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NOTIFICATION: Proposed Changes to Bus Stops Along Routes 78 and 62/76 on Park Ave and Wachusett Ave Between Mass Ave and Route 2

PUBLIC MEETING: December 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/parkavebusstops>

Public Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParkAveBusStops>

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The Town is hosting a public meeting at the above date and time regarding a proposal by the MBTA to complete accessibility upgrades and potentially relocate, eliminate, and consolidate bus stops within Arlington as part of the MBTA's Bus Stop Accessibility and Safety Improvements Program. This will be a virtual public meeting and you may register to attend at the above link. The MBTA has reviewed the bus stops for Routes 78 and 62/76 along the Park Ave corridor between Mass Ave and Route 2, as well as along Wachusett Ave, as part of the MBTA's goals to address major access barriers at bus stops and improve bus service.

The MBTA proposes to make changes to the existing bus stops identified on the following pages and attachments of this letter. The purpose of these changes are to create safe and accessible stop locations for all riders and improve bus service and reliability. They include improving bus stops for ADA-access, consolidating bus stops too close to one another into new stops, and eliminating high-barrier and low-ridership stops. The MBTA requires concurrence from the Town of Arlington Select Board to implement these changes.

You are receiving this notice because you are an abutter along the Park Ave or Wachusett Ave corridor where the changes are proposed. Town staff and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will also review the proposal and provide comments to the Board. **To submit comments, please fill out this survey by Friday, December 24, at 5:00 pm:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParkAveBusStops>. Town staff will review these comments with the MBTA and make a final recommendation to the Select Board at a meeting in January or February 2022. Abutters and other members of the public may also comment directly to the Select Board at that time.

For clarifying questions regarding the MBTA's proposal, please contact Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner, at damstutz@town.arlington.ma.us or 781-316-3093.

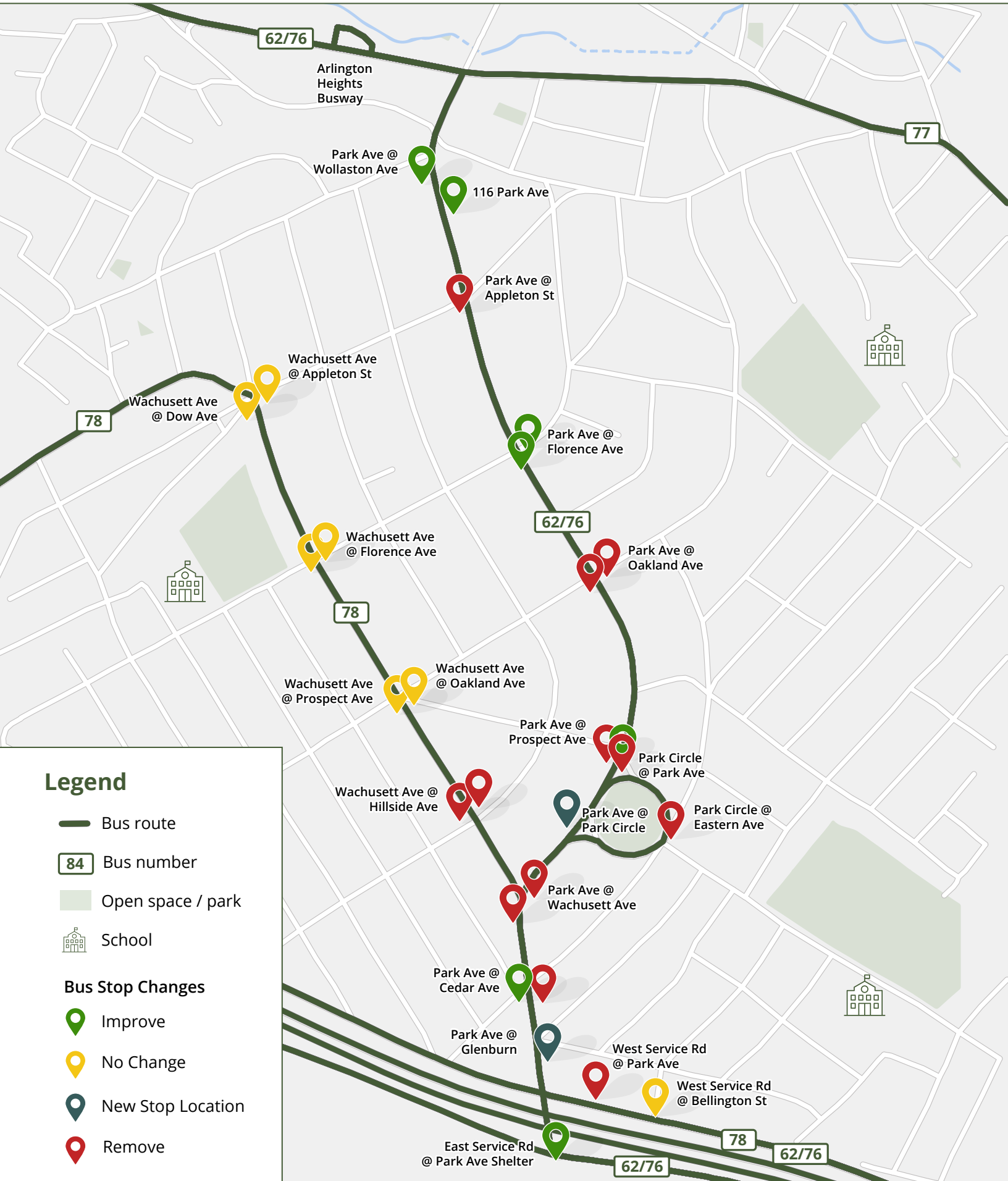
List of Proposed Stop Changes

Route 62/76	
Northbound/Outbound to Bedford VA	
Stop Location	Proposed Change
West Service Rd @ Bellington Street	No Change
West Service Rd @ Park Ave	Remove stop, consolidate to new stop
Park Ave @ Glenburn	New Stop
Park Ave @ Cedar Ave	Remove stop, consolidate to new stop
Park Ave @ Opposite Wachusett Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Park Circle	Improve stop accessibility
Park Ave @ Oakland Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Florence Ave	Improve stop accessibility
116 Park Ave	Improve stop accessibility
Southbound/Inbound to Alewife Station	
Stop Location	Proposed Change
Park Ave @ Wollaston Ave	Improve stop accessibility
Park Ave @ Appleton Street	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Florence Ave	Improve stop accessibility
Park Ave @ Oakland Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Prospect Ave	Remove stop, relocate to new stop
Park Ave @ Park Circle	New Stop
Park Ave @ Wachusett Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Cedar Ave	Improve stop accessibility
East Service Road @ Park Ave Shelter	Improve stop accessibility

Route 78	
Northbound/Outbound to Arlmont	
Stop Location	Proposed Change
West Service Rd @ Bellington Street	No Change
West Service Rd @ Park Ave	Remove stop, consolidate to new stop
Park Ave @ Glenburn	New Stop
Park Ave @ Cedar Ave	Remove stop, consolidate to new stop
Park Ave @ Opposite Wachusett Ave	Remove stop
Park Circle @ Eastern Ave	Remove stop
Park Circle @ Park Ave	Remove stop
Wachusett Ave @ Hillside Ave	Remove Stop
Wachusett Ave @ Oakland Ave	No Change
Wachusett Ave @ Florence Ave	No Change
Wachusett Ave @ Appleton Street	No Change
Southbound/Inbound to Harvard Station	
Stop Location	Proposed Change
Wachusett Ave @ Dow Ave	No Change
Wachusett Ave @ Florence Ave	No Change
Wachusett Ave @ Prospect Ave	No Change
Wachusett Ave @ Hillside Ave	Remove stop
Park Circle @ Eastern Ave	Remove stop
Park Circle @ Park Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Park Circle	New Stop
Park Ave @ Wachusett Ave	Remove stop
Park Ave @ Cedar Ave	Improve stop accessibility
East Service Road @ Park Ave Shelter	Improve stop accessibility

MBTA PROPOSED CHANGES

Bus Stops at Park Ave and Wachusett Ave



MBTA PROPOSED STOP NETWORK

Bus Stops at Park Ave and Wachusett Ave



Legend

- Bus route
- 78 Bus number
- Open space / park
- School
- Bus Stop Changes**
 - Improve
 - No Change
 - New Stop Location