

Comments from Elizabeth Harvey-Forsythe

Acton resident who is legally blind but has partial vision

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Regarding disability issues, I suppose my biggest concerns are typically sidewalks and crosswalks.

I really think Acton has been doing a very good job with upgrades on busy streets since I moved here. Sidewalks even get plowed in the winter which is terrific. I always thought Great Road should have some dedicated crosswalks, though, perhaps with lights, in strategic places such as near the Makaha. That was always a dangerous place to cross. Main Street is much better but then it isn't nearly as busy as Great Road.

Some places that do have crosswalks, like Kelley's Corner, have such short cross times you have to be on your toes because the signal will change back to "Don't walk" in just a few seconds. Given the choice, I also prefer the signals that beep as well as flash since the flash can be very difficult to see in daylight. Still, any crosswalk signal is better than none.

I have sometimes wished there was some sort of town shuttle/loop bus, such as the "Lexpress" in Lexington, with routes that hits shopping centers, office parks, the post office, train station, town hall & library, maybe the arboretum. I don't know how the town could afford it, though. I know Lexington struggles to keep Lexpress afloat.

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