

Improved Multi-Modal Safety Access to Emerald Necklace Parks in Jamaica Plain (Parkman-Perkins)
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10/3/2015 8:46	Helen Raizen	How can I comment when the materials from the meeting are not yet posted. I was planning to come to this meeting but was caught in a horrendous traffic jam instead. I can't come to the next two because of conflicts. You only give us three weeks to comment, but the materials aren't posted. When will the materials be posted, or can I get them sent directly to me. I'm an abutter of these projects. I'm going to be out of town for two of the next three weeks, hampering my ability to comment, especially if the materials are not posted in a timely manner. The meeting was two days ago. The materials should be posted by now.	75 Arborway	Jamaica Plan	MA	02130	raizen@earthlink.net		

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10/4/2015 11:09	Matt Carty	<p>(Note: I will be sending hard copy via the mail, which will include the figures noted in the text and citations of studies backing my claims) To whom it may concern, I attended the public meeting concerning enhancements to Perkins Street and Parkman Drive on October 1, 2015. The area in question is pictured below: Figure 1: Perkins Street at Parkman Drive I am disturbed and disappointed about many aspects of the meeting. I was shocked when one of the hosts claimed, "I'm an engineer, I can't influence traffic speed." But I have hope, based on DCR's stated goals: Figure 2: Project goals. Improving safety and recreational access to Jamaica Pond are indeed crucial goals. And given that the pond is ringed by high-speed traffic on highway grade roads, traffic calming is the most important and effective way to achieve the top two goals. Traffic calming is essential to successfully meeting your safety and access goals. Roads are re-engineered only once in 20 or more years. Much can change in that time frame, including our understanding of human behavior and our priorities as a society. Among the things we know now we perhaps didn't when the current design was implemented are: • Drivers are more likely to ignore crosswalks at speeds over 30mph • Higher speeds lead to more vehicular crashes • Risk of pedestrian death when hit by a car increases exponentially with speed • 10-foot wide traffic lanes reduce driver speeding without reducing road throughput Figure 3: It's harder to see, harder to stop, and easier to kill - exponentially so - as driver's speed increases. Traffic calming is essential to meeting our goals. Concurrently, people are increasingly eschewing car culture and embracing walkable and bikeable lifestyles - especially people in cities. Putting this all together: for people to enjoy recreational access to Jamaica Pond, we must enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Neither of these goals can be achieved without effective traffic calming. There are several engineering solutions that can calm traffic on Perkins Street and Parkman Drive: 1. Narrow the traffic lanes to 10' width. 2. Eliminate medians, except perhaps a very narrow curb at the turns to prevent drivers from turning in a last curve. 3. Implement parking protected bicycle lanes. As these lanes approach crosswalks, create a "daylighted" area where people can wait to cross. a. This keeps pedestrians visible and away from both cyclists and passing cars as they wait to cross. b. This might even allow engineers to improve driver's "level of service", if the crossing distance is lessened and that allows for a shorter crosswalk light timing. Figure 4: Perkins Street is not nearly this wide, but the principle is the same We can build a better place than the current proposal. What we commit to building now will shape our community for the next 20 to 30 years. It is our duty to put public access to the pond and the safety of vulnerable road users above the desire of some motorists to speed. On a final note: Representative Sanchez expressed concern that planning for this site has been happening in some form or another for about the last 7 years, and that delays now might jeopardize funding for the project. With that in mind, we should look to the City of Boston's Commonwealth Avenue Phase 2A reconstruction. Initially Boston claimed that it was too late in the process to improve the design. But when pressed by the community, they listened, and over the period of just a few months they were able to substantially improve the safety of the design and meet the community's needs. Repeating this success is possible. And it's necessary. Let's build a safe, accessible intersection that people can enjoy for the next 20 years and beyond.</p>	Boston	MA		mattyciii@gmail.com		
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10/11/2015 9:35	Suzanne Lyons	To Whom It May Concern: Cabot Estate is a condominium community located directly opposite Jamaica Pond on Perkins Street. It is home to 158 condo units. One of the reasons many of us choose to live here is because we love Jamaica Pond and the Emerald Necklace Parklands, and we want to use them. Cabot Estate residents have a serious problem that we have been trying to remedy for nearly twenty years: THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO WALK FROM OUR HOME TO THE PARKLANDS. There is not a single pedestrian crossway that will allow us to cross either Perkins Street or Chestnut Street. Traffic is extremely heavy on these streets during commuting hours and the drivers have no incentive to stop or even slow down. On behalf of everyone who lives at Cabot Estate, I strongly request that you provide us with a safe way to cross Perkins Street so that we can enjoy the Parklands, walk to public transportation, and visit Jamaica Plain shops and restaurants.	241 Perkins St Unit B302	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	suz@suzannelyons.com		
10/11/2015 9:57	Bill Lyons	Sir/Madame, Please go forward with at least one crosswalk on Perkins St between the entrance of Cabot Estates and Parkman Drive. We walk the Pond several times a week and Perkins St has become a 'speedway' and very dangerous to cross. This issue has been unaddressed for too long. The crosswalk should be west of the Cabot Estate entrance to slow the traffic heading east and to give the west bound traffic sufficient time to see the light. It would be better to use the allotted budget to build something now than to wait any longer. Thank you for your attention to this issue. Bill Lyons 241 Perkins St, Unit B302 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130	241 Perkins St, Unit B302	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	blyons@cannistraro.com		

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10/12/2015 20:49	George Rigas	I live on Orchard St in Jamaica Plain and drive Parkman Dr and Perkins St on a daily basis and attended the meeting. While I enjoyed everyone's input, I have some comments of my own. An island can be put on the corner of Parkman Dr. and Perkins for cars exiting from Parkman. The island should have the effect of slowing cars down before turning onto Perkins. One of the options of narrowing the travel lanes to 9.5 or 10 feet is another feasible option to slowing the travel speed of cars. Adding raised sidewalks will slow traffic too much and will slow the response times of emergency services and when it comes to saving someone's life, seconds matter. There was a study done in Portland (OR?) that showed a delay of at least 9-15+ seconds when the raised sidewalks. Those seconds add up if the police car, ambulance or fire truck has to go over multiple raised sidewalks. Also, adding a light between Chestnut St and Parkman Dr will do little more than increase traffic and accidents.	35 Orchard St	Boston	MA	02130	georgerigas@yahoo.com		X
10/12/2015 23:36	Giora Hadar	As a resident of Cabot Estate, I fully support the proposal to create two crosswalks on Perkins Street: one at our front entrance and another one at the intersection with Parkman Drive.	241 Perkins St, C-306	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	giora@artofknowledge.org		
10/15/2015 14:58	Herbert Morse	As a long time resident of Cabot Estate at 241 Perkins St I was encouraged by the presentation made by your staff at the community meeting on 10/1/15 regarding the crosswalk to Jamaica Pond. It was clear you listened carefully to our input at the previous meeting 2 years ago, and have developed a solution which provides for a safe crossing to/from the Pond, something we urgently need. After so many years of study, I hope you will proceed expeditiously to get this critical public safety initiative completed. Herbert E. Morse	241 Perkins St., C-205	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	herbmorse@comcast.net		X
10/15/2015 15:34	Mary Hickie						mhickie@emeraldnecklace.org	attached	

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10/15/2015 15:58	Anne Glickman	I live at Cabot Estate and attended the meeting Oct. 1. The plan presented addresses the needs of Cabot residents very well, and I hope it will be implemented without delay. I was also impressed by the thought that went into protecting and enhancing the affected parklands, and into proposing walkways that fit the Olmstead sensibility and also meet ADA requirements. We at Cabot need this very much. Thank you for taking this need seriously. Please don't delay! Anne Glickman	241 Perkins St., D201	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	anneglickman1971@comcast.net		X
10/16/2015 13:07	David Wean	See attached document	19 Congreve St.	Roslindale	MA	02131	david@weanzabin.com	attached	X
10/18/2015 18:31	Helen Raizen	For those of us who couldn't attend, the presentation posted does not have enough detail to understand the options. Slide 4 says review three options, but the following slides don't make clear what the three options are. Is slide 13 the third option? It seems to be combining the first two options with some additional paths not shown on these. How are bicycles supposed to flow through this area, especially onto and off of Parkman?. It is currently very unsafe for bicycles in my opinion. I would like to see a signal at the intersection, because traffic is not well handled there during the morning commute. The stop sign just transferred the traffic issue Perkins St. to Parkman Dr. I like the options shown on slide 13, except for the loss of trees. I would like to see bike paths on Parkman Dr. and a signal in the intersection. Maybe one that operates as green, yellow, red during commute hours and as flashing yellow/flashing red at other times.	75 Arborway	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	raizen@earthlink.net		X

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10/19/2015 16:42		Re Perkins to Parkman Much to like here. Certainly nowhere to go but up for residents. I understand there is a window of opportunity for funding this project. The only change I strongly urge you to adopt is swapping lanes of parking with bike lanes wherever possible. It is critical to separate drivers from bicycles to avoid grave consequences. When bike meets car, bike loses and bicyclists too often die. While I recognize that time is of the essence, this shouldn't require any major changes as all the elements involved, driving lanes, bike lanes and parking lanes, are all demarcated with paint. Having to only worry about being doored on one side rather than being exposed to traffic while watching parked cars simultaneously would dramatically increase the safety of bicyclists along here. Said bicyclists include my children and my neighbors. I withhold comment on other significant proposed items in the interest of moving the project along. Claire Humphrey, May St							
10/19/2015 16:46		Commenting on minor item. Ideally, after construction, the pedestrian signal could be linked in to the new traffic signal so that the former worked only after an appropriate interval if it had been recently triggered; that would balance flow of traffic with pedestrian needs. The pedestrian signal at Prince St & the Arborway appears to be tied into the signal at Eliot St & Arborway in such a fashion. Sometimes when I press the Prince St signal, it changes immediately; other times it only changes after a full minute or more. And, did one of presenters mention lasered signals to drivers? LEDs, I understand, but that seems like overkill. Hopefully, I misunderstood. Claire E. Humphrey May Street, JP							

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10/19/2015 21:12	Joshua Jacober	I think it is wonderful that the DCR is taking steps to improve the safety and access of the roads surrounding the Emerald Necklace parks. The plans to improve pedestrian access seem okay, but I am concerned with how long pedestrians need to wait to get a cross signal I hope that any signals installed will prioritize pedestrians crossing the street. I am also disappointed that protected bicycle lanes are not an option, and I don't think an island extension will seriously decrease vehicle speeds. All of the data I have seen indicates that islands actually increase speed because drivers feel safer. As it is the average speed seems to always be way above the 30mph posted limit. I think a combination of protected bicycle lanes with narrowed car lanes would contribute most to all user safety and experience of the park.	7 Alveston St., Apt. 2	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	joe.jacobor@gmail.com		X
10/20/2015 16:21	Sandra Gibbs	This plan, which calls for the installation of two traffic lights and crosswalks on Perkins Street to provide pedestrian safety between Cabot Estate and Jamaica Pond, is essential to the safety of the residents of Cabot Estate. The development, 158 units, houses both families with children and elderly residents such as myself. It was built in the 1970s, but has been without a crosswalk on any side of its 22 acres since its construction. Perkins Street, where the proposed crosswalks would be installed, is a wide and heavily trafficked street and the current situation requires that those seeking to cross it dodge traffic in 2 directions without proper lines of sight. Cars move swiftly along the street at all hours of the day. It is extremely dangerous and is (another) accident waiting to happen. Pedestrian access is a fundamental component of any traffic management plan. Any other suggested enhancements should be considered only after this fundamental element is completed.	241 Perkins Street, C-305	Boston	MA	02130	skgibbs@comcast.net	attached	X

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10/20/2015 22:26	Vickie Henry	I live in the Moss Hill area & use the Perkins/Parkman streets as a car driver & bicyclist & I also walk around Jamaica Pond regularly. The change I strongly urge you to adopt is swapping lanes of parking with bike lanes so the bike lanes are away from traffic. It is critical to separate drivers from bicycles to avoid grave consequences. This change was suggested at the public meeting and it was applauded soundly (and believe me, nothing else was). I also wish you were not installing so many traffic lights. Since you are telling people that the Arborway traffic can be slowed with raised sidewalks (and no lights), why don't you do that here as well? If they work in one place, they should work in both.	83 May Street	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	vickiehenry88@gmail.com		
10/21/2015 10:53	Susan Warne	Thanks for this plan--I know it will improve this busy intersection. Because there are a lot of desire lines, as many pedestrian crossings as possible is a good thing. Would it be possible to make a protected bike lane next to the Pond by switching the parked cars and the bike lane? The sidewalk adjacent to Cabot Estate does not seem to meet current standards. Can it please get in a queue for DCR or City to upgrade it? There is a strong desire to "bike around the Pond", but there is no bike facility along Parkman Drive or Price St. It would be beneficial to explore options through the Parkways Study Project being presented 10/27. "Don't block the box": markings at intersection and enforcement are needed.	65 Prince St.	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	susan.warne19@gmail.com		X

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10/21/2015 16:23	Sarah Freeman	Comments on behalf of Arborway Coalition: Thank you for addressing public safety for all users at this important link for pedestrians, bicyclists & motorists. We support including as many crosswalks & paths as possible/practical. People tend to follow desire lines - let's make them safe. Re: bike lane adjacent to the Pond: Please review the idea to create a protected bike lane by switching parked cars & bike lane. *"Don't block the box": markings & enforcement needed at intersection. Ongoing consideration/next steps: * Sidewalk adjacent to Cabot Estate was not part of this scope, but it does not seem to meet current standards. Can it please get in a queue for DCR or City upgrade? * Re: Strong desire to "bike around the Pond", but no bike facility along Parkman Drive or Price St. Please work with Prince St. residents & the City of Boston to develop a bike facility along either Parkman Dr. or Prince St. Thank you again, Sarah Freeman 22 Arborway, JP, MA 02130	22 Arborway	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	freemansherwood@hotmail.com		X
10/21/2015 19:36	Carol Carveth	I wish I could have gone to the meeting, but by the time I heard about it it was already in the past. Looking at the pdf presentation, I definitely prefer alternative 1 to alternative 2. I think the red stripes drawn on as "pedestrian desire lines" aren't actually there from an earlier slide, but since it is on the "existing condition" slide perhaps I am wrong. Alternative 2 does not seem to provide easy access to the Parkman memorial area. Additionally, for people circling the pond in a clockwise direction it forces them to walk away from the corner to then go back to it later. I think pedestrians who don't need the ADA compliant crossings would probably continue to cross as they have before - unsafely.	10 Perkins Sq, Apt. 9	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	tloicto@gmail.com		X
10/22/2015 15:18	Mark Tedrow	Please find attached comments submitted via Adobe PDF on behalf of the LivableStreets Alliance. If you have any problem opening the PDF, please do not hesitate to call or email. Sincerely, Mark Tedrow cell: 857.719.7143 email: mctedrow@verizon.net	169 Sycamore St	Roslindale	MA	02131	mctedrow@verizon.net	attached	

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10/22/2015 23:32	Lucinda Franceschini	I am writing for myself and my husband to strongly support the DCR plan to create safe crossways across Perkins Street and Parkman Drive. We live in the condominium community of Cabot Estate which has about 300 residents and there is absolutely no safe way for us to walk to the parklands or Jamaica Pond, right across Perkins Street from us. Elderly residents especially take their lives in their hands when they try to cross to the pond, or try to walk to public transportation or to JP shops and restaurants. We only dare to try to cross for a few hours a day and it is very unsafe. A resident was killed trying to cross a couple of years ago. It is a long walk to the only light and even there the light does not cover all the fast moving roadways. We desperately need a crosswalk which this community has been asking for for almost 20 years.	241 Perkins Street, Unit B-201	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	lsf2044@nyu.edu		X
10/23/2015 10:56	Shelby Kashket	I am a resident of the Cabot Estate and attended the October 1 meeting when DCR presented its plan for creating safe crossways across Perkins Street and Parkman Drive. This message is to add my support for the plan. Some valuable comments were made by the public at the meeting and these should be evaluated as supplements to the plan. But the key is to continue moving on the plan and having it implemented as quickly as possible.	241 Perkins St, C403	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	shelby@kashket.com		
10/25/2015 11:38	JoAnn Robinson	Please see attached document. Many Thanks, JoAnn Robinson and Elena Saporta	25 Evans Way	Boston	MA	02115	jrobinson@isgm.org	attached	
11/20/2015 12:40	Michelle Lai	My elderly parents who take care of my two young daughters (ages 2 and 4 months) live in Cabot Estate. Whenever we take the girls to the Jamaica Pond, we have to run across with the stroller or the babies in our arms in between cars as there is no cross walk. It is extremely dangerous. A crosswalk would greatly improve safety.	241 Perkins Street, E403	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	mlai435@gmail.com		
11/24/2015 12:47	Alexander Finkelstein	Support	241 Perkins St	Boston	MA	02130	alec@mail.usa.com		

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11/24/2015 13:10	Miguel ringvald	I am a resident of Cabot Estates and I support the safety access to the JP pond crossing the street. The majority of residents are seniors and this crossing is very dangerous if not putting a Stop sign on Perkins St. In the past there have been accidents because cars go at a very high speed on the street. Thank you	241 perkins st C 407	boston	MA	02130	mringvald@gmail.com		X
11/24/2015 13:45	Margaret Laws	I have been a resident of Cabot Estate for 9 years. During this time, I have had concerns re crossing to safely as I try to get to the 29 bus on Huntington Avenue. Perkins Street has become a speedway. Please help us gain access to the other side of the street or the bus on Huntington	241 Perkins Street, D503	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	mimilaws1937@gmail.com		X
11/24/2015 13:49	Chris Walsh	I live in Cabot Estate and cross to the jamaica pond every day to walk and go into Centre street stores. I twould be incredibly helpful to have a cross walk across perkins street. Christopher Walsh, 241 Perkins Street, Unit B601	241 Perkins Street	Boston	MA	02130	christopher_walsh@hms.harvard.edu		
11/24/2015 14:05	Renee Miller	We have lived at Cabot Estate on Perkins Street over 10 years and have attended many meetings concerning safety in crossing to Jamaica Pond. At last we see some progress with plans to erect a traffic light near the entrance to our community. We are in our 80's and are finding it increasingly difficult to negotiate the traffic on Perkins Street. We hope this project will proceed apace.	241 Perkins St C601	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	reneepmiller@mac.com		X
11/24/2015 14:14	Mitchell Benoff	We are residents of 241 Perkins Street Unit J201, Jamaica Plain. My husband and I are in our 60's and hope to be living at Cabot Estate for many years. Walking the pond is one of our great joys. My husband is easily able to walk around the pond. My mobility is impaired and I am unable to walk more than 1/8 of a mile. A crosswalk at Cabot is critical to allow me any access to the beautiful pond	241 Perkins Street, J201	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	vbenoff@gmail.com		X

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11/24/2015 14:16	Linda Stubblefield	My husband and I are residents of the Cabot Estate Condominium complex at 241 Perkins St., Jamaica Plain. We have lived here for 11 years. We are active, and healthy, and one of our pleasures is walking around Jamaica Pond. Crossing Perkins Street to get to the pond is always very risky. Even at the stoplight where Pond Street meets Perkins, there is no easy, safe way to cross. No pedestrian walkway, no light that permits people to walk safely across Pond. First you have to dash across Pond Street, which is a long way from the entrance and exit from the Cabot Estate. Then you have to cross Perkins. Many people just dash across. There have been serious accidents, bicycle and pedestrian, in that location. We like the plan you have put forward, and support it. At the very least there could be a blinking light, which could be turned red by a button when someone wants to cross. We have been waiting a long time!	241 Perkins St., J101	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	Lindastubb@gmail.com		X
11/24/2015 17:15	Charles Short	Please approve the pedestrian crosswalk at 241 Perkins Street and Jamaica Pond. There is a lot of foot traffic crossing there with dangerous traffic patterns with poor visibility and sight lines for cars and walkers. Your attention and consideration are much appreciated!	241 Perkins Street, J301	Boston		02130	charvale@hotmail.com		
11/25/2015 9:53	linda goorin	I urge you to approve the plan at Perkins street as described. My husband and I live in Cabot Estates. My husband has a degenerating neurological disease with no treatment or cure. His ambulation declines as the disease progresses.Ten years ago he was an internationally acclaimed contributor to cancer research and pediatric oncology. He loves to go to the pond and sit on a bench with our dog. He walks slowly and awkwardly. Believe it or not, drivers speed up as he tries to cross the street and honk at him. It is very dangerous. Please assist us in giving him his treat of relaxing at the pond. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and attention.	241 Perkins St, B501	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130-4041	lgoorin1@bidmc.harvard.edu		X
11/25/2015 14:54		I have MS and walk rather poorly. I am often afraid to start out on the perilous crossing from Cabot Estates on Perkins Ave over to Jamaica Pond. Please, please provide a cross walk!!							

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11/29/2015 13:36	Jacolyn Firestone	My husband and I have been residents at Cabot Estate Condominium, 241 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, for 28 years. We often enjoy walking around Jamaica Pond, however, in doing so, there is no safe access across Perkins Street. We literally take our lives in our hands when trying to cross Perkins Street to walk around the Pond. Therefore, a traffic signal on Perkins Street near the entrance to Cabot Estate along with a pedestrian crosswalk is critically important to all residents of Cabot Estate -- and neighboring properties just to the west of Cabot Estate. We strongly urge the DCR to act favorably on this proposal, and with immediacy, in order to allow for safe pedestrian access to Jamaica Pond.	241 Perkins Street, E304	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	jackie@newventureboston.com		
11/29/2015 18:38	Laurie Bayer	I am a resident at Cabot Estates and a cyclist. I appreciate all the work that has gone into this project. I support the walkway and lights from Cabot to the Pond, the crosswalk and lights at Parkman, and the upgrades to the walkway along the pond. The median enlargement on Perkins does not seem necessary, nor does a walkway across Perkins at Parkman. I would like to see a marked bike lane on both sides of Perkins. The safest would be to mark a bike lane inside the parked cars on the south side of Perkins. I am also in favor of narrowing the car lanes along the pond as suggested at the meeting, to slow down traffic. I would also suggest planting shrubs or putting a low fence along the pond on Perkins so people don't continue to walk from their cars to the pond and add to the erosion. Another thought is to not allow overnight parking along Perkins. Most of the parked cars are from Brookline and not pond users and you can easily find this out by checking registrations. Thank you!	241 Perkins St. Unit B402	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	bayer.laurie@gmail.com		

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11/29/2015 21:10	Mitchell Rahimian	As a Cabot Estate resident for 14 years, it has always been very difficult walking across Perkins Street from our property's entrance gate to Jamaica Pond. As a mother of 2 children, I am always concerned that my children will get hit or that I may, since cars speed down Perkins Street and do not stop. On one occasion, I was 7 months pregnant I had to wait 10 minutes until another pedestrian walked halfway across the street with her hand up, so that I could cross over to our property from Jamaica Pond. Please put up a crosswalk, so that our residents can safely cross Perkins Street to Jamaica Pond.	241 Perkins St, F101	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	mfrahimian@gmail.com		
11/30/2015 8:47	Marilyn Ray Smith	We are residents of Brookline and Jamaica Plain. We regularly cross Perkins Street & Parkman Drive to get to Jamaica Pond, one of the jewels in the Emerald Necklace. Because of the volume and speed of traffic passing through that intersection and along Perkins Street, it is often quite dangerous for pedestrians to cross, especially during rush hour. We support the proposal to install the crosswalks as illustrated on Page 13 of the proposal submitted to DCR by the Beta Group. We also support the construction of paths leading from the crosswalks to the Pond, to eliminate the current necessity for pedestrians to climb over the guardrail (and the snow bank in winter) and then to walk down the slope to the Pond on the grass, which is often muddy or slippery. Foot traffic on the slope also causes erosion and runoff of soil into the Pond. Thank you.	100 Goddard Avenue	Brookline	MA	02445	MarilynRay@aol.com	attached	X

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11/30/2015 16:06	Martin Hall	City of Boston should be brought into project to consider sidewalk improvements on north side of Perkins. Sidewalk is not usable due to condition (pitch, cracked surface) and width (particularly at utility poles) by those in wheelchairs or pushing baby strollers. Without such improvements, crossing running north-south at Francis Parkman island to north side of Perkins provides modest benefit for cost. No details are provided of traffic or crossing signals proposed at Francis Parkman; overhead lights would detract from west entrance to pond area from Brookline and not be in keeping with park area. Access to Sargent Crossway from south and west remains dangerous at Francis Parkman intersection. Clearer and wider bicycle lanes should be considered (reduce width of proposed median to west of Francis Parkman intersection to accommodate).	329 Perkins Street	Boston	MA	02130	martin@uribehall.com		X
11/30/2015 20:01	Kai Johnson	My wife is blind and walks with a stroller in JP. One of the biggest issues in new areas is understanding the traffic flow - which way traffic is approaching, whether there's a median, if it's light controlled or a yield-only crosswalk. Audible crosswalk signals (with the beacon to locate them) are a huge help, but don't solve the problem of unfamiliar areas. Tactile maps included on the crosswalk post that would help greatly in making the intersection more understandable to visually impaired pedestrians. For more info: http://www.apsguide.org/chapter4_tactile.cfm It would be so helpful to my family if all new crosswalks could be the audible crosswalks with tactile maps included. Thank you!	17 Parkside Dr	Jamaica Plain	MA	02130	ksjohnson3@gmail.com		X

Updates, DCR (DCR)

From: JOHN S [jsobrien1@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Updates, DCR (DCR)
Subject: Jamaica Pond Access

Regarding the plans to put a crossing walk at the Parkman Drive/ Perkins St. intersection, please get it done!

My wife and I reside at Cabot Estates. I move a little slower than I used to as a result of some medical issues (such as loss of a lung to cancer).

As a result, every time we go to the Pond I feel like I am risking my life to find a safe place and time to cross Perkins St . I fully expect to see

a report of an accident there almost every day. As a long time Jamaica Plain resident, I don't know of another area where a controlled crosswalk id needed more.

Please expedite its progress and approval.

Best Regards,

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October 15th, 2015

Re: Jamaica Pond Access Enhancements – Perkins Street and Parkman Drive

To DCR staff:

We are writing to submit our comments on the above public meeting that took place on October 1st. We are pleased that the DCR has undertaken this series of public meetings. This area of Perkins and Parkman has been under discussion for many years and we are happy to see it move forward.

- We were pleased to see the proposal for a signalized intersection at Parkman and Perkins and agree that the tightening of the corner is crucial to slowing traffic down at the intersection for the safety of all. We wondered if you had looked at striping a crosswalk at the Sargent Crossway side of the intersection where pedestrians may tend to cross where westbound traffic is stopped at the light.
- We noted many comments at the meeting about the issue of bike lanes on Perkins and Parkman and urge you to review the existing bike lanes to improve their safety. The entire stretch should contain a continuous bike lane rather than the stop and start of current conditions. You've heard requests that a bike facility be created along Prince or Parkman to connect the Arborway/Jamaicaway & Perkins St. at this end of Jamaica Pond (and to make it possible to bike around the Pond). It isn't within the scope of this project, but it would pass through the intersection of Parkman & Perkins. We want to make sure it is part of the system-wide review of adding bike facilities to the parkways.
- Again, looking at bicycle accommodations, one suggestion we heard that deserves consideration is looking at the buffered bike lane that would be created if the parking lane & bike lane were switched. We also look forward to seeing this issue addressed in revised plans and discussed at a later meeting.
- We also heard comments regarding the sidewalk on the opposite side of Perkins St to Jamaica Pond. We understand that it is not part of the scope of the project but with no sidewalk on the Pond side the idea of improving the condition of that sidewalk seems worthwhile.

- We recognize that it would have cost implications for the project but we would like to see both the path and optional path included in the final layout. This will prevent those able-bodied folks who may be headed south from being tempted to walk down the slope and causing degradation to the landscape. Likewise, if it were possible, we would suggest adding a ramp on the west side of the steps from the crosswalk.

We appreciate that the DCR is moving forward with the Perkins/Parkman project. Thank you for your presentation and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a trailing flourish.

Julie Crockford
President

October 22, 2015

Subject: Jamaica Pond Access Enhancements at Perkins Street and Parkman Drive

The LivableStreets Alliance is pleased to provide comments for the Jamaica Pond Access Enhancements at Perkins Street and Parkman Drive presented by DCR and BETA Engineering on October 1, 2015.

The LivableStreets Alliance believes that the enhancement goals "To provide safe, convenient access between the north side of Perkins Street and Jamaica Pond" fall short of DCR's stated meeting purpose to "present results of traffic study to improve pedestrian and bicycle flow to Jamaica Pond". The alternatives presented do not meet Complete Streets standards and need to be redesigned to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists while calming motor vehicle traffic.

After reviewing the October 1st Presentation we recommend the following changes:

- Eliminate the slip lane, pork-chop island and right turn lane heading northeast on Perkins. The Queue length diagram indicates that there is no need for the slip lane. Slip lanes decrease pedestrian safety, increase crossing distances, and do not help to calm traffic.
- Extend the bike lane heading northeast on Perkins to the intersection and provide a dashed bike lane through the actual intersection.
- Reduce the lane width to 10'-0" and reduce both the median width and length to help calm traffic by reducing traffic speed. Use the narrower roadway to increase sidewalk width.
- The sidewalk width on the north side of Perkins Street is narrow and there is no sidewalk on the Pond side of Perkins Street from Parkman Drive to Chestnut Street. The project should increase the width of the existing sidewalks.
- We support both the new path at the intersection and the optional path to improve safe and convenient access to Jamaica Pond. The optional path is a pedestrian desire line and will reduce foot traffic on the slope. We also support the new mid-block crossing, the new stairs and ramps.
- Reduce lane width on Francis Parkman Drive to help reduce traffic speeds.
- Install bike lanes extending to the intersection on Parkman Drive within the project limits so that people on bikes can avoid the queue of cars and make the right turn without crossing the path of motor vehicles. This is both safer and more convenient for both motorists and cyclists.
- Install a bike box on Parkman Drive at the intersection so that people on bikes can make a left turn from Parkman Drive to Perkins Street.
- An option to provide a separated (protected) bike lane on Perkins Street southwest of the intersection should be studied. Separated bike lanes have been shown to both increase safety and bike ridership. One obvious method would require the parking lane to move towards the median and to place the bike lane between the parked cars and the sidewalk. Separate the bike lane from the parking lane with flexible bollards or a mountable curb. Install signage to keep cars from parking in the bike lane. The travel lanes or medians would have to be narrowed to provide the required buffer between the parked cars and the separated bicycle lane.

October 22, 2015

- As part of a future project, the DCR should consider adding a sidewalk to the pond side of Perkins Street to allow people to exit their cars and walk safely to the pond.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Beta Engineering are to be commended in their efforts to improve accommodation to Jamaica Pond and we look forward to seeing the design develop and the project be built. If you have any questions about the above comments and suggestions please contact Mark Tedrow, Livable Streets Alliance at 857.719.7143 or via email at mctedrow@verizon.net.

On behalf of the LivableStreets Alliance Advocacy Committee,

Mark Tedrow

241 Perkins Street
C305
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

December 9, 2015

Re: Improved Multi-Modal Safety and Access to Emerald Necklace Parks in Jamaica Plain

These comments are submitted in support of a pedestrian access plan for Perkins Street in Jamaica Plain presented at a public meeting on October 1, 2015 which I attended.

This plan, which calls for the installation of two traffic lights and crosswalks on Perkins Street to provide pedestrian safety between Cabot Estate and Jamaica Pond, is essential to the safety of the residents of Cabot Estate. The development, of 158 units, houses both families with children and elderly residents such as myself. The total population numbers several hundred people. It was built in the 1970s, but *has been without a crosswalk on any side of its 22 acres since its construction*. Perkins Street, where the proposed crosswalks would be installed, is a wide and heavily trafficked street and the current situation requires that those seeking to cross it dodge traffic in 2 directions without proper lines of sight. Cars move swiftly along the street at all hours of the day. It is extremely dangerous and is (another) accident waiting to happen.

Residents and others have been trying to secure a crosswalk for at least 17 years. The proposed plan, for which we understand DCR funding is allocated, should be completed without further delay. Pedestrian access is a fundamental component of any traffic management plan. Any other suggested enhancements should be considered only after this fundamental element is completed.

As I understand it, this matter was the subject of a public meeting in 2012 or 2013 and residents had been under the impression that the crosswalks were to have been constructed by now. Hopefully this long-delayed project can now move forward expeditiously.

Submitted by Sandra Kay Gibbs, Cabot Estate. skgibbs@comcast.net

Date and Time	Name	Comment	Address	City
10/3/2015 8:46	Helen Raizen	How can I comment when the materials from the meeting are not yet posted. I was planning to come to this meeting but was caught in a horrendous traffic jam instead. I can't come to the next two because of conflicts. You only give us three weeks to comment, but the materials aren't posted. When will the materials be posted, or can I get them sent directly to me. I'm an abutter of these projects. I'm going to be out of town for two of the next three weeks, hampering my ability to comment, especially if the materials are not posted in a timely manner. The meeting was two days ago. The materials should be posted by now.	75 Arborway	Jamaica Plan
10/4/2015 11:09	Matt Carty	(Note: I will be sending hard copy via the mail, which will include the figures noted in the text and citations of studies backing my claims) To whom it may concern, I attended the public meeting concerning enhancements to Perkins Street and Parkman Drive on October 1, 2015. The area in question is pictured below: Figure 1: Perkins Street at Parkman Drive I am disturbed and disappointed about many aspects of the meeting. I was shocked when one of the hosts claimed, "I'm an engineer, I can't influence traffic speed." But I have hope, based on DCR's stated goals: Figure 2: Project goals. Improving safety and recreational access to Jamaica Pond are indeed crucial goals. And given that the pond is ringed by high-speed traffic on highway grade roads, traffic calming is the most important and effective way to achieve the top two goals. Traffic calming is essential to successfully meeting your safety and access goals. Roads are re-engineered only once in 20 or more years. Much can change in that time frame, including our understanding of human behavior and our priorities as a society. Among		Boston

10/11/2015 9:35	Suzanne Lyons	<p>To Whom It May Concern: Cabot Estate is a condominium community located directly opposite Jamaica Pond on Perkins Street. It is home to 158 condo units. One of the reasons many of us choose to live here is because we love Jamaica Pond and the Emerald Necklace Parklands, and we want to use them. Cabot Estate residents have a serious problem that we have been trying to remedy for nearly twenty years: THERE IS NO SAFE WAY TO WALK FROM OUR HOME TO THE PARKLANDS. There is not a single pedestrian crossway that will allow us to cross either Perkins Street or Chestnut Street. Traffic is extremely heavy on these streets during commuting hours and the drivers have no incentive to stop or even slow down. On behalf of everyone who lives at Cabot Estate, I strongly request that you provide us with a safe way to cross Perkins Street so that we can enjoy the Parklands, walk to public transportation, and visit Jamaica Plain shops and restaurants.</p>	241 Perkins St Unit B302	Jamaica Plain
10/11/2015 9:57	Bill Lyons	<p>Sir/Madame, Please go forward with at least one crosswalk on Perkins St between the entrance of Cabot Estates and Parkman Drive. We walk the Pond several times a week and Perkins St has become a 'speedway' and very dangerous to cross. This issue has been unaddressed for too long. The crosswalk should be west of the Cabot Estate entrance to slow the traffic heading east and to give the west bound traffic sufficient time to see the light. It would be better to use the allotted budget to build something now than to wait any longer. Thank you for your attention to this issue. Bill Lyons 241 Perkins St, Unit B302 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130</p>	241 Perkins St, Unit B302	Jamaica Plain

10/12/2015 20:49	George Rigas	I live on Orchard St in Jamaica Plain and drive Parkman Dr and Perkins St on a daily basis and attended the meeting. While I enjoyed everyone's input, I have some comments of my own. An island can be put on the corner of Parkman Dr. and Perkins for cars exiting from Parkman. The island should have the effect of slowing cars down before turning onto Perkins. One of the options of narrowing the travel lanes to 9.5 or 10 feet is another feasible option to slowing the travel speed of cars. Adding raised sidewalks will slow traffic too much and will slow the response times of emergency services and when it comes to saving someone's life, seconds matter. There was a study done in Portland (OR?) that showed a delay of at least 9-15+ seconds when the raised sidewalks. Those seconds add up if the police car, ambulance or fire truck has to go over multiple raised sidewalks. Also, adding a light between Chestnut St and Parkman Dr will do little more than increase traffic and accidents.	35 Orchard St	Boston
10/12/2015 23:36	Giora Hadar	As a resident of Cabot Estate, I fully support the proposal to create two crosswalks on Perkins Street: one at our front entrance and another one at the intersection with Parkman Drive.	241 Perkins St, C-306	Jamaica Plain
10/15/2015 14:58	Herbert Morse	As a long time resident of Cabot Estate at 241 Perkins St I was encouraged by the presentation made by your staff at the community meeting on 10/1/15 regarding the crosswalk to Jamaica Pond. It was clear you listened carefully to our input at the previous meeting 2 years ago, and have developed a solution which provides for a safe crossing to/from the Pond, something we urgently need. After so many years of study, I hope you will proceed expeditiously to get this critical public safety initiative completed. Herbert E. Morse	241 Perkins St., C-205	Jamaica Plain
10/15/2015 15:34	Mary Hickie			

10/15/2015 15:58	Anne Glickman	I live at Cabot Estate and attended the meeting Oct. 1. The plan presented addresses the needs of Cabot residents very well, and I hope it will be implemented without delay. I was also impressed by the thought that went into protecting and enhancing the affected parklands, and into proposing walkways that fit the Olmstead sensibility and also meet ADA requirements. We at Cabot need this very much. Thank you for taking this need seriously. Please don't delay! Anne Glickman	241 Perkins St., D201	Jamaica Plain
10/16/2015 13:07	David Wean	See attached document	19 Congreve St.	Roslindale
10/18/2015 18:31	Helen Raizen	For those of us who couldn't attend, the presentation posted does not have enough detail to understand the options. Slide 4 says review three options, but the following slides don't make clear what the three options are. Is slide 13 the third option? It seems to be combining the first two options with some additional paths not shown on these. How are bicycles supposed to flow through this area, especially onto and off of Parkman?. It is currently very unsafe for bicycles in my opinion. I would like to see a signal at the intersection, because traffic is not well handled there during the morning commute. The stop sign just transferred the traffic issue Perkins St. to Parkman Dr. I like the options shown on slide 13, except for the loss of trees. I would like to see bike paths on Parkman Dr. and a signal in the intersection. Maybe one that operates as green, yellow, red during commute hours and as flashing yellow/flashing red at other times.	75 Arborway	Jamaica Plan

10/19/2015 16:42		<p>Re Perkins to Parkman Much to like here. Certainly nowhere to go but up for residents. I understand there is a window of opportunity for funding this project. The only change I strongly urge you to adopt is swapping lanes of parking with bike lanes wherever possible. It is critical to separate drivers from bicycles to avoid grave consequences. When bike meets car, bike loses and bicyclists too often die. While I recognize that time is of the essence, this shouldn't require any major changes as all the elements involved, driving lanes, bike lanes and parking lanes, are all demarcated with paint. Having to only worry about being doored on one side rather than being exposed to traffic while watching parked cars simultaneously would dramatically increase the safety of bicyclists along here. Said bicyclists include my children and my neighbors. I withhold comment on other significant proposed items in the interest of moving the project along. Claire Humphrey, May St</p>		
10/19/2015 16:46		<p>Commenting on minor item. Ideally, after construction, the pedestrian signal could be linked in to the new traffic signal so that the former worked only after an appropriate interval if it had been recently triggered; that would balance flow of traffic with pedestrian needs. The pedestrian signal at Prince St & the Arborway appears to be tied into the signal at Eliot St & Arborway in such a fashion. Sometimes when I press the Prince St signal, it changes immediately; other times it only changes after a full minute or more. And, did one of presenters mention lasered signals to drivers? LEDs, I understand, but that seems like overkill. Hopefully, I misunderstood. Claire E. Humphrey May Street. IP</p>		

10/19/2015 21:12	Joshua Jacober	<p>I think it is wonderful that the DCR is taking steps to improve the safety and access of the roads surrounding the Emerald Necklace parks. The plans to improve pedestrian access seem okay, but I am concerned with how long pedestrians need to wait to get a cross signal I hope that any signals installed will prioritize pedestrians crossing the street. I am also disappointed that protected bicycle lanes are not an option, and I don't think an island extension will seriously decrease vehicle speeds. All of the data I have seen indicates that islands actually increase speed because drivers feel safer. As it is the average speed seems to always be way above the 30mph posted limit. I think a combination of protected bicycle lanes with narrowed car lanes would contribute most to all user safety and experience of the park.</p>	7 Alveston St., Apt. 2	Jamaica Plain
10/20/2015 16:21	Sandra Gibbs	<p>This plan, which calls for the installation of two traffic lights and crosswalks on Perkins Street to provide pedestrian safety between Cabot Estate and Jamaica Pond, is essential to the safety of the residents of Cabot Estate. The development, 158 units, houses both families with children and elderly residents such as myself. It was built in the 1970s, but has been without a crosswalk on any side of its 22 acres since its construction. Perkins Street, where the proposed crosswalks would be installed, is a wide and heavily trafficked street and the current situation requires that those seeking to cross it dodge traffic in 2 directions without proper lines of sight. Cars move swiftly along the street at all hours of the day. It is extremely dangerous and is (another) accident waiting to happen. Pedestrian access is a fundamental component of any traffic management plan. Any other suggested enhancements should be considered only after this fundamental element</p>	241 Perkins Street, C-305	Boston

10/20/2015 22:26	Vickie Henry	I live in the Moss Hill area & use the Perkins/Parkman streets as a car driver & bicyclist & I also walk around Jamaica Pond regularly. The change I strongly urge you to adopt is swapping lanes of parking with bike lanes so the bike lanes are away from traffic. It is critical to separate drivers from bicycles to avoid grave consequences. This change was suggested at the public meeting and it was applauded soundly (and believe me, nothing else was). I also wish you were not installing so many traffic lights. Since you are telling people that the Arborway traffic can be slowed with raised sidewalks (and no lights), why don't you do that here as well? If they work in one place, <u>they should work in both.</u>	83 May Street	Jamaica Plain
10/21/2015 10:53	Susan Warne	Thanks for this plan--I know it will improve this busy intersection. Because there are a lot of desire lines, as many pedestrian crossings as possible is a good thing. Would it be possible to make a protected bike lane next to the Pond by switching the parked cars and the bike lane? The sidewalk adjacent to Cabot Estate does not seem to meet current standards. Can it please get in a queue for DCR or City to upgrade it? There is a strong desire to "bike around the Pond", but there is no bike facility along Parkman Drive or Price St. It would be beneficial to explore options through the Parkways Study Project being presented 10/27. "Don't block the box": markings at intersection and enforcement are needed.	65 Prince St.	Jamaica Plain

10/21/2015 16:23	Sarah Freeman	<p>Comments on behalf of Arborway Coalition:</p> <p>Thank you for addressing public safety for all users at this important link for pedestrians, bicyclists & motorists. We support including as many crosswalks & paths as possible/practical. People tend to follow desire lines - let's make them safe. Re: bike lane adjacent to the Pond: Please review the idea to create a protected bike lane by switching parked cars & bike lane. * "Don't block the box": markings & enforcement needed at intersection. Ongoing consideration/next steps: * Sidewalk adjacent to Cabot Estate was not part of this scope, but it does not seem to meet current standards. Can it please get in a queue for DCR or City upgrade? * Re: Strong desire to "bike around the Pond", but no bike facility along Parkman Drive or Price St. Please work with Prince St. residents & the City of Boston to develop a bike facility along either Parkman Dr. or Prince St. Thank you again, Sarah Freeman 22 Arborway, JP, MA 02130</p>	22 Arborway	Jamaica Plain
10/21/2015 19:36	Carol Carveth	<p>I wish I could have gone to the meeting, but by the time I heard about it it was already in the past. Looking at the pdf presentation, I definitely prefer alternative 1 to alternative 2. I think the red stripes drawn on as "pedestrian desire lines" aren't actually there from an earlier slide, but since it is on the "existing condition" slide perhaps I am wrong. Alternative 2 does not seem to provide easy access to the Parkman memorial area. Additionally, for people circling the pond in a clockwise direction it forces them to walk away from the corner to then go back to it later. I think pedestrians who don't need the ADA compliant crossings would probably continue to cross as they have before - unsafely.</p>	10 Perkins Sq, Apt. 9	Jamaica Plain

10/22/2015 15:18	Mark Tedrow	Please find attached comments submitted via Adobe PDF on behalf of the LivableStreets Alliance. If you have any problem opening the PDF, please do not hesitate to call or email. Sincerely, Mark Tedrow cell: 857.719.7143 email: mctedrow@verizon.net	169 Sycamore St	Roslindale
10/22/2015 23:32	Lucinda Franceschini	I am writing for myself and my husband to strongly support the DCR plan to create safe crossways across Perkins Street and Parkman Drive. We live in the condominium community of Cabot Estate which has about 300 residents and there is absolutely no safe way for us to walk to the parklands or Jamaica Pond, right across Perkins Street from us. Elderly residents especially take their lives in their hands when they try to cross to the pond, or try to walk to public transportation or to JP shops and restaurants. We only dare to try to cross for a few hours a day and it is very unsafe. A resident was killed trying to cross a couple of years ago. It is a long walk to the only light and even there the light does not cover all the fast moving roadways. We desperately need a crosswalk which this community has been asking for for almost 20 years.	241 Perkins Street, Unit B-201	Jamaica Plain

10/23/2015 10:56	Shelby Kashket	I am a resident of the Cabot Estate and attended the October 1 meeting when DCR presented its plan for creating safe crossways across Perkins Street and Parkman Drive. This message is to add my support for the plan. Some valuable comments were made by the public at the meeting and these should be evaluated as supplements to the plan. But the key is to continue moving on the plan and having it implemented as quickly as possible.	241 Perkins St, C403	Jamaica Plain
10/25/2015 11:38	JoAnn Robinson	Please see attached document. Many Thanks, JoAnn Robinson and Elena Saporta	25 Evans Way	Boston
11/20/2015 12:40	Michelle Lai	My elderly parents who take care of my two young daughters (ages 2 and 4 months) live in Cabot Estate. Whenever we take the girls to the Jamaica Pond, we have to run across with the stroller or the babies in our arms in between cars as there is no cross walk. It is extremely dangerous. A crosswalk would greatly improve	241 Perkins Street, E403	Jamaica Plain
11/24/2015 12:47	Alexander Finkelstein	Support	241 Perkins St	Boston

11/24/2015 13:10	Miguel ringvald	I am a resident of Cabot Estates and I support the safety access to the JP pond crossing the street. The majority of residents are seniors and this crossing is very dangerous if not putting a Stop sign on Perkins St. In the past there have been accidents because cars go at a very high speed on the street. Thank you	241 perkins st C 407	boston
11/24/2015 13:45	Margaret Laws	I have been a resident of Cabot Estate for 9 years. During this time, I have had concerns re crossing to safely as I try to get to the 29 bus on Huntington Avenue. Perkins Street has become a speedway. Please help us gain access to the other side of the street or the bus on Huntington	241 Perkins Street, D503	Jamaica Plain
11/24/2015 13:49	Chris Walsh	I live in Cabot Estate and cross to the jamaica pond every day to walk and go into Centre street stores. I twould be incredibly helpful to have a cross walk across perkins street. Christopher Walsh, 241 Perkins Street, Unit B601	241 Perkins Street	Boston
11/24/2015 14:05	Renee Miller	We have lived at Cabot Estate on Perkins Street over 10 years and have attended many meetings concerning safety in crossing to Jamaica Pond. At last we see some progress with plans to erect a traffic light near the entrance to our community. We are in our 80's and are finding it increasingly difficult to negotiate the traffic on Perkins Street. We hope this project will	241 Perkins St C601	Jamaica Plain
11/24/2015 14:14	Mitchell Benoff	We are residents of 241 Perkins Street Unit J201, Jamaica Plain. My husband and I are in our 60's and hope to be living at Cabot Estate for many years. Walking the pond is one of our great joys. My husband is easily able to walk around the pond. My mobility is impaired and I am unable to walk more than 1/8 of a mile. A crosswalk at Cabot is critical to allow me any access to the beautiful pond.	241 Perkins Street, J201	Jamaica Plain

11/24/2015 14:16	Linda Stubblefield	My husband and I are residents of the Cabot Estate Condominium complex at 241 Perkins St., Jamaica Plain. We have lived here for 11 years. We are active, and healthy, and one of our pleasures is walking around Jamaica Pond. Crossing Perkins Street to get to the pond is always very risky. Even at the stoplight where Pond Street meets Perkins, there is no easy, safe way to cross. No pedestrian walkway, no light that permits people to walk safely across Pond. First you have to dash across Pond Street, which is a long way from the entrance and exit from the Cabot Estate. Then you have to cross Perkins. Many people just dash across. There have been serious accidents, bicycle and pedestrian, in that location. We like the plan you have put forward, and support it. At the very least there could be a blinking light, which could be turned red by a button when someone wants to cross. We have been waiting a long time!	241 Perkins St., J101	Jamaica Plain
11/24/2015 17:15	Charles Short	Please approve the pedestrian crosswalk at 241 Perkins Street and Jamaica Pond. There is a lot of foot traffic crossing there with dangerous traffic patterns with poor visibility and sight lines for cars and walkers. Your attention and consideration are much appreciated!	241 Perkins Street, J301	Boston
11/25/2015 9:53	linda goorin	I urge you to approve the plan at Perkins street as described. My husband and I live in Cabot Estates. My husband has a degenerating neurological disease with no treatment or cure. His ambulation declines as the disease progresses.Ten years ago he was an internationally acclaimed contributor to cancer research and pediatric oncology. He loves to go to the pond and sit on a bench with our dog. He walks slowly and awkwardly. Believe it or not, drivers speed up as he tries to cross the street and honk at him. It is very dangerous. Please assist us in giving him his treat of relaxing at the pond. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and attention.	241 Perkins St, B501	Jamaica Plain
11/25/2015 14:54		I have MS and walk rather poorly. I am often afraid to start out on the perilous crossing from Cabot Estates on Perkins Ave over to Jamaica Pond. Please, please provide a cross walk!!		

11/29/2015 13:36	Jacolyn Firestone	My husband and I have been residents at Cabot Estate Condominium, 241 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, for 28 years. We often enjoy walking around Jamaica Pond, however, in doing so, there is no safe access across Perkins Street. We literally take our lives in our hands when trying to cross Perkins Street to walk around the Pond. Therefore, a traffic signal on Perkins Street near the entrance to Cabot Estate along with a pedestrian crosswalk is critically important to all residents of Cabot Estate -- and neighboring properties just to the west of Cabot Estate. We strongly urge the DCR to act favorably on this proposal, and with immediacy, in order to allow for safe pedestrian access to Jamaica Pond.	241 Perkins Street, E304	Jamaica Plain
11/29/2015 18:38	Laurie Bayer	I am a resident at Cabot Estates and a cyclist. I appreciate all the work that has gone into this project. I support the walkway and lights from Cabot to the Pond, the crosswalk and lights at Parkman, and the upgrades to the walkway along the pond. The median enlargement on Perkins does not seem necessary, nor does a walkway across Perkins at Parkman. I would like to see a marked bike lane on both sides of Perkins. The safest would be to mark a bike lane inside the parked cars on the south side of Perkins. I am also in favor of narrowing the car lanes along the pond as suggested at the meeting, to slow down traffic. I would also suggest planting shrubs or putting a low fence along the pond on Perkins so people don't continue to walk from their cars to the pond and add to the erosion. Another thought is to not allow overnight parking along Perkins. Most of the parked cars are from Brookline and not pond users and you can easily find this out by checking registrations. Thank you!	241 Perkins St. Unit B402	Jamaica Plain

11/29/2015 21:10	Mitchell Rahimian	As a Cabot Estate resident for 14 years, it has always been very difficult walking across Perkins Street from our property's entrance gate to Jamaica Pond. As a mother of 2 children, I am always concerned that my children will get hit or that I may, since cars speed down Perkins Street and do not stop. On one occasion, I was 7 months pregnant I had to wait 10 minutes until another pedestrian walked halfway across the street with her hand up, so that I could cross over to our property from Jamaica Pond. Please put up a crosswalk, so that our residents can safely cross Perkins Street to Jamaica Pond.	241 Perkins St, F101	Jamaica Plain
11/30/2015 8:47	Marilyn Ray Smith	We are residents of Brookline and Jamaica Plain. We regularly cross Perkins Street & Parkman Drive to get to Jamaica Pond, one of the jewels in the Emerald Necklace. Because of the volume and speed of traffic passing through that intersection and along Perkins Street, it is often quite dangerous for pedestrians to cross, especially during rush hour. We support the proposal to install the crosswalks as illustrated on Page 13 of the proposal submitted to DCR by the Beta Group. We also support the construction of paths leading from the crosswalks to the Pond, to eliminate the current necessity for pedestrians to climb over the guardrail (and the snow bank in winter) and then to walk down the slope to the Pond on the grass, which is often muddy or slippery. Foot traffic on the slope also causes erosion and runoff of soil into the Pond. Thank you.	100 Goddard Avenue	Brookline

11/30/2015 16:06	Martin Hall	City of Boston should be brought into project to consider sidewalk improvements on north side of Perkins. Sidewalk is not usable due to condition (pitch, cracked surface) and width (particularly at utility poles) by those in wheelchairs or pushing baby strollers. Without such improvements, crossing running north-south at Francis Parkman island to north side of Perkins provides modest benefit for cost. No details are provided of traffic or crossing signals proposed at Francis Parkman; overhead lights would detract from west entrance to pond area from Brookline and not be in keeping with park area. Access to Sargent Crossway from south and west remains dangerous at Francis Parkman intersection. Clearer and wider bicycle lanes should be considered (reduce width of proposed median to west of Francis Parkman intersection to accommodate).	329 Perkins Street	Boston
11/30/2015 20:01	Kai Johnson	My wife is blind and walks with a stroller in JP. One of the biggest issues in new areas is understanding the traffic flow - which way traffic is approaching, whether there's a median, if it's light controlled or a yield-only crosswalk. Audible crosswalk signals (with the beacon to locate them) are a huge help, but don't solve the problem of unfamiliar areas. Tactile maps included on the crosswalk post that would help greatly in making the intersection more understandable to visually impaired pedestrians. For more info: http://www.apsguide.org/chapter4_tactile.cfm It would be so helpful to my family if all new crosswalks could be the audible crosswalks with tactile maps included. Thank you!	17 Parkside Dr	Jamaica Plain

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We are writing to express our hope that as many mature trees and significant landscape features, as possible, are preserved during the design and construction phases of this project. In future iterations of the plans, we feel that it is essential to fully document the following: 1) exact tree locations and sizes, 2) tree species identification 3) graphic representations of tree canopy spreads, 5) existing contours (one or two foot intervals), and 6) site structures such as historic walls and retaining walls. Mapping these features will serve to more fully inform the configuration of the proposed traffic improvements.

Existing landscape features are integral to the character of the historic parkway. This is particularly true of the stately trees that do so much to define the parkway. When the proposed roadway alignments are superimposed on the existing road system, it appears that a number of significant trees may be impacted, particularly at the Murray and Kelley roundabouts. While replacement trees will undoubtedly be a part of any scheme, it is the existing continuous canopy of mature large trees that effectively provide the highest environmental value and lend the historic parkway its unique aesthetic character.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in and we look forward to following the evolution of the plans for the roadways. We are confident that it will be possible to marry the goals of traffic safety with those of preserving of the parkway's beloved historic and natural resources.

Thank you.

Elena Saporta, ASLA, and JoAnn Robinson, Landscape Historian

Members of the Access Working Group, Emerald Necklace Conservancy Board of Overseers

We are residents of Brookline and Jamaica Plain, not far from the intersection of Perkins Street and Francis Parkman Drive. We regularly cross those busy streets to get to Jamaica Pond, one of the jewels in the Emerald Necklace and an excellent place to walk or jog during all seasons of the year. Because of the volume and speed of traffic passing through that intersection and along Perkins Street, it is often quite dangerous for pedestrians to cross, especially during rush hour. As you are aware, in 2010 a pedestrian was seriously injured while crossing at Cabot Estates. There are regularly near misses for pedestrians and bicyclists.

We support the proposal to install the crosswalks as illustrated on Page 13 of the proposal submitted to DCR by the Beta Group. We also support the construction of paths leading from the crosswalks to the Pond, to eliminate the current necessity for pedestrians to climb over the guardrail (and the snow bank in winter) and then to walk down the slope to the Pond on the grass, which is often muddy or slippery. Foot traffic on the slope also causes erosion and runoff of soil into the Pond.

Thank you for your work on this project. We look forward to its successful completion and to the continued opportunity to enjoy Jamaica Pond, without having to experience the stress of dodging cars and trucks in order to get there!

Sincerely,
Marilyn Ray Smith and Charles Freifeld
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Clark Freifeld and Andee Krasner
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October 22, 2015

To the Department of Conservation and Recreation,

The Boston Cyclists Union (BCU) is pleased that the DCR has undertaken a redesign of critical Arborway corridors and access to the Emerald Necklace. However, we were dismayed to see that the first draft design for the junction of Perkins Street and Parkman Drive had no bicycle accommodation at all. Contrary to a dying belief, bicycles are not merely a tool for recreation. Cyclists in the region, more than ever before, rely on biking for transportation (City of Boston just released a report showing a 104% increase in cyclists in 2015 since 2007). The DCR should embrace and support this mode shift, as it helps with fossil fuel reduction important to conservation, and touts health benefits that we know are important to the DCR in its mission to promote recreation and improved public health.

Not only is the Emerald Necklace a destination, but a critical corridor for commuters, who bike through from Roslindale, West Roxbury, Newton, Brookline and Jamaica Plain to gain access to the rest of Boston, to the Longwood medical area, to school, work and play. We have over 2,300 cyclists from those neighborhoods who are engaged and want to see real accommodations for cyclists along the Emerald Necklace. We know you heard from many of them at the meetings and through letters. Just like us, they want to see DCR calming traffic along these roads where high speed car travel is a serious issue threatening safety of cyclists and pedestrians; they know, just as we do that a single car parked in a bike lane puts cyclists in immediate danger having to navigate around and into traffic; and that protected bike lanes and real infrastructure to accommodate cyclists is needed along all roadways that you are managing and re-thinking, especially those in your multi-modal improvement plan.

We appreciate that Patrice Kish of the DCR reached out to our board member Peter Furth with the commitment that the DCR and Toole would be revising the design to account for the needs of cyclists and would seek BCU input in this process this fall / winter. This is an important corridor for bicycling and it is important that this project avoid any construction that would preclude good bicycle accommodation in the future, such as making a corner so tight that it would squeeze out a future bike lane. It is also important that a project like this seize every opportunity to improve bicycling safety by adding bike lanes and / or converting bike lanes to cycle tracks where possible.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Wolfson
Interim Executive Director
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Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 11:32 AM
To: Hickey, William (DCR); Cedrone, Christine (DCR)
Subject: Fwd: perkins street crosswalk

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda goorin <lgoorin@comcast.net>
Date: November 22, 2015 at 11:28:14 AM EST
To: "Wall, Troy (DCR)" <Troy.Wall@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: perkins street crosswalk

My husband and I urge you to approve the crosswalk for Perkins Street to Jamaica Pond as presented in the Oct 1, 2015 community meeting. My husband is disabled and crossing the street is both challenging and dangerous. Believe it or not, drivers actually go faster and honk their horns when they see him slowly crossing the street. Please move forward with the plans as presented so that Cabot residents can safely enjoy the pond as well as other residents. Thank you for your time and attention.

Gordon A. Martin, Jr.
241 Perkins Street, #C303
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130

November 25, 2015

Conservation & Recreation:

When we moved to Cabot Estate on Perkins St. seven years ago, we particularly looked forward to walking around Jamaica Pond.

Your proposal to provide us with meaningful access is most appreciated and make ~~real~~ what we hoped for when we moved here.

I use a walker and need to be able to cross safely.

Thank you,

Gordon Martin

Helen Weinland
241 Perkins Street, Unit B-102
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Public Outreach
251 Causeway Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to support the DCR's current plan to provide pedestrian crosswalks that will cross Perkins Street at the entry to the Cabot Estate and grant access to Jamaica Pond. I understand this plan is the result of several years' planning; I understand in addition that the funds to realize it are available now.

I am a 74-year-old woman who frequently walks in Jamaica Pond for my important daily exercise and as an efficient way to reach the retail establishments on Centre Street in Jamaica Plain. I find it increasingly terrifying to judge the oncoming traffic and dash across the road, particularly at times of heavy traffic.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the public hearing a couple of weeks ago on this project, but I understand from newspaper accounts that bicycle riders wish to expand the project to include features facilitating bicycle traffic. In my opinion, this is a classic example of the perfect being the enemy of the good, nay, very good. At this time we have a need that has been proven over 20 years of requesting, a plan that all pedestrian users are satisfied with, and the funds to build it. I urge the Department not to delay longer and to undertake this project.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Weinland

Helen Weinland

Re: improved safety
near Cabot Estate
Condominium

Nov 19, 2015

Ellenjoy Fields

~~Pratt~~

To whom this concerns:

I am writing to concur that I, Ellenjoy Fields agree that a decision should be made ASAP regarding the above -

I have lived at Cabot Estate for 25 years. With our magical Jamaica Pond, I always hesitated to move away - I have been running/walking and doing the hills all this time. Of course the safety issue has always been a concern.

I'm sure you know that a few years ago one of our residents was hit by a car at our entrance - she is fine!

I have read the presentations on & am delighted with what they say. So, yes I would like to go ahead with the project -

Thank You Ellenjoy Fields

FW Perkins Street pedestrian crosswalk
From: Updates, DCR (DCR)
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 5:23 PM
To: Moran, Barbara (DCR)
Subject: FW: Perkins Street pedestrian crosswalk

Barb, another one I found in cleaning out the box ... Can you see if we included this in the comments we forwarded and, if not, incorporate it?
Thanks!

This shouldn't happen once we "turn off" DCR.Updates to incoming email!

Anne

-----Original Message-----
From: Fiesinger, Anne (DCR)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Updates, DCR (DCR)
Subject: FW: Perkins Street pedestrian crosswalk

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hickey, William (DCR) On Behalf Of Parks, Mass (DCR)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Fiesinger, Anne (DCR)
Subject: FW: Perkins Street pedestrian crosswalk

-----Original Message-----
From: Mona Bennett [<mailto:mona.bennett@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Parks, Mass (DCR)
Subject: Perkins Street pedestrian crosswalk

I am writing in support of the proposed crosswalk on Perkins Street to Jamaica Pond. I live at the Cabot Estate and often walk my dogs around the pond. At present, there are no crosswalks that will get a pedestrian safely across Perkins Street even walking a considerable distance. Cars travel quickly and the road is curved so visibility is limited for both drivers and pedestrians. Accidents have occurred and a more serious accident is just waiting to happen.

I urge you to implement the proposed plan for safe pedestrian access to Jamaica Pond.

Mona B. Bennett, MD