



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

7 Twin Circle Drive, Arlington, MA 02474

**Memorandum**

**To:** Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass

**From:** Transportation Advisory Committee

**Subject:** Request for Stop Sign(s) at Wilbur and Wollaston

**Reference:** Board of Selectmen Letter to TAC dated 3/21/06

**Date:** January 8, 2007

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At your request, the TAC has reviewed the above request relating to the indicated intersection. Guillermo Bahamon, an Associate of the TAC, conducted this study. The TAC voted the recommendations unanimously.

**Stated Problem:**

The proponent, William Kenney, lives at 28 Wilbur Ave. He writes that cars speed through the intersection of Wilbur and Wollaston without stopping. He has proposed posting stop signs in both directions of Wilbur, and on Wollaston.

**Findings:**

This intersection is in a lightly traveled residential area, and is fairly wide. Visibility is good. Traffic traveling west on Wollaston is very light and slow because it is unpaved and bumpy. No crashes have been reported at this intersection in the last few years.

- Observations:

- Traffic was light during several days of observations during the morning and afternoon commuter hours.
- The large majority of vehicles slowed at the intersection before proceeding safely ahead.
- Only twice during four days of observation did a car move through the intersection at excessive speed.
- This intersection does not meet the requirements of the TAC Guidelines for a Stop Sign (see web site).

**Recommendation:**

- The Transportation Advisory Committee cannot support placing stop signs at this intersection.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Starr  
Chair of Transportation Advisory Committee

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