
To:	Town of Arlington	From:	Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Mass Ave/Appleton Street Corridor Design Team
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Reference: Mass Ave/Appleton Street Safety + Accessibility Corridor Project

The Town of Arlington and the consulting design team hosted a public meeting on March 15, 2023 to present the recommended draft design. After the meeting, members of the public were given the chance to respond to the final design as it related to the project goals, via in-person comments left on boards and handouts, as well as an online form. The design team also met with business owners and local stakeholders in the spring and summer to refine the plans to better meet the needs of the corridor's daily users.

This memorandum summarizes the changes that were made, in response to the comments. The attached document summarizes all comments and feedback from the public meeting.

Appleton Place

The design proposed on March 15, 2023 showed a closed Appleton Place. The updated design keeps Appleton Place open, with one-way southbound traffic flow. This change was a result of:

- Emergency vehicle access and operations
- Access to on-street parking for eastbound traffic
- Comments from direct abutters

Mass Ave/Forest Street/Burton Street Intersection

The design evolved to include the access road for the 1165R residential development and local businesses into the Mass Ave/Forest Street/Burton Street signal. This required removing one of the crosswalks because it would have been located within the expanded intersection area. Feedback and pedestrian counts did not indicate that this crosswalk was desirable, and the other three crosswalks remain in the updated design.

Parking

The updated design adds 11 additional parking spaces, increasing the total on-street parking spaces along the corridor from 31 to 42 spaces. included additional spaces for a total of 42 spaces. The updated design also keeps Appleton Place open (one-way southbound), providing access to neighborhood parking for Mass Ave eastbound vehicles.

Crosswalks

Some comments were raised about preserving parking by eliminating crosswalks throughout the corridor. The design did not remove any crosswalks to add additional parking, although, the crosswalk and curb extension at Quinn Road was moved to the east side of the intersection. This relocation allowed the design to retain a handicap accessible parking space in front of the DeVito Funeral Home.

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There was a preference to add a crosswalk connecting the Foot of the Rocks and Dunkin'. A crosswalk cannot be accommodated in this location due to sight lines. Parking is provided on both sides of the road, with crosswalks at Richardson Avenue and Clark Street.

Landscaping, Signage, and Lighting

Many comments related to landscaping, signage, and lighting along the corridor. Concepts for these elements of the plan are under consideration.

Incorporating Hotel Design

The updated design includes the anticipated design for the approved hospitality project, located at the corner of Clark Street and Mass Ave.

For additional information about the updated design and design process, please reach out to John Alessi, Senior Transportation Planner at jalessi@town.arlington.ma.us.

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