



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee

Subject: Recommendation for School Zone Evaluations

Reference: Safe Transport to Schools Program, State Requirements

Date: January 8, 2007

The TAC has been working with Arlington Police and the Schools to establish Safe Transport to Schools. The pilot program was completed successfully for the Hardy elementary school last spring. At that time, working with the School Committee, it was decided to roll the program out to the remainder of the elementary schools. The plan is for the Principal of the school to lead a Committee to accomplish this with participation from a parent and a member of the APD and the TAC. Early in the summer, members of the TAC signed up for individual schools.

Going back as far as our deliberations on the Dallin School project, TAC has discussed a town-wide School Zone evaluation. School Zones allow Arlington to set enforceable reduced speed limits during school opening and closing times. Only the Brackett and the Peirce Schools currently have them. The TAC believes that each school should be evaluated for School Zones using the State requirements. This could be done as a part of the Safe Transport to Schools mentioned above, or as a separate activity. Since progress on Safe Transport to Schools has been slow, we recommend that it be done as a separate activity.

We would ask that the Board of Selectmen consider the following motion:

“We hereby request and authorize the Transportation Advisory Committee to evaluate, and for DPW to install appropriate School Zones at Arlington’s Schools.”

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of Transportation Advisory Committee

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