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Evaluation of "No Parking Anytime"

Hadwen Lane opposite 83 Morningside Road April 19, 2023

Petition: Richard Baker request installation of No Parking signage on the

opposite side of the driveway at 83 Morningside Rd at the

corner of Hadwen Ln. and Morningside Rd.

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Scheduled Committee Hearing: April 26, 2023 Traffic & Parking Committee, Item 4a

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The petitioners have requested the installation of a posted No Parking Anytime sign on Hadwen Lane opposite the driveway for 83 Morningside Road to improve motor vehicle access and egress from the property's driveway.

Morningside Road is classified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) as a Local Roadway under City Jurisdiction. The roadway is 35 feet curb to curb, generally runs in a north-south direction, and provides a residential connection between Hadwen Road and Chamberlain Parkway. The road includes two-way motor vehicle operations with 1 general purpose travel lane in each direction. On Street parking is permitted on both sides of the street within the study area, but the eastern curb is restricted in the overnight hours from December 1st to April 1st. The statutory (unposted) speed limit is 30 mph. Land use along this section is single family residential. There are continuous sidewalks along eastern curb line of the street and intermittent sidewalks along the western curb line. The intersection with Hadwen Lane does not have compliant wheelchair ramps.

Hadwen Lane is classified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) as a Local Roadway under City Jurisdiction. The roadway is 22 feet curb to curb, generally runs in a east-west direction, and provides a residential connection to Morningside Road and Pleasant Street. Hadwen Lane includes two-way motor vehicle operations with 1 general purpose travel lane in each direction. On Street parking is permitted on both sides of the street within the study area. The statutory (unposted) speed limit is 30 mph. Land use along this section is single family residential, though this section is abutting side yards with no properties fronting on the street. There is a sidewalk along the southern curb line.

Currently City Ordinance Chapter 13, Section 37(h) prohibits parking "upon any roadway within twenty feet of a crosswalk, marked or unmarked, at any intersection." Curbside parking on Hadwen Lane to the east of Morningside Road is regulated under this City Ordinance for 20 feet from the intersection even though there is no designated crosswalk. This is approximately 10 feet shy of the driveway for 83 Morningside Road. Parking on the street is underutilized, though given the width of the roadway if two vehicles were to park opposite each other it would significantly reduce access for emergency vehicle apparatus and other large vehicles.

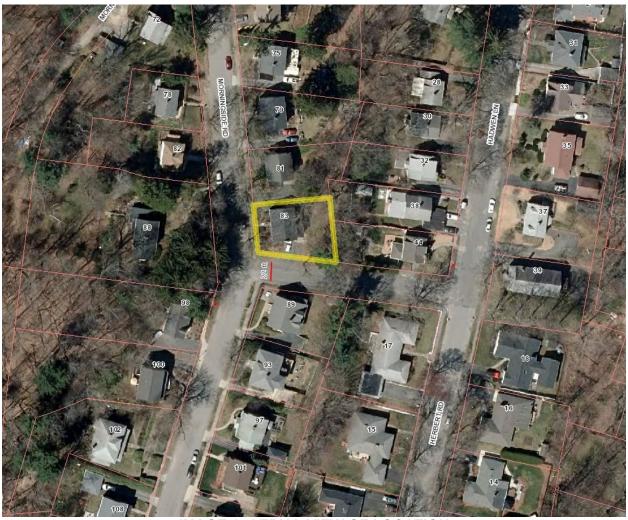


IMAGE 1: AERIAL VIEW OF LOCATION

DTM staff have analyzed the available crash data from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Crash Database. Between January 2018 and March 2023 there were no reported crashes related to the intersection of Hadwen Lane and Morningside Road. There was an unrelated single vehicle crash with a street tree on Morningside Road attributed to wet roadway conditions due to a snowstorm.

Recommendation: Although the parking usage is underutilized, due to the narrow width of the roadway and the need to ensure emergency vehicle access DTM staff recommends approval of a posted NO PARKING ANYTIME zone along the southern curb line from Morningside Road to Herbert Road.