



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Crosswalk on Herbert Road at Magnolia Playground

Date: 24 January 2011

TAC was requested to address safety concerns at the crosswalk on Herbert Road at Magnolia Street and the entrance to Magnolia Field and playground.

Herbert Road is a two-lane, two-way street that borders the northeast side of Magnolia Field, which contains a playground adjacent to the street. Two-hour parking is allowed on the northeast side of the street (opposite the playground) while parking is prohibited on the southwest side adjacent to the playground. Currently, there are playground warning signs on each approach to the park. See attached photos.

Magnolia Street intersects Herbert Road from the northeast opposite the entrance to Magnolia Field. Magnolia Street is one way toward Herbert Road and the park. There is a crosswalk on Herbert Road between the east corner of the intersection and the Park entrance.

The TAC voted unanimously the following recommendations:

Immediate

- Installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on the northeast side of Herbert Road 20 feet before and after Magnolia Street to provide increased visibility for the crosswalk.
- Installation of pedestrian warning signs at the crosswalk on each approach of Herbert Rd; signs to be MUTCD W112 with W16-7P plaque (downward pointing arrow).

Long Term

- If there are continued traffic and safety concerns after installation of the signs recommended above, TAC should obtain detailed information on traffic volumes and speeds to determine what, if any, long-term improvements might be appropriate. This would include consideration of the possible installation of a curb extension on the northeast side of Herbert Road at the crosswalk location to provide better visibility of pedestrians for cars approaching the crosswalk and to shorten the crossing distance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Herbert Road looking northwest with the park on the left



Herbert Road looking southeast with the playground on the right



Magnolia Street opposite the park entrance