



Dedham Public Schools Traffic Circulation Study Community Open House

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The background image shows a large, multi-story brick building with many windows, some of which have green shutters. In the foreground, there is a playground with colorful equipment and a red minivan parked on the street. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and agenda. A small orange traffic cone is also visible on the street near the bottom of the circle.

Tonight's Agenda

- Overview of Project
- Alternatives
- Community Feedback

Fall 2018 Town Meeting Warrant Article

8. APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL CIRCULATION STUDY

ARTICLE EIGHT: *By the School Committee.* To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow for purposes of funding of a circulation study to be undertaken under the direction of the School Committee, of the access road through the High School and Avery Elementary School, and public byways within and surrounding the area of the High School, Middle School and Avery Elementary School campus, including Whiting Avenue from the intersection of East Street and Eastern Avenue to the intersection of Walnut Street, East Street from the intersection of High Street to the intersection of Walnut Street, High Street from the intersection of East Street to the intersection of Bussey and Milton Streets, Walnut Street from the intersection of Milton Street to the intersection of East Street, Eastern Avenue from the intersection of East Street to the intersection of the driveway servicing BJ's, Best Buy and Papa Gino's plaza, and Mount Vernon Street from the intersection of High Street to the intersection of Walnut Street, and other roadways as deemed necessary, such study to address school hours and non-school hours during the school year and the summer months, and include recommendations for potential mitigation within the three-school campus as well as surrounding neighborhoods, or take any other action relative thereto. *Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE: Recommendation to follow.

Article 8 would appropriate funds for a circulation study under the direction of the School Committee, to include the locations listed in the article above.
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\$90,000 Approved by Town Meeting to fund circulation study

Overview of Project

- FOCUS on the safety of getting children and staff to school
- Create a safer environment by addressing school circulation and congestion in neighborhood surrounding school campus
- Three data collection periods
 - Spring (April 25th) Summer (July 10th) and Fall (October 4th)
- Analyze safety (crashes) and volume trends
 - By time of year as applicable
- Develop improvement alternatives
 - Focus on safety, congestion, access, drop-off/pick-up and bus ops
 - No/Minimal impacts to property
 - Provide pros/cons and potential costs

Goals for Tonight

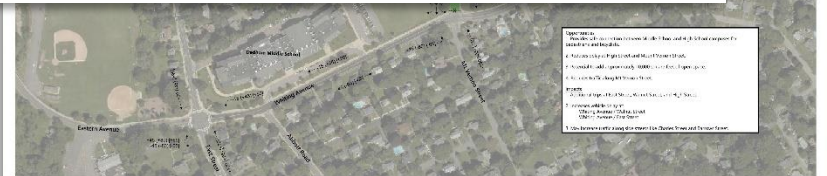
- Present preliminary alternatives
- Gather feedback from community
 - Pros/cons
 - Balancing competing needs
 - Prioritize safety

Alternatives

- 8 Concepts
 - Short Term Alternatives
 1. One-Way Whiting Avenue
 2. One-Way Recreation Road
 3. Mount Vernon Street Closure / Unified Campus
 4. High Street / Recreation Road Signal
 5. Middle School Connection to Whiting Avenue
 6. Tennis Court Cut-Through
 7. Combined Alternatives 1, 3 & 5



Alternative 5 - Middle School Connection to Whiting Avenue
Dedham Schools
Dedham, Massachusetts



Alternative 3 - Close Segment of Mount Vernon Street
Dedham Schools
Dedham, Massachusetts



Alternative 1 - One-Way Whiting Ave
Dedham Schools
Dedham, Massachusetts

Timeline and Next Steps

- Review feedback collected tonight
- Finalize Traffic Circulation Report and recommendations (Spring)
- Work with School Committee to finalize implementation plan (Spring)