



## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**To:** Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass  
**From:** Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**Subject:** Thorndike Field Phase 2  
**Date:** 26 October 2009

The TAC was requested by the Recreation Commission to assist with the improvements for Thorndike Field. A while ago we recommended Phase 1 improvements that included posting no parking signs on the entrance, clearing vegetation along the side, and placing signs in the parking lot. The Commission has studied variations for the parking area, and has held several public meetings. The TAC has several additional recommendations in support of the work of the Commission. These are mostly off-site and include way finding signage to Thorndike Field to better share the traffic in the area and to improve safety.

The following recommendations have been reviewed and concurred with by the Recreation Commission, and were voted unanimously by the TAC on 2/11/09. The report is attached.

1. Way Finding Signage:
  - a. Post a sign on the northbound side of Lake Street at Burch Street directing Thorndike Field parkers onto Burch Street and buses straight ahead (THORNDIKE FIELD PARKING→ BUSES ↑; see attached sign plan).
  - b. Post a sign on the northbound side of Lake Street at Brooks Avenue directing Thorndike Field traffic onto Brooks Avenue (THORNDIKE FIELD PARKING AND BUSES→).
  - c. Post a sign on the back of sign b above directing Thorndike Field traffic from Lake Street southbound onto Brooks Avenue (←THORNDIKE FIELD PARKING AND BUSES).
  - d. On Brooks Avenue at Varnum Street, place a pedestrian directional sign indicating the path leading to the field (THORNDIKE FIELD→).
  - e. Place signs in the Thorndike parking lot directing overflow parkers to the Brooks Avenue/Varnum Street area.
  - f. Place a sign on Lake Street at Margaret Street indicating NO ACCESS TO MASS AVE.
2. Buses:
  - a. Place “NO TRUCKS OR BUSES ALLOWED” signs at entrance to Thorndike Field at Margaret Street and at Dorothy/Margaret and Dorothy/Burch.
  - b. Designate a bus drop-off area on Brooks Avenue at Varnum Street (BUS DROP-OFF ONLY NO BUS PARKING).
  - c. Place signs directing buses to the Brooks Ave/Varnum Street drop-off area (see above).
3. Education:
  - a. Change directions to Thorndike Field on the Town website to match the above signs.
  - b. Ask the soccer league and other park users to:
    - i. Publicize, via a website and other means, that additional parking is available on Brooks Avenue and Varnum Street. The information should include directions for driving to the area and directions for walking to the field.
    - ii. Provide visiting teams with driving instructions to the bus drop-off areas and walking directions to Thorndike Field.

Respectively submitted,

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