

Re: 1299 Beacon 40B

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Another matter of considerable concern to the neighborhood is the added traffic posed by the PO trucks trying to navigate Sewall during the excavation and construction phase of the proposed 1299 project. Already the traffic on the stretch of Sewall between Longwood and St. Paul St. is congested with postal trucks such that traffic is periodically gridlocked along this segment of Sewall. Add to that the constant removal by truckload after truckload of dirt/rocks during excavation, followed by trucks delivering building materials for weeks on end, and its almost impossible to contemplate any flow of traffic at all. There will also be significant back ups onto Longwood, which already is congested and causing problems for residents trying to exit garages/driveways. Altho we understand the Post Office is by law not permitted to participate in town affairs, even if these may impact the PO adversely, it came up in an informal discussion one of us had with a postal worker at the Coolidge Corner PO, that access to the Post Office's loading dock would likely be compromised by the construction and concern was expressed as to how PO trucks would get to the loading dock should the street be blocked by construction vehicles.

I wanted to bring this to your attention. The neighborhood in general does not object to construction of a reasonably sized building on the 1299 Beacon site. But disruptions caused by the construction - as well as post-construction - of a building of the current magnitude will make an already congested area virtually impassible.

Thank you.

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