



Traffic Memorandum

PROJECT: Horace Mann Elementary School
225 Nevada Street
Newton, MA

RDA PROJECT # NEW2101

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Horace Mann Elementary School Project Description

The project consists of additions to the existing Horace Mann Elementary School located at 225 Nevada Street. The parcel includes right-of-way access to Linwood Avenue to the east, and to California Street to the west. Both right-of-ways are bounded by residential properties to the north and south. The California Street ROW provides vehicular access to these residential properties only, and will be used as Contractor Access during construction, but no changes are proposed. The Linwood Ave access provides vehicular and pedestrian access to the parking lot and rear of the school site. The Linwood Ave. access drive will be enhanced with a new raised sidewalk and crosswalks to provide safer pedestrian circulation.

While modest increases in student enrollment is expected in the coming years, there is no grade reconfiguration or additional general classrooms added as part of the project and therefore there is no significant additional traffic generation expected due to the project. The existing drop off / pick up operations and general school traffic will remain as-is, except for the location of trash pick-up and deliveries, which are relocated from the rear parking lot to the front parking lot off of Nevada Street. Both deliveries and trash pick up generally occur outside of general arrival and dismissal times, therefore access off of Nevada Street is preferred in order to limit vehicles at the back of the site adjacent to highly used outdoor areas such as the playground, fields, and a new outdoor classroom.

In summary, the proposed reconfiguration of the Horace Mann School and site does not have an appreciable impact on adjacent roadway traffic. During the 5-58 Site Plan Approval process, the Design Review Committee reviewed these proposed changes and recognize that there are few items related to traffic and circulation that will continue to be developed during the next design phase:

- Traffic impact during Construction
- Curb dimensions at Linwood Ave Access Drive
- Siting and screening of Loading and trash / recycling area

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