



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Arlington Planning Department, 730 Mass Ave,
Arlington MA

Date: April 10, 2023
To: The Department of Planning and Community Development
From: The Transportation Advisory Committee
Subject: Comments on 10 Sunnyside Ave Comprehensive Permit Application (40B)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Make the bus stops at Broadway / Sunnyside handicap accessible. This will include installation of landing pads and a curb cut ramp to facilitate potential future installation of a marked crosswalk on the south side of Broadway, across from Sunnyside. (The nearest existing curb cut is the driveway to the cemetery, more than 200 feet away.)
2. Share the study with Somerville. DCR/Somerville recently received a State earmark to study improvements to the Broadway / Route 16 intersection.

COMMENTS:

3. From the standpoint of transit access, this is not a bad location for multi-family housing.
4. Section 1.2 of the TIS, it notes that there is a requirement for 9 parking spaces for 40 units, but does not mention parking for the commercial space, or if the commercial space will require handicap accessible parking. The TIS says there are 22 spaces and the site plan shows 21 spaces.
5. Section 3.3 of the TIS, two comments on transit
 - a. Span of service for bus 87 is less than that for the MBTA as a whole. Bus 87 does not have late evening or Sunday service in Arlington.
 - b. The Clarendon Hill busway is approximately 1000' (5 minute walk) from the project site. It offers several additional bus routes, including late evening and Sunday service
6. Both Somerville and Arlington are looking at the Broadway corridor; this project should be factored into proposed corridor improvements.

Below is a Google street view picture, facing east, of the Broadway/Sunnyside bus stop. This lightly used stop has several deficiencies: no nearby pedestrian crossing, no landing pad, and often not cleared of snow in the winter.

