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# MEMORANDUM 

TO: David Hale<br>FROM: Kenneth P. Cram, P.E.<br>CC:<br>DATE: September 28, 2020<br>RE: Proposed Cedar Crossing and Cedar Edge Residential Development<br>Railroad Crossing Assessment<br>Summer Street, Walpole, MA

This memorandum has been prepared to assess the perceived safety issues associated with the location of the proposed site driveway in relation to the existing railroad crossing on Summer Street in Walpole, MA. Based on an average of 1.5 to 1 vehicles per minute during the respective weekday morning and weekday evening peak hours, the relatively short time for railroad crossing operations (approximately one minute) and the short time for vehicle queues to clear, the vehicular increase will not significantly affect existing operations.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will consist of the development of 300 residential units, of which 192 will be apartments units, 48 will be townhouse units and 60 will be single-family homes. Parking for a total of 677 (includes garage and surface parking) vehicles will be provided at the site. Access to the site will be provided by way of a driveway to Summer Street.

## OBSERVED RAILROAD CROSSING DELAYS

Located immediately east of the site is the MBTA Commuter Rail line which provides service to Boston from Gillette Stadium. There is also a gated railroad crossing on Summer Street. To understand railroad crossing operations, from November 6th through November 12th, 2019, the actual delays and queues created by the railroad crossing were video recorded during the weekday morning and weekday evening peak periods. These results are summarized in Table 1 (originally summarized as Table 5 in the Traffic Impact and Access Study (TIAS) prepared for the project).

As shown in Table 1, during the weekday morning peak period (7:00 to 9:00 AM), the average queue length in the westbound direction was two (2) vehicles and the time it took for this vehicle queue to clear was ten (10) seconds. Similarly, the average queue length in the eastbound direction was five (5) vehicles and the time it took for this vehicle queue to clear was fifteen (15) seconds.

During the weekday evening peak period (4:00 to 6:30 PM), the average queue length in the westbound direction was eight (8) vehicles and the time it took for this vehicle queue to clear was twenty-six (26) seconds. Similarly, the
average queue length in the eastbound direction was three (3) vehicles and the time it took for this vehicle queue to clear was eleven (11) seconds.

TABLE 1
SUMMER STREET OBSERVED RAILROAD CROSSING DELAYS AND VEHICLE QUEUES ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Time Period | Average <br> Time for Westbound Vehicle Queue to Clear (sec) | Average <br> Time for Eastbound Vehicle Queue to Clear (sec) | Average Westbound Vehicle Queue (veh) | Average <br> Eastbound Vehicle Queue (veh) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Weekday Morning Peak Period ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 10 | 15 | 2 | 5 |
| Weekday Evening Peak Period ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 26 | 11 | 8 | 3 |

abased on count data compiled November 6, 2019 to November 12, 2019.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Morning Peak period from 7:00 - 9:00 AM.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Evening Peak period from 4:00 - 6:30 PM.

The Foxboro line travels from Patriot Place to South Station. Currently there are 10 trains to Foxboro and 10 trains to Boston per day Monday through Friday. Service hours are from 5:48 AM to 10:55 PM. No weekend service is currently provided. During the weekday morning peak period (7:00 to 9:00 AM), there are two trains from Foxboro to Boston (leaves Foxboro at 7:23 AM and 8:19 AM) and one train from Boston (arrives in Foxboro at 8:06 AM). During the weekday evening peak period (4:00 to 6:30 PM), there are two trains from Foxboro to Boston (leaves Foxboro at 4:32 PM and 5:29 PM) and two trains from Boston (arrives in Foxboro at 5:16 PM and 6:07 PM). Additional trains also run for New England Patriots games (from Boston and Providence), as well as special events at Gillette Stadium. The train schedule is attached.

As part of our assessment, the videoed data was again reviewed and the time from the start of railroad flashing operations to the end of operations were recorded. This summary is attached at the end of this memorandum. Summarized in Table 2 are the peak period operations summary.

TABLE 2
RAILROAD OPERATIONS SUMMARY ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Time Period | Weekday Morning Peak Period ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Weekday Evening Peak Period ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | NB Trains | SB Trains |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average Time for Flashing Operations (sec) | 58 | 62 | 58 | 62 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Based on count data compiled November 6, 2019 to November 12, 2019.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Morning Peak period from 7:00-9:00 AM.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Evening Peak period from 4:00-6:30 PM.

As can be seen in Table 2, during the peak periods, the average time from the start of railroad operations to the end is on average, one (1) minute.

Also, during the morning peak hour, it is anticipated that there will be 87 vehicles turning left out of the site and during the evening peak hour, it is anticipated that there will be 57 vehicles turning left out of the site. This is on average 1.5 to 1 vehicles per minute during the respective weekday morning and weekday evening peak hours. This increase will not significantly affect existing operations.

## RAILROAD OPERATIONS

As indicated in Tables 1 and 2, overall railroad operations are not lengthy. However, it has been suggested that drivers exiting the site may conceivably break the law by turning left and driving on the wrong side of the road into head-on traffic in an attempt to by-pass any vehicle queue on Summer Street. It should be noted that cars leaving the site would be no more likely to break the law than the cars waiting in the queue on Summer Street. Bayside reviewed the geometry and performed a number of AutoTURN ${ }^{1}$ runs.

Further, from this assessment, Bayside determined that a vehicle would have to be travelling at a speed of five (5) miles per hour (mph) in order to make the zig-zag maneuver to cross the tracks (if the crossing arm bars are in the down position). This maneuver is shown on the attached Figure 1. A vehicle travelling any faster would not be able to maneuver across the railroad tracks, in between the crossing arm bars or queued vehicles without a collision.

The project applicant has committed to installing a sign on the driveway approach to Summer Street reminding motorists of the adjacent railroad crossing. Also, in the respective sale/rental of housing units documents, information will be included identifying the railroad crossing.

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PDI File\# 197249
Summer Street MBTA Crossing
EB and WB Queues
City, State: Walpole, MA
Client: Bayside Engineering/ K. Cram
Client \#: 2192658
Count Dates: Wed 11/6 thru Tues 11/12/2019
AM: 7-9am
PM: 4-6:30pm


Saturday, November 9, 2019 No AM Trains No PM Trains

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Lights Begin Flashing Bars Begin to Go Up Direction Type of Train Amount of Time

Sunday, November 10, 2019 No AM Trains
No PM Trains

| Monday, November 11, 2019 | 7:31:32 AM | 7:32:31 AM | NB | MBTA | 00:59 | 59 |
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|  | 8:09:20 AM | 8:10:21 AM | SB | MBTA | 01:01 | 61 |
|  | 8:23:34 AM | 8:24:25 AM | NB | MBTA | 00:51 | 51 |
|  | 8:46:43 AM | 8:47:37 AM | SB | CSX | 00:54 | 54 |
|  | 4:33:47 PM | 8:34:40 PM | NB | MBTA | 00:53 | 53 |
|  | 5:16:36 PM | 5:17:39 PM | SB | MBTA | 01:03 | 63 |
|  | 5:29:03 PM | 5:30:03 PM | NB | MBTA | 01:00 | 60 |
|  | 6:04:28 PM | 6:05:27 PM | SB | MBTA | 00:59 | 59 |
| Tuesday, November 12, 2019 | 7:31:00 AM | 7:31:57 AM | NB | MBTA | 00:57 | 57 |
|  | 8:08:38 AM | 8:09:41 AM | SB | MBTA | 01:03 | 63 |
|  | 8:20:37 AM | 8:21:28 AM | NB | MBTA | 00:51 | 51 |
|  | 4:33:42 PM | 4:34:39 PM | NB | MBTA | 00:57 | 57 |
|  | 4:40:24 PM | 4:41:52 PM | NB | CSX | 01:28 | 88 |
|  | 5:23:24 PM | 5:24:27 PM | SB | MBTA | 01:03 | 63 |
|  | 5:35:56 PM | 5:36:51 PM | NB | MBTA | 00:55 | 55 |
|  | 6:07:05 PM | 6:08:13 PM | SB | MBTA | 01:08 | 68 |

## FRANKLIN LINE with FOXBORO PILOT Summer 2020 schedule, effective June 22, 2020

| Monday to Friday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Inbound to Boston |  |  | AM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | PM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Estatov tran | train \# | 700 | 740 | 702 | 7704 | 7742 | 7708 | 7744 | 710 | 746 | 712 | 714 | 748 | 716 | 718 | 720 | 750 | 7722 | 7752 | 754 | 724 | 7756 | 726 | 728 | 758 | 730 | 732 |
| Bikes Allowed |  |  | do | do | do | do | - | do | \%o | - | do | \$b | - | do | - | - | do | - | - | do | -6 | - | - 6 | dob | - | \%o | do | -6 |
| 6 | Forge Park/495 | b. | 5:18 | - | 6:03 | 6:50 | - | 7:47 | - | 9:24 | - | 10:55 | 12:20 | - | 1:37 | 2:54 | 3:55 | - | 4:58 | - | - | 7:45 | - | 8:07 | 9:10 | - | 10:30 | 11:50 |
|  | Franklin/Dean Coll. |  | 5:25 | - | 6:10 | 6:57 | - | 7:54 | - | 9:31 | - | 11:02 | 12:27 | - | 1:44 | 3:01 | 4:02 | - | 5:05 | - | - | 7:52 | - | 8:14 | 9:17 | - | 10:37 | 11:57 |
| 5 | Norfolk | b. | 5:32 | - | 6:17 | 7:04 | - | 8:01 | - | 9:38 | - | 11:09 | 12:34 | - | $1: 51$ | 3:08 | 4:09 | - | 5:12 | - | - | 7:59 | - | 8:21 | 9:24 | - | 10:44 | 12:04 |
|  | Foxboro | b | - | 5:47 | - | - | 7:23 | - | $8: 19$ | - | 10:29 | - | - | 1:29 | - | - | - | 4:32 | - | 5:29 | 6:34 | - | 8:07 | . | - | 9:49 | . | - |
| 4 | Walpole |  | 5:39 | - | 6:24 | 7:11 | - | 8:08 | - | 9:45 | - | 11:16 | 12:41 | - | 1:58 | 3:23 | $4: 24$ | - | 5:26 | - | - | 8:06 | - | 8:36 | 9:31 | - | 10:51 | 12:11 |
|  | Plimptonville |  | - | - | - | f7:13 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | . | - | - | - | - |
| 4 | Windsor Gardens |  | 5:42 | 6:00 | 6:28 | 7:16 | 7:36 | 8:12 | - | 9:49 | 10:42 | 11:20 | 12:45 | 1:42 | - | 3:28 | - | 4:45 | - | - | f6:47 | - | - | - | - | 10:02 | - | - |
| 3 | Norwood Central | b | 5:46 | 6:05 | 6:33 | 7:21 | 7:41 | 8:18 | 8:35 | 9:53 | 10:46 | 11:24 | 12:49 | 1:46 | 2:05 | 3:32 | 4:31 | 4:49 | 5:33 | 5:44 | 6:51 | 8:13 | 8:23 | 8:43 | 9:38 | 10:06 | 10:58 | f12:18 |
|  | Norwood Depot | b. | 5:49 | 6:08 | 6:36 | 7:24 | 7:44 | $8: 21$ | 8:38 | 9:55 | 10:48 | 11:26 | 12:51 | 1:48 | 2:07 | 3:34 | - | 4:51 | - | 5:46 | 6:53 | $8: 15$ | - | 8:45 | 9:40 | 10:08 | 11:00 | f $12: 20$ |
| 3 | Islington |  | 5:52 | 6:12 | 6:40 | 7:28 | 7:48 | 8:25 | 8:42 | 9:58 | 10:51 | 11:29 | 12:54 | $1: 51$ | 2:10 | 3:37 | - | 4:54 | - | 5:49 | 6:56 | 8:18 | - | 8:48 | 9:43 | 10:11 | 11:02 | f 12:22 |
| 2 | Dedham Corp. Ctr. | b | 5:55 | 6:15 | 6:43 | 7:31 | 7:51 | 8:28 | 8:45 | 10:01 | 10:53 | 11:31 | 12:56 | 1:53 | 2:12 | 3:39 | 4:36 | $4: 56$ | 5:38 | 5:51 | 6:58 | 8:20 | 8:28 | 8:50 | 9:45 | 10:13 | 11:05 | f 12:25 |
| 2 | Endicott |  | 5:58 | 6:18 | 6:46 | 7:35 | 7:55 | 8:31 | 8:48 | 10:04 | 10:56 | 11:34 | 12:59 | 1:56 | 2:15 | 3:42 | - | 4.59 | - | 5:54 | 7:01 | 8:23 | - | 8:53 | 9:48 | 10:16 | 11:08 | f 12:28 |
| 2 | Readville | ¢ | 6:02 | VIA | 6:51 | 7:40 | VIA | 8:35 | VIA | 10:08 | VIA | 11:38 | 1:03 | VIA | 2:19 | - | - | VIA | VIA | 5:58 | VIA | 8:26 | - | VIA | 9:52 | VIA | 11:12 | f 12:32 |
| 1 | Hyde Park | b |  | FAIR- | - | . | FAIR- | - | FAIR- | - | FAIR- | - | - | FAIR- | - | - | - | FAIR- | FAIR- | - | FAIR- | - | - | FAIR- |  | FAIR- | - | - |
| 1A | Ruggles | b. | L6:13 | mount | L7:01 | L7:50 | mount | L8:48 | MOUNT | L 10:18 | mount | - | - | Mount | - | - | - | mount | mount | - | mount | L8:37 | - | mount | L 10:02 | mount | - | - |
| 1 A | Back Bay | b | L6:17 | LINE | 17:05 | L7:54 | LINE | L8:52 | LINE | L 10:22 | LINE | L11:49 | L:114 | LINE | L2:30 | L4:00 | L4:59 | LINE | LINE | L6:15 | LINE | L8:41 | L8:48 | LINE | L 10:06 | LINE | L 11:24 | L 12:43 |
|  | South Station | d. | 6:23 | 6:52 | 7:11 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 8:58 | 9:23 | 10:27 | 11:30 | 11:54 | 1:19 | 2:30 | 2:35 | 4:05 | 5:04 | 5:33 | 6:14 | 6:20 | 7:36 | 8:46 | 8:53 | 9:27 | 10:11 | 10:50 | 11:29 | 12:48 |
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Monday to Friday


|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1702 \\ \text { SAT } \\ \text { ONIY } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1704 \\ \text { SAT } \\ \text { ONIY } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1706 \\ & 2706 \end{aligned}$ | 1708 <br> 2708 | 1710 | $\begin{aligned} & 1712 \\ & 2712 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1714 \\ & 2714 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1716 \\ & 2716 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1718 \\ & 2718 \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | Bikes Allowed |  | ¢ 6 | 60 | 6b | 6-6 | dob | ¢ 6 | dob | ¢ 6 | 6 |
| 6 | Forge Park/495 | b. | 6:4 | 8:40 | 10:40 | 12:40 | 2:40 | 4:40 | 6:40 | 8:4 | 10:4 |
| 6 | Franklin/Dean Coll. |  | 6:47 | 8:47 | 10:47 | 12:47 | 2:47 | 4:47 | 6:47 | 8:47 | 10:47 |
| 5 | Norfolk | b. | 6:54 | 8:54 | 10:54 | 12:54 | 2:54 | 4:54 | 6:54 | 8:54 | 10:54 |
| 4 | Walpole |  | 7:01 | 9:01 | 11:0 | 1:01 | 3:01 | 5:0 | 7:0 | 9:0 | 11:0 |
| 4 | Windsor Gardens |  | 7:06 | 9:06 | 11:06 | 1:06 | 3:06 | 5:06 | 7:06 | 9:0 | f 11:0 |
| 3 | Norwood Central | b | 7:10 | 9:10 | 11:10 | 1:10 | 3:10 | 5:10 | 7:10 | 9:1 | $f 1$ |
|  | Norwood Depot | b. | 7:12 | 9:12 | 11:12 | 1:12 | 3:12 | 5:12 | 7:12 | 9:12 | f 11:1 |
| 3 | Islington |  | 7:1 | 9:16 | 11:16 | 1:16 | 3:1 | 5:16 | 7:16 | 9:1 | f 11: |
| 2 | Dedham Corp. Ctr. | d. | 7:19 | 9:19 | 11:19 | 1:19 | 3:19 | 5:19 | 7:19 | 9:19 | f 11:17 |
| 2 | Endicott |  | 7:21 | 9:21 | 11:21 | 1:21 | 3:21 | 5:21 | 7:21 | 9:21 | f 11:19 |
| 2 | Readville | d. | 7:24 | 9:24 | 11:24 | 1:24 | 3:24 | 5:24 | 7:24 | 9:24 | f 11: |
| 1A | Ruggles | b | L7:34 | L9:34 | 11: | L1:34 | L 3:34 | L5:34 | L7:34 | L9:3 | L11:31 |
| 1A | Back Bay | b | L7:38 | L9:38 | L 11:3 | L1:38 | L 3:38 | L5:38 | -7:38 | L9:38 | L 11:3 |
| 1A | South Station | b. | 7:43 | 9:43 | 11:43 | 1:43 | 3:43 | 5:43 | 7:43 | 9:43 | 11:40 |
| Trains 1702 and 1704 are Saturday only trains and will not operate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Saturday \& Sunday

Outbound from Boston AM

| Saturday train * | 1703 | 1705 | 1707 | 1709 | 1711 | 1713 | 1715 | 1717 | 1719 |
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Norwood Central
4 Windsor Gar
Walpole
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6 Forge Park/495

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| b | 7:45 | 9:45 | 11:45 |
|  | 7:47 | 9:47 | 11:47 |
| b | 7:50 | 9:50 | 11:50 |
| d. | 7:53 | 9:53 | 11:53 |
|  | 7:57 | 9:57 | 11:57 |
|  | 8:03 | 10:03 | 12:03 |
| b. | 8:10 | 10:10 | 12:10 |
|  | 8:17 | 10:17 | 12:17 |
| b | 8:24 | 10:24 | 12:24 |

Trains $\mathbf{1 7 0 3}$ and 1705 are Saturday only trains and will not operate on Sunday.Times in purple with " f " indicate a flag stop: Passengers must tell the conductor that they wish to leave. Passengers waiting to board must be visible on the platform for the train to stop.Times in blue indicate an early departure
(L stop): The train may leave ahead of schedule at these stops.
Bitbes: Bicycles are allowed on trains with the bicycle symbol shown below the train number.

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Socially distance whenever possible


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ AutoTURN is a computer software used to analyze road and site design projects including intersections, roundabouts, bus terminals, loading bays, parking lots or any on/off-street assignments involving vehicle access checks, clearances, and swept path maneuvers

