

ARLINGTON TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

From: Transportation Advisory Committee

Subject: Recommendations re Stop Signs; Fisher Road/Bellington St Intersection and Cutter Hill/Richfield

Date: 30 August 2002

At the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on August 21, the TAC voted the following two recommendations, as recorded in the minutes, to the Board of Selectmen:

1. Stop sign at Bellington / Fisher

“This is a cross-type uncontrolled intersection with limited visibility. Since it has seen 3 motor vehicle crashes in the past year. Both the Police Department and DPW recommend placement of a stop sign at this intersection, to be posted on Fisher Road. The Committee voted unanimously to support this recommendation and submit it to the BOS for the 9/9 meeting.”

2. Stop sign at Cutter Hill / Richfield

“The stop sign on Cutter Hill Road was placed temporarily for six months. Lt.McHugh noted that since the stop sign has been placed on Cutter Hill road, speeds have dropped, while traffic volumes increased somewhat. There have been no reports of excessive speed on Richfield. The Committee voted unanimously that this stop sign installation be made permanent.”

Attachment A, provided by the Arlington Police Department, gives further technical information on the Fisher Road/Bellington St intersection.

The TAC unanimously supports the above two actions, and requests that the Board’s consideration and action.

Respectfully,

Transportation Advisory Committee

Edward Starr, Chair

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Attachment A to Memorandum of 8/30/2002 to Board of Selectmen

Provided by Arlington Police Department

TWO WAY STOP SIGN TO BE POSTED ON FISHER ROAD AT BELLINGTON ST.

This location is a thickly settled residential area. The speed is 30 mph. Fisher Road is approximately forty feet wide intersection with Bellington Street, which also has a width of forty feet. These widths are taken from the Arlington Street List. There are no traffic control devices at this intersection. Bellington Street serves traffic from Eastern Avenue to the Concord Turnpike. Motorists use this road to access Route 2 via the Concord Turnpike.

Proceeding westerly on Fisher Road, there is an incline in the road that contributes to the loss of sight line for traffic just at the intersection of Bellington Street. Easterly, there is a large earthen berm, which obstructs the sight line at Bellington Street.

There have been three motor vehicle crashes at this intersection in the past year. Several neighbors in the area have called the police to express their concern about this intersection and describe additional near misses that have nearly resulted in crashes.