



## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**To:** Board of Selectmen, Arlington, MA  
**cc:** Arlington Redevelopment Board (ARB)  
**From:** Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**Subject:** CVS Escrow Funds  
**Date:** 21 June 2012  
**Ref:** ARB Letter of 21 June 2012

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Escrow funds of \$50,000 were set aside from the CVS project for roadway improvements at the intersection of Jason/Mass/Mill if the funds were not needed directly around the CVS site. The TAC has completed observations of morning traffic at CVS and has reported the results to the ARB (please refer to the attached report). The findings show adequate traffic operation, thus making the escrow funds available to be used for the intersection.

The TAC has assigned a working group and is studying options to improve the performance and safety of this intersection, which is a primary cause of traffic congestion on Mill in the AM and PM, and Jason in the PM. We are investigating changes to the island, roadway and traffic signal. We are also reviewing the on-street parking in front of Holovak and Coughlin at 14-16 Mill Street, which is a contributor to congestion at peak hours.

The Fire Chief has requested that some of the escrow funds be used for an Opticom system for traffic signal preemption at this intersection. We believe that this is a good safety improvement for the town. We understand the cost is \$8,400. This would then allow \$41,600 for traffic safety improvements at this intersection.

We will plan to have recommendations for design changes and an estimate of the general cost of the intersection work in 6 months or so.

Respectfully submitted,

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