

MEMO

To: Cambridge Planning Board
From: Cambridge Pedestrian/Bicycle/Transit Committees
Date: March 17, 2021
Re: Special Permit PB-375, 600-624 Main Street

We have reviewed the proponent's proposal and would like to submit the following comments for consideration by the Planning Board.

- We appreciate the addition of a public green space that provides park space with seating for people to enjoy.
- We would like to see the inclusion of high-quality pedestrian-scale lighting for the safety and comfort of people walking in this area. These lights could be incorporated artistically within the plaza area, e.g., as part of benches. The area can feel a bit empty after hours and this would make a difference.
- Some areas of Kendall Square have uncomfortable wind tunnel effects; is there a way for trees and landscaping to be planted in such a way as to mitigate those effects?
- We were happy to see the additional crosswalk crossing Main Street at Albany Street.