



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE**  
*Massachusetts*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
Engineering & Transportation Division  
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Director

Jesse Geller  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town of Brookline  
333 Washington Street  
Brookline, MA 02445

Re: Puddingstone 40 B

Dear Mr. Geller:

Transportation

The Town requests approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the assignment of a Traffic Peer Reviewer for an in depth examination of the Traffic Report and discussion relative to mitigation. Initial areas of concern and requests for additional information includes:

- 1) Intersections studied should include VFW Parkway @ Independence Drive
- 2) On-Street Parking is not currently allowed on Independence Drive as the memo suggests. Parking requires the blocking of a travel lane which is prohibited under our Traffic Rules & Regulations. It may be allowed pending Transportation Board adoption of concept design from previous Hancock Village 40B project.
- 3) Crash Data should be collected from the Brookline Police Department directly because of a known issue with reporting between BPD and MassDOT systems for several years during the collected period.
- 4) Auto-turn analysis should be provided to ensure emergency vehicle access in and out of new internal driveways created by the development
- 5) Auto-turn analysis should be provided to ensure large vehicle access onto Gerry Road from both directions in accordance with MassDOT guidelines on design vehicle
- 6) Any materials installed on the Town right of way must conform to Town standards including detectable warning panels, signage, traffic signal equipment, streets lights, pavement marking materials, etc.
- 7) Please provide a plan detailing the proposed internal pedestrian connections to the existing network as outlined in the TDM
- 8) Please provide existing and proposed internal bicycle rack locations

- 9) Please provide the proposed schedule of the Hancock Shuttle Service for comparing purposes to the existing conditions as part of the expanded TDM program
- 10) A plan of the proposed parking garage layout
- 11) Traffic signal plans for Independence Dr. at Sherman and Thornton Rd

As part of the mitigation and TDM expansion thoughts include:

- 1) Per MassDOT Separated Bicycle Lane Facility Guidelines mitigation should include the design and implementation of a cycle track on Independence Drive in place of the planned at-grade bicycle lane
- 2) Internal bicycle storage facilities should be covered to encourage alternative mode use
- 3) Purchase and installation of MBTA standard bus shelters for the nearby Route 51 stops to encourage alternative mode use

#### Stormwater

The Town also requests the assignment of a Civil Engineer as a Peer Reviewer for review of the Stormwater Report prepared by Stantec dated April 7, 2016.

In addition to the Stormwater Report the Applicant must respond to Section 8.26.2 - Erosion and Sediment Control - and Section 8.26.3 - Post Construction Stormwater Management- of the Town's Stormwater By Law.

Respectfully:



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Director of Engineering/Transportation