



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Measures to Further Reduce Congestion at Stratton and Dallin Schools

Date: 9 February 2009

On the preferred walking paths to schools for Stratton and Dallin, there are four narrow streets without sidewalks very close to the schools. This results in children being in direct conflict with two-way traffic before and after school. Each of these streets is on the list for new sidewalks, but it will be quite a while before sidewalks are installed. The TAC recommends restricting parking on one-side of these streets so children have room to safely walk on that side of the roadway.

Also, the Ridge and Morningside intersection is at an acute angle with very poor visibility. A "Yield" sign is recommended on Ridge Street.

Specifics are:

Stratton School

No Parking M-F 7:45AM to 4PM to be placed on:

1. Wheeler east-side between Mountain Ave. and Dickson Ave.
2. Mountain Ave south-side between Wheeler Lane and Dickson Ave

Place a "YIELD" sign on Ridge Street approaching the intersection with Morningside

Dallin School

No Parking M-F 7:45AM to 4PM to be placed on:

1. Renfrew Street west-side between #137 and Florence Ave, a distance of about 110 feet.
2. George Street west-side between #39 and Florence Ave, a distance of about 110 feet.

The property owners who would be immediately affected by the parking restrictions have been contacted. The Dallin and Stratton principals are in agreement with the proposed measures. This change would also allow emergency vehicle access to these areas. This was emphasized by an incident in October on George Street.

The attached photos were taken during a November morning at Stratton, and show the areas of Wheeler and Mountain where signs are recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Starr

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Photo 1 (above): From Mountain east viewing intersection of Wheeler and Mountain. Stratton is on the left side.

Photo 2: Looking east on Mountain from intersection with Wheeler.

Photo 3: Looking down Wheeler from intersection with Mountain.

Photo 4: Looking west on Mountain from Dickson showing narrowness

Photo 5: Looking at Ridge/Morningside intersection from Wheeler cut-through

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