanes at the intersection of Appleton St and Mass Ave. I urge you to support the proposal by the design review committee.

Thank you  
Elaine Lyte  
53 Dorothy Rd

Sent from my iPad



**From:** "Stephen DeCoursey" <SDeCoursey@town.arlington.ma.us>  
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**Date:** 09/09/2021 09:46 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bike Safety: Appleton St and Mass Ave

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Subject: Bike Safety: Appleton St and Mass Ave

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I live at 67 Fremont St. in Arlington. I am informing my friends and family in Arlington to support the proposal to add bike lanes as described below. I've commuted by bike in the Arlington/Boston area for 20+ years and am a long-time resident. Many high income tech workers like me prefer to commute by bike; investing in bike infrastructure is investing in the city.

I strongly support bike safety in Arlington. This could have been me or a loved one.

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Last year Charles Proctor was hit and killed by a driver while he was biking home. His partner Allison was also hit but thankfully survived the crash. In response,

A design review committee was created to develop a proposal, and the group has proposed adding bike lanes through this intersection to make travel safer. You can review their proposal and read the [post](#) on MassBike's website.

Arlington made a small, temporary effort to station an officer to restrict left turns in the evening rush hour. But Arlington has failed to make permanent changes to this dangerous intersection to prevent future tragedies, even after a second similar (but thankfully not fatal) crash happened a month later.

Let's be frank. When Allison Donovan was killed in Somerville on Powder House Blvd, the City of Somerville took three days to make quick build changes to slow traffic where she was killed. Arlington has done nothing after 15 months and this is absolutely absurd. This must change or Arlington will continue to react to tragedies instead of preventing them.

Thanks,

Chris

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Dear Town of Arlington-

I am writing to impress upon you to pass the plans to change the intersection of Appleton Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue. We live in the Stratton area and my daughter would have had to walk across that corner on her way to the Ottoson Middle School daily. After watching a car blow through that intersection in the rain when the crossing guard was in the middle of the street one of her first days of school, I refused to let my daughter walk to or from the Ottoson during her middle school years.

That intersection is dangerous whether you are on foot, on a bike or, frankly, in a car turning onto or off of one of those streets. It's a bad intersection right now and it needs to be adjusted.

I am aware, through my daughter, that there is a plan being proposed to find a safe and alternative design for that intersection at an upcoming meeting. I would fully support that plan before another bicyclist (or student on their way to school) is killed.

Respectfully,

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