

Town of Lexington Recreation and Community Programs

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To: Lincoln Park abutters and Permit holdersFr: Melissa Battite, DirectorRe: Lincoln Park Parking Lot and Traffic Flow

The Lincoln Park parking lot and traffic flow is a congested space and in particular when all play spaces, fields and the walking paths are being utilized simultaneously. The Town of Lexington Transportation Safety Group (TSG) was asked to consider concerns expressed by the Police Department, Recreation & Community Programs Department and residents. TSG met on December 20, 2021 to consider solutions to improve safety and traffic flow at Lincoln Park. Please see attached memo and map below.

The Recreation Committee unanimously voted "to approve the changes in circulation at Lincoln Park, the entrances and exits as is described in the accompanying memorandum and recommended for traffic flow and safety purposes."

It is anticipated that phase one of this plan will occur during the weeks of April 25, 2022 and May 2, 2022.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you, Melissa Battite

Cc: James Malloy, Town Manager Lexington Police Department David Pinsonneault, Director of DPW Recreation Committee Lincoln Park Sub-Committee Transportation Safety Group (TSG) Sports Council

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Date: December 10, 2021

- To: Melissa Battite; Director of Recreation and Community Programs
- Cc: Dave Pinsonneault, Director of Public Works Michael McLean, Acting Police Chief
- Fr: Transportation Safety Group Sheila Page, Assistant Planning Director

RE: Traffic Flow at Lincoln Park

In response to a resident request and concerns expressed by the Police Department, the Recreation Department asked TSG to consider solutions to improve safety and traffic flow at Lincoln Park. TSG, Melissa Battite and Dave Pinsonneault met on July 7, 2021 to discuss safety issues at Lincoln Park.

Lincoln Park currently has two entrances/exits off Lincoln Street. This "loop" road connects to a larger parking lot with multiple rows of parking spaces. The connection point of the two lots is a congestion point and an area of potential conflict. The walking path crosses where cars queue to turn either left or right. In addition, the two-way flow while cars maneuvering in the presence pedestrians creates chaotic conditions.

The group discussed making the traffic flow one-way through the site, making the pedestrian crossings safer, and creating more parking. The agreed recommendation is two phased.

The first phase includes creating one-way traffic flow in the "loop" parking lot with the entrance in at the southwestern driveway and the exit out the northeastern driveway, painted crosswalks and advanced warning sign for pedestrians.

Once this new traffic pattern is established, the group can then consider further changes to improve the flow in the "multi-rowed" lot and create more parking.

The attached plans explain the striping and signs needed to implement the new traffic pattern. TSG suggests that an explanation of the new traffic pattern be "advertised" through various website and social media platforms ahead of the roll-out.

