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Subject: Blue Bikes Rack and pedestrian safety at Railroad parking lot

Dear Mr. Amstutz:

As you will recall, I represent Mr. Megerditchian and RM Realty the owner of 635 Massachusetts Avenue which borders on the eastern end of the Railroad Parking lot.

On the October 25, 2021 the Select Board, agenda included item Number 13 the proposal to move the Blue Bike station from the location on the parking itself onto the sidewalk immediately adjacent to my client's building, which I also occupy as my office. As we had explained the notice for this meeting was not delivered to RM Realty until several days following that meeting which precluded Mr. Megerditchian from being able to speak against this proposed location.

On November 2, 2021 you met with, Mr. Megerditchian, Ms. Adams, his Office Manager and myself at the Bluebike station and we reviewed the proposed move and it was pointed out to you that the proposed location is impractical and actually presents a hazard to not only my client's property and his tenants, but to the general walking public as well. That area of sidewalk, which my clients sweeps and clears of snow is heavily used by the tenants of Winslow Towers and those who park in the parking lot and those who use the Minutemen bike path. As we demonstrated with measuring tapes that day the usable sidewalk area once the station was moved and the bikes were in placed is reduced to about three (3) feet. This reduction in sidewalk width will effectively prevent the clearing of snow and ice and will impede pedestrians, many of whom from Winslow Towers traverse this stretch of sidewalk with shopping carts, mobility walkers or are in

wheelchairs. In addition the station would partially block the three rear entrances to 637 Mass. Ave., all of which are heavily used. In addition, this portion of the sidewalk accumulates a lot of standing water following rain storms as well as ice in the winter and it would impossible to safely navigate the area if the Bluebike station was placed where proposed.

On Nov. 2, 2021 we pointed out another option for the bike rack location, which was the stretch of sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking lot, that is within several feet of the then proposed location and which has the added benefit of being very lightly used, if at all. Together we measured this area and found it to be of adequate size and as flat as the proposed area. You indicated that you would speak to the Bluebike people and get back to us on the acceptability of the different location. We never heard back from anyone.

Today, Dec. 1, 2021, without any warning the location of the Bluebike station was moved to the area of the sidewalk that is immediately adjacent to my clients building. This is unacceptable for all of the reasons detailed above. I have attached a photograph of the now moved Bluebike station and the restricted sidewalk area with a marked the area that we proposed and reviewed with you as a safer and more pedestrian friendly and building owner/occupant friendly location for the Bluebike Station.

We are requesting that the Bluebike station be relocated or that the Select Board reopen their hearing on this matter so that my client's views and position can be heard and considered.

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