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TO: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager
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SUBJECT: MOTION 2017/9.7 (1/31/2017) C. LEARY-REQ. CITY MGR. REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A CROSSWALK BETWEEN 65 AND 63 PLAIN STREET AND WALGREENS PHARMACY.

Engineering and the Transportation Engineer have both investigated the area of Plain Street for the requested crosswalk. We recommend against installing the crosswalk as requested.

Installing a crosswalk and ADA compliant wheelchair ramps would require the removal of the Elephant Walk coffee shop's only parking space. On the opposite side of Plain Street, the wheelchair ramp would be wedged between the McDonald's exit driveway and the Walgreen's two-way driveway. There is not enough room to safely install the ramp. Also, the ramp would be in direct conflict with right turning vehicles from McDonald's.

There is an existing crosswalk, with signals, at the Plain/Chelmsford intersection. Since that is within 200' we recommend pedestrians use that location to cross safely. The crosswalk will be repainted to increase visibility of the crossing as soon as weather permits.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this information.



Requested crosswalk location (denied)