

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2006
Meeting Commenced: 7:15 pm**

In Attendance:

TAC Members	Linda Nickens – Andrea Masciari – Peter Curro – Tomi Olson
Director of Community Development	Glenn Clancy
Belmont Police Department	Sergeant Kenneth Hamilton
Planning Board	Andy McClurg
BSC Group	Peter Brier – Charlie K.
Residents	Steve Carlini (Horne Road)

DISCUSSION OF HORNE ROAD

KH – Installed traffic counter and radar – Most cars not traveling over 26MPH during both the morning and evening rush hours. Most vehicles exited from municipal lot with Starbucks cups.

PB – Entered from Common Street into Starbucks

Turn restrictions were discussed. Six-month trial - No right turn from Williston onto Horne Rd. 7-9am.

KH – Proposal - No left-hand turn out of lot onto Williston Street.

GC – Proposal - No right onto Horne Rd. off of Williston

AMc – Pull Starbucks and others into project – possibly close off some of the streets to create more parking.

SC - There is talk of selling first block on Williston to close off Horne Road. As density increases, residents will have more of a buffer.

Residents will accept a one-way restriction during peak hours

AM made Motion: Between the hours of 7-9am and 4-6pm, no right turn from Williston Road onto Horne Road.

GC – This will be in effect on a six-month trial basis. Zoning changes could change this.

Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM BSC GROUP

TRAPELO ROAD AND SCHOOL STREET

PB – Presented traffic flow moving graphics. Shows that current flow backs up onto School Street. Should be two lanes in each direction, but we cannot accommodate that. The best we can do is three lanes. Level of service will remain about the same as now.

Created a left turn lane from School St. to Belmont St. Traffic is threatening to queue up into next intersection.

To solve this problem – cannot eliminate bike lane – Mass Highway won't allow it.

Proposal to eliminate parking on residential side

2 bike lanes intact

No overnight parking on Watertown side of Belmont Street during winter months.

There isn't much parking for businesses, but still, we must remove parking in order to accommodate the mandatory bike lanes. Parking is available on side streets.

AM - Four lanes would eliminate queues that could cause a lot of traffic in the Maplewood neighborhood.

PB – some would like an exclusive pedestrian controlled signal. PB will add them to concept plan.

BSC Group will present proposed plan to Watertown

WAVERLEY SQUARE (CHURCH STREET TO HAWTHORNE STREET)

Good size travel lane here (14-15' wide). Can accommodate loading and busses.

Important to keep traffic moving here. Cannot widen sidewalks.

AMc – suggestion that White Street into Waverley include two mini-roundabouts where people have to yield to each other. We may lose a little bit of parking.

KH – concerned about placement of crosswalks.

BSC – will contact MBTA regarding ridership issues including moving and/or eliminating some bus stops.

GC – Said that Tom Younger will contact Getty gas station regarding taking of land.

LN – will not be part of taking of a business, unless we have the courtesy to discuss it first with the business owner.

GC – Mass Highway will require that we preserve right of way. May balk at that section of road because of the narrowness of the road here.

Motion to Adjourn: TO

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm