



**Minutes** from Public Safety 10/21/20. Motion to Approve 3-0

**Comm275 Letter** from Jim McCarthy with regards to safety concerns at the proposed Rt 1 Rotary and Rail Trail crossing (letter attached).

A Port/G Vining shared slides of the area to provide context. Proposed work is the connecting link between P1 and P2 of Rail...to cross Rt 1 at/near the rotary.

The Developer at Hines Way needs to build a portion of the connector. Parker St extension to be completed by Minco + MA DOT.

Phase 3 (this proposal) is to cross State St at Parker. City added this portion onto the current MA DOT paving project (proposed for Spring 21). Path to go in front of Pomodori's restaurant along Rotary to a light.

GVining: add'l comments: Been working with MADOT for years. HSH transportation firm did traffic engineering. This is not a rebuild of the rotary but rather a paving project. MADOT will use stripping to slow traffic on rotary (vs curbing).

Additionally, contrary to rumors, courthouse did not have issue with city using Parker Rd extension (back of restaurant). Expects MA DOT to hold a public hearing prior to start. City has submitted questions and concerns to MADOT (and HSH). HSH did a study: on average +10 accidents/year (not good)

JE White – Submitted Comments via mail (attached). His opinion is that this proposal is challenging for pedestrians. Has site distance issues (code 370 ft of sight, have 61 ft). Would prefer path go behind restaurant, however MADOT would prefer it in front, and have intersection closer to rotary so as to control speed off rotary.

Summary: concerned about crosswalk location, number of users with regard to Pomodori entrance/exit areas, Sight problems. Additionally, on the southbound side, the guardrail could add add'l line-of-site issues.

Jim McCarthy – He has been a sponsor of the MADOT visibility site at the Rotary for years. Number 1 safety issue is speed. Rt1 south...speed limit too fast coming into rotary, State St...too many cars going different speeds, Rt1N coming into Rotary impacted by Dunkin Donuts traffic. He's suggested moving curbs out from sides vs stripping. He noted that entrance-onto and exit-from rotary are being adjusted to impact speed of traffic.

Cncllr Wallace: This plan has to be safe. Would like to know the schedule/timeline. When will public comment happen, and will it be taken into account for the plan? Who is paying for the Hawk signal? (ans: State), who are the decision makers on this project (ans: MA DOT with city input).

Cncllr Lane: Not a fan of this plan. Speed is too great. Will have more people in this area with the finishing of the Minco Dev. Would like to see longer term (safer solution i.e. possible bridge).

Jim McCarthy noted people are already crossing illegally now. Very unsafe, dangerous. This plan is an improvement but not perfect. Committee deliberated and has asked for more info from Staff: Design/engineering doc's from HSH, more comments from public. Will hold in committee until next week (3-0)

### **Comm 269 10-13-2020 DPS Snow & Ice plan for 20-21**

**JTuccolo:** presented a high level review of the operational plan originally submitted in 19-20 and now updated for 20-21. Changes include: Additional blue light locations, additional alternative parking areas, plan starts at 2in (vs 3in), outline of the Post-storm clean up prioritizations (work done post plowing streets). Sidewalks. Asking CC to update ORD to allow DPS to enforce sidewalk clearing. Enforcement was previously only allowed by Parking Clerks, BOH, Police. ORD sec 12-52 to be updated (**action for Cncllr Wallace**).

Cncllr Khan, although not present, submitted a list of questions. We reviewed the questions and asked that JTuccolo update his presentation to include the changes for submittal at future PS meeting ( target 11/18) for submittal to CC on 11/30.

**Cncllr Wallace:** How do we clean up the communication? Ans: Update presentation, update the video and post it on city website, ask residents to sign up for E-alert. DPS did not have a hotline set up for resident complains as DPS was not involved in enforcement. This will most likely change when the ORD is undated. This hotline will allow residents-DPS to have 2 way communication.

Public Comment by **Juliet Walker** (13 eagle St) from Livable Streets. This groups keeps a list of sidewalks not cleared, corners that are impassable.

**Cncllr Lane:** Would like to see more publicity wrt notifications if possible. Q: What about Cushing Park Staging area? Will that be cleared out by snowfall? (ans. yes).

Committee...keep in committee until updates are submitted (3-0).