Park Avenue Safety For All

Arlington Select Board
January 22, 2024

Safety on Park Avenue has been an ongoing issue...











...with negative impacts on residents.

"I have seen ***countless crashes and near-misses***, some of those in front of me while trying to cross with my little one, or my teens crossing with friends and being missed by a hair."

"Concerned Dallin Parent whose ***child will be crossing Oakland and Park*** to go to Ottoson in 2024."

"Resident whose ***vehicle was totaled at the Park/Florence intersection*** by a reckless driver, fortunately with no one seriously injured."

"Former town meeting member, former daycare family, and ***family of person who got hit and nearly killed*** on his bicycle in 2023 by person driving on Park Ave."

"Just yesterday my friend shared that ***her teenager almost got hit by a car while she was in the crosswalk***."

"I often drive in that area and ***agree that safety improvements are needed***."

This is a shared goal with broad stakeholder support in the community.

Signature Breakdown

- Over 1,000 Arlington Residents
- Drivers, Pedestrians, and Cyclists
- Arlington Heights Businesses Owners and Employees
- Parents & Grandparents of Arlington Schoolchildren
- PACC Parishioners
- Town leaders, including the entire School Committee and Town Meeting Members from every precinct

Park Avenue Congregational Church, UCC
Experience the Welcome!

The Heights Pub

SOCIETY
BEAUTY BAR

Let's Learn Together
Childcare Center

The Roasted GRANOLA

d'agostino's deli

Arlington Heights Nursery School
ESTABLISHED 1965

What does the community want?

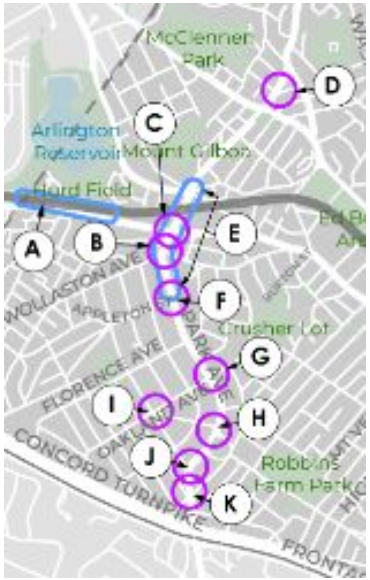
In addressing this ongoing issue, we are eager to see:

(1) ***significant improvements*** in safety for all users of this road

(2) consistent enforcement of a ***safe speed limit*** along the entire corridor, and

(3) utilization of ***quick-build strategies*** similar to those applied at Mass Ave & Appleton Street.

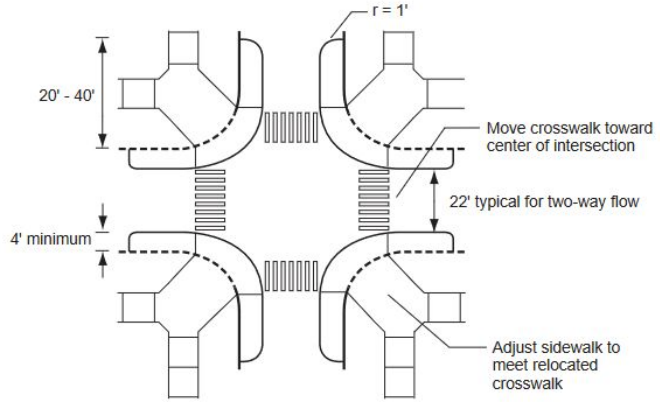
Progress is underway, but long term solutions are expensive and time intensive.



Project Name	Project Cost	Construction Duration
(H) Park Ave and Park Circle	>$500,000	2 Years
(E) Park Ave - Wollaston to Downing Square	$250,000 - $500,000	3 Years
(F) Park Ave at Appleton	>$500,000	4 Years
(C) Mass Ave at Park Ave	$250,000 - $500,000	3 Years
(G) Park Ave at Oakland Ave	$100,000 - $250,000	1 Year
(K) Park Ave at Cedar Ave and Waverly St	$100,000 - $250,000	1 Year
(J) Park Ave at Wachusetts Ave	$100,000 - $250,000	1 Year
Total	**$1.8 - $2.75+ Million**	**15 Years**

Source: Arlington, MA Complete Streets Prioritization Plan

Example quick-build solution: Curb Extensions





- Buildable with plastic bollards & paint.
- Already in Complete Streets Prioritization Plan for Park Ave
- Provide a short term test of our long term plan
- ***A typical two-way crossing is shown as 22' in the diagram. Park Ave crossings are <u>up to 170% wider</u> than this.***

Diagram Credit: 2006 MassDOT Project Development and Design Guide. Photo: Mass Ave & Appleton St

How can we use this opportunity to improve Park Ave while piloting new ideas for a safer future?

Make ***significant improvements*** that make people feel safe in their community.

Establish ***safe speed limits*** that are aligned with our goals as a town.

Apply ***quick-build strategies*** in a way that is proactive and data-driven.





Thank You!

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