



MEMO

Date: December 13, 2019

To: Traffic and Parking Committee

From: Nancy Salamoun, ADA Coordinator

Re: Broadway Bus and Bicycle Lane Impact on Residents with Disabilities

I am submitting this brief memorandum in my capacity as the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator for the City of Somerville.

Since the implementation of the bus and bicycle lanes on Broadway, my office has received resident concerns regarding accessibility impacts for people with disabilities. Presently, the bicycle lane flex posts block vehicle access for curbside pickup and drop-off of residents. Additionally, vehicles are prohibited from entering the bus lanes in order to pick up residents. This has been particularly burdensome for residents with physical disabilities who rely on door to door transportation in order to safely attend medical appointments or to conduct their daily activities. This change has been distressing for residents as they are being forced to either stay home or navigate a difficult distance on sloped sidewalks in order to reach their driver. I anticipate that we will continue to receive such concerns from residents.

I am happy to elaborate further or answer questions that you may have. I can be reached at 617-625-6600 x2323 or at nsalamoun@somervillema.gov

Sincerely,

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