



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Arlington Planning Department, 730 Mass Ave,
Arlington MA, c/o Laura Wiener

To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, MA

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Petition for Travel Restrictions on Jason Street

Date: May 14, 2012

The Board of Selectmen has asked TAC to review a neighborhood petition submitted to the Board by residents of Jason Street to prohibit entry from Spring Street between 4 and 7 PM weekdays. A similar petition was submitted to the Board by neighborhood residents on September 24, 2001. Soon after, Highland Avenue residents formed a group to oppose it.

Since 2001, the Town has implemented a number of changes on upper Jason Street:

1. a stop sign and yellow center lines were added on Jason Street at the intersection with Spring Street;
2. a center raised island was created at the intersection with Spring Street to slow and direct traffic; and
3. a crosswalk was added with signs across Spring Street to assist students walking to and from the school bus stop by the MWRA building.

Jason Street has substantial traffic for a local roadway (approximately 2,100 vehicles per day, as measured in 2002 and 2008). If entry to Jason Street from Spring Street was restricted during the evening commute, increases in traffic on Highland Avenue, Pleasant View Road and Hillsdale Road can be expected. Highland already carries more traffic than Jason Street. Residents of three streets can be expected to object strongly to the proposed restriction on Jason Street.

If the Board wishes, the TAC could examine other options that might be applicable to upper Jason Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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