



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Recommendations for Phase 1a Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Thompson School

Date: 7 April 2008

Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee (Scott Smith and Jean Clark) participated with Principal Sheri Donovan and parent Angela Alton in a working group reviewing student access to the Thompson School. Phase 1 recommendations include items that can be easily completed before the start of the 2008-2009 school year. These recommendations, voted unanimously by the TAC on February and March 2008, include the following (Figure 1):

1. Establish Thompson as a “school zone”, with the appropriate signs and markings along North Union and Everett Streets.
2. Install crosswalk sign assemblies at the busiest crosswalk locations, including (in priority order):
 - 2.1. North Union/ Purcell (school crosswalk)
 - 2.2. Broadway/ Everett (crosswalk)
 - 2.3. River/ University/Cornell (update to school crosswalk warning assembly. See Figure 2)
 - 2.4. Everett / University
3. Install new crosswalks in the following locations:
 - 3.1. Across North Union St. at the junction of North Union and Norcross (north side)
 - 3.2. Across Ernest Road near the junction of Ernest and Everett.
 - 3.3. Across Norcross St. near the junction of Norcross and North Union.
4. Parking signs (No changes being made to the parking rules at this point)
 - 4.1. No Parking signs on North Union to 175’ north of Broadway
 - 4.2. No Parking here to corner on Broadway approaching Everett (20’ rule)
 - 4.3. Replace two faded No Parking signs on Everett adjacent to the school
5. Signs and markings near North Union / Broadway
 - 5.1. Stop bar at the North Union exit of Dunkin Donuts
 - 5.2. Yellow centerline for 50’ on North Union
 - 5.3. Move the No Turn on Red sign for North Union southbound to a more visible location (signal pole at the SW corner of Broadway and Oxford)

Respectfully submitted,

Transportation Advisory Committee
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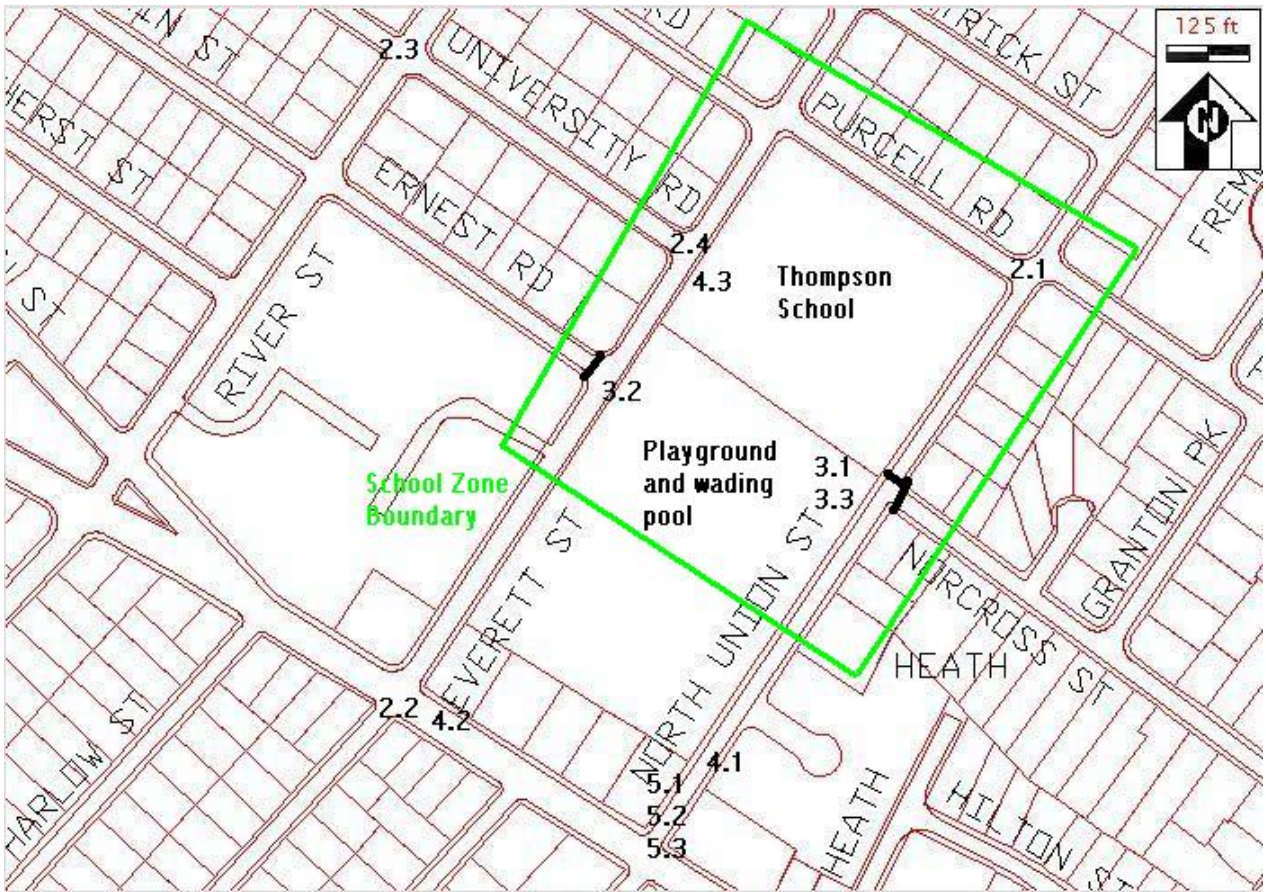


Figure 1. Locations of Planned Improvements

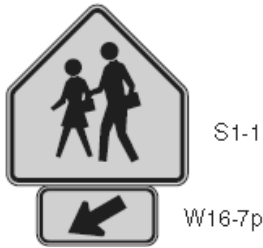


Figure 2. School Crosswalk Warning Assembly (fluorescent yellow green)

Current Parking Restrictions (from Town Traffic Rules) Section 10.

PARKING PROHIBITED AT SCHOOLS – Where official signs are posted indicating no parking upon that side of the street adjacent to any private or public school property, no person shall park a vehicle at any such designated space.

Schedule 1 (Parking Restrictions)

Location	Side	From	To	Type
Everett St	Both	Broadway	N.E. Corner 100 Ft. from back of sidewalk	No Parking
North Union St	Both	Broadway	Pt. 175 Ft. North	No Parking

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