



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Arlington Planning Department, 730 Mass Ave,
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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: ACTION: Thompson School Parking and Crosswalk at River / University

Date: 19 August 2013

In its 14 August 2013 meeting, TAC unanimously voted the following recommendations in support of safe travel to Thompson School:

1. Add a marked crosswalk across River at Cornell/University on the north side of the intersection.
2. Fifteen-minute parking on the south side of Purcell from North Union to a point 20' east of driveway.

The purpose of the crosswalk is to match the relocated crosswalk at University and Everett. The purpose of the short-term parking is to support Kindergarten drop-off.

Supporting materials are attached.

We request action at the August meeting of the Board of Selectmen, so that these items may be implemented before school opens.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Smith – Lead

Transportation Advisory Committee Members:

Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise,
Officer Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Edward Starr, Richard Turcotte, and Laura Wiener

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Handout for the 14 August 2013 TAC meeting

Thompson School Proposed Actions:

1. Add a marked crosswalk across River at Cornell/University on the north side of the intersection
2. Fifteen ~~Five~~-minute parking on the south side of Purcell from North Union to a point 20' east of driveway. [Five minute was originally proposed, but changed to 15 minutes]

Notes from Scott Smith's meeting with Principal Sheri Donovan on 8/1/2013:

1. Crosswalk at River and Cornell/University. There is one existing crosswalk, with traffic supervisor, on the south side of the intersection. **We will need a crosswalk on the north side to better match the changes at Everett / University.** Curb ramps exist: they are new on the east side (University), substandard on the west side (Cornell).
2. Sidewalks exist on both sides on University, in fair to poor condition
3. A house is under construction at Everett and University. The current crosswalk across Everett on the south side leads straight into a parking area.
4. School construction plans call for a new crosswalk to be constructed across Everett on the north side on University, hence the need for the change at River / Cornell / University.
5. There are two bump-ins along Everett, holding a few cars each for drop-off or parking. Now posted as "drop off only, no idling"
6. After drop off time, we may want to allow visitor parking in the second bump-in.
7. Main entrance to the school is here. We can assume that most children will continue to gather on the Everett Street side.
8. Bike racks are planned to be placed next to the gym
9. Staff parking (7 AM – 4 PM Monday - Friday)
10. **Suggest having 5-minute parking on this segment of Purcell for kindergarten drop-off.**
11. This is also staff parking...however we will want it available to anyone evenings / weekends to relieve the parking pressures on North Union.

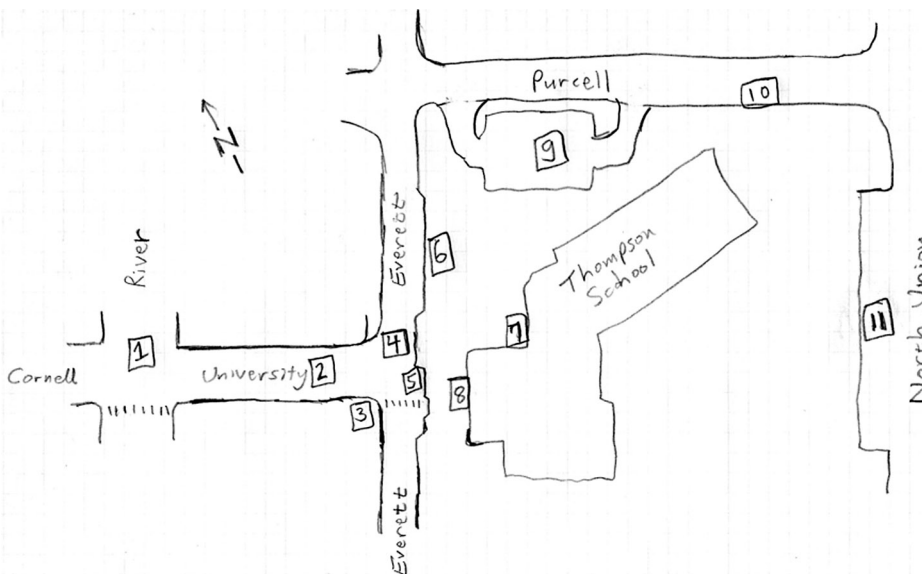


Figure 1 Thompson School Sketch (not to scale) Numbers correspond to the above list

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