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Re: In Support of Temporary Changes to Streets and Sidewalks for Social Distancing

I am writing in support of our town's ongoing efforts to implement changes to streets and sidewalks consistent with the recommendations contained in the Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition's April 13 statement to state, city, and town leaders as posted at https://www.visionzerocoalition.org/covid_recommendations_for_cities_for_street_safety

Our town was among the first to take steps to reduce the public health risk associated with high-touch shared surfaces at pedestrian crossings. I also hear planning has been underway since earlier this month to temporarily repurpose curbside roadway space for non-motorized users where sidewalks are congested. I agree that it is important to take steps so that our townspeople are better able to keep a safe distance from one another in areas where it's not practical to simply cross the street or walk in the roadway to avoid others. I respectfully encourage this board to continue to support these efforts, and to move to ensure our town's traffic rules and orders permit our residents to employ best practices for social distancing.

Sincerely,

Brian Ristuccia