



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Consideration of the Biking To School Pilot for Hardy School

Date: 9 February 2009

The TAC was requested by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to review the Biking to School Pilot program proposed by parents for the Hardy School. The then current draft of the pilot program is attached. This is the draft that was considered by the TAC.

The Pilot Program was discussed at the TAC meeting on 14 January 2009. Eric Aranow, a co-author of the proposal, made a brief presentation. We heard comments from others, including Roseann Casazza, President of the Traffic Supervisors Union.

After due discussion, the TAC voted the following statement with zero votes against and one abstention:

1. We support the draft pilot proposal that was presented to the Community Relations Subcommittee of the School Committee on 16 December 2008.
2. We request that bike racks be installed on or near school property.
3. For public health, the environment and congestion reduction on the trip to school, we support alternatives to being driven in or driving motor vehicles. Bicycling is one of these alternatives, and should not be discouraged by the schools.
4. We encourage education in both safe walking and cycling.

Members of the TAC met with the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal of Hardy School, and the Chair of the School Committee Community Relations Subcommittee on 22 January. We believe the parents will be allowed to organize a pilot program if they so choose.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Starr
Chair

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