



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7 Twin Circle Drive, Arlington, MA 02474

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Subject: Recommendations for Ravine/Irving/Academy Neighborhood

Reference: Board of Selectmen Request

Date: 5 November 2007

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Transportation Advisory Committee has reviewed the parking and traffic flow in this neighborhood, and discussed student drop off issues with the directors of the ACC and the Ecole Internationale. Residents attended the TAC meeting of 9/24 and 10/23 where these recommendations were discussed. Howard Muise led this effort with contributions from Jeff Maxtutis, and Elisabeth Carr-Jones.

The issues identified by the TAC during its study include: 1) Disruptions to traffic flow on Ravine Street due to parking on both sides of the street, 2) congestion at the existing drop-off area on Irving Street, 3) inadequate signing of the School Zone, 4) conflicting signs, and 5) worn or faded signs.

To address these issues, the TAC voted the following recommendations unanimously on 10/23/07:

1. Post "No Parking" signs on the west side of Ravine Street between Gray and Irving streets as indicated in Figure 1.
2. Provide a second drop-off area for the two schools on the east side of Academy Street as indicated in Figure 2.
3. Establish a formal School Zone on the approaches to the schools on Academy and Irving streets by completing the signage and pavement markings as indicated in Figure 3.
4. Replace and update other signage on Irving and Academy streets as indicated in Figure 4.
5. Request the two schools to develop drop off plans and educate and oversee parents in its execution.

The individual changes are identified by number in the Parking Sign Inventory, and the action to be taken for each is indicated in the attached Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

Transportation Advisory Committee
Edward Starr - Chair

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Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Lt. Paul Conroy, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise,
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Figure 1 Proposed Changes to the Ravine, Irving & Academy Neighborhood



Figure 2 Proposed Changes to the Ravine, Irving & Academy Neighborhood



Figure 3 Proposed Changes to the Ravine, Irving & Academy Neighborhood



Figure 4 Proposed Changes to the Ravine, Irving & Academy Neighborhood

APPENDIX
Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee
Ravine/Irving/Academy Parking Sign Inventory and Recommendations
11/05/07

Location Street/Side	(Map #)	Existing Sign	Condition ¹	Recommendation ²
Ravine/West Side	0	None	N/A	Install no parking zone on west side of Ravine between Gray and Irving
Ravine/East Side	1	No Parking Here To Corner →		
	2	No Parking Here To Driveway →		
	3	No Parking Here To Corner ←		
Irving West of Academy/North Side	4	No Parking Here To Corner		Add End School Zone sign and move pole east
	5	No Parking Anytime		
	6	No Parking Anytime		
Irving West of Academy/South Side	13	No Parking Anytime		Add School Zone Ahead sign to pole
	14	No Parking Anytime		
		School zone 20 MPH		Remove School Zone sign
	15	No Parking Anytime	Dirty	Replace with new sign and move sign pole closer to crosswalk Install School Zone sign and SCHOOL pavement marking 15 feet east of corner with Ravine

Location Street/Side	(Map #)	Existing Sign	Condition ¹	Recommendation ²
Academy/East Side	7	No Parking Anytime	Totally Faded	Remove existing sign Install 15 Minute Parking ← and No Parking Here To Corner → signs 20 feet from Irving Street
Academy/East Side	8	No Parking Anytime	Faded	Remove existing sign Install 15 Minute Parking ← and No Parking Any Time → signs on pole Install End School Zone sign at #48 Academy Street
Academy Street/West Side	9	No Parking Anytime	Dirty	Replace with new sign
	10	No Parking Anytime	Marred	Replace with new sign
	11	No Parking Here To Corner		Remove existing sign Install No Parking Here to Driveway ← sign approximately 45 feet to the north.

Location Street/Side	(Map #)	Existing Sign	Condition ¹	Recommendation ²
Academy Street/West Side				Install School Zone sign and SCHOOL pavement marking across from #48 Academy St
				Replace School Zone sign at # 41 Academy St with School Zone Ahead sign
Irving East of Academy/North Side	16	No Parking Here To Corner		Install One Way → sign
		15 Minute Parking		Replace with new sign
	17	15 Minute Parking		Replace with new sign
Irving East of Academy/North Side	18	No Parking Anytime		Remove No Parking Anytime sign
		15 Minute Parking		Replace with new sign
	20	No Parking Anytime		Remove No Parking Anytime sign
		15 Minute Drop Off Only		Replace with new 15 Minute Parking sign
	21	No Parking This Side of Street		
	23	Do Not Enter	Faded	Replace with new sign
Irving East of Academy/South Side	12	No Parking Anytime		Install One Way sign
				Add No Parking Anytime between sign #12 and #19
	19	No Parking Anytime		

Location Street/Side	(Map #)	Existing Sign	Condition ¹	Recommendation ²
	22	No Parking Traffic Detector		Replace No Parking Traffic Detector sign with End School Zone sign
	24	No Parking Here To Corner ← Do Not Enter	Faded	Replace with new sign

1. Good unless otherwise noted.
2. Retain unless otherwise noted.



Parking Sign Inventory for Ravine, Irving & Academy Neighborhood