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Subject: 455 Harvard 40B - Public Comment

Dear Ms Selkoe,

This is a follow-up to my public comment dated November 23 2016 regarding the Application for a Comprehensive Permit (Chapter 40B) at 455 Harvard Street. Specifically, the peer reviewer's report "Traffic Assessment - 455 Harvard Street, Brookline MA" dated May 2, 2017 prepared by Vanasse & Associates, Inc. does not adequately examine a public safety concern.

The intersection at Harvard and Thorndike Streets results in an acute ("V-shaped") angle making it difficult to view oncoming traffic for a vehicle on Thorndike approaching Harvard looking north (to the right). The Vanasse report determines the associated line-of-sight by apparently assuming vehicles would be stopped within the pedestrian crosswalk. However, under that assumption, pedestrians would be forced to walk around the vehicle and into the roadway, which would be a safety concern.

Fortunately, the remedy is simple. Line-of-sight should be determined assuming that vehicles are located at the white line "stop bar". Building setback should be sufficient to allow line-of-sight from that location for vehicle operators to assess that Harvard Street is reasonably clear of traffic prior to leaving the "stop bar". Under this condition, a vehicle that might subsequently need to pause in the crosswalk would be an exception and not standard practice as implied by the Vanasse report.

Thank you for your consideration

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