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From: Becky Sarah [bsarah@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 4:43 AM
To: Lopez, Donna
Subject: for City Council, pedestrian safety Mass. Ave and Upland Road

Dear City Councilors:

I spoke with City Councilor Leland Cheung about my concern that the traffic on Mass Ave at the intersection of Upland Rd makes it very hard to cross the street, and asked him to address this with the City Council. I hope you will take action to make this intersection safer. The problem is that intersection is never empty of cars, even when the walk light is on and pedestrians are supposed to be able to cross Massachusetts Avenue. The cars going toward Arlington fill up the intersection, and inch forward as they can, often with drivers on cell phones or for other reasons not even looking at the road. Pedestrians have to dart in between the cars, and hope that drivers will notice them.

I hope we could have whatever it takes to make cars stop before the pedestrian cross walk, wait there while the walk light is on, and then drive into the intersection only when they can drive through it, so the intersection would be clear of cars while the walk light is on. Perhaps a stop light before the crosswalk, timed with the next one?

Traffic in the other direction, coming from Arlington, does not have this problem, and that side of the intersection has a clear pedestrian walkway when the walk light is on.

Thank you for your consideration,

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