



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

TRAFFIC, PARKING, + TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Cambridge Planning Board

From: Brooke McKenna, Transportation Commissioner

As. for BM 8/22/24

Date: August 22, 2024

Subject: East Service Drive to be 2-way between Binney Street and the 250 and 290 Binney Street garages (PB#315)

The Cambridge Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department (TP+T) has been working with Boston Properties Limited Partnership on their Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan (KSURP) Infill Development Concept Plan since 2016 and have recently been working with them on a proposal for a circulation change to East Service Road, which is a private road.

East Service Road is currently one-way from Binney Street to Broadway. The circulation change will allow drivers exiting the 250 and 290 Binney Street parking garages to travel two-way on East Service Road (either go north on East Service Road to access Binney Street or go south on East Service Road to access Broadway). For vehicles exiting the garages and going north on East Service Road, signs will only allow them to turn right onto Binney Street.

TP+T supports the circulation change because it will reduce the need for drivers to have to circulate around by going south and then north, and reducing vehicle, bike, and pedestrian conflicts at three driveways: East Service Road and Broadway, Broadway and West Service Road, and West Service Road and Binney Street.

TP+T believes that the north portion of East Service Road can accommodate two-way traffic and sightlines for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists will be acceptable.

On behalf of Boston Properties, VHB provided a memo to TP+T, dated July 13, 2024, to update the August 4, 2021 KSURP Infill Development Concept Traffic Impact Study. TP+T accepted the memo.

This item is an update to the approved design for 290 Binney Street building which is currently under construction.