

To: Buttonwood@googlegroups.com

Subject: [Buttonwood] FW: [Buttonwood] rt 6/brownell ave corner cut?

I am going to ask ... for clarification of what he regards as the park boundary. I suspect that what we regard as the park boundary - i.e., the curbing on the east side of Brownell Ave. - is not what the city and the State of Massachusetts regard as the boundary.

I do not think New Bedford is ready to stand up against the automobile. I appreciate the congestion problem. I just don't feel that the automobile should be further accommodated. Call me a neo-Luddite.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 9:11 AM

To: Richard Leary

Subject: RE: [Buttonwood] rt 6/brownell ave corner cut?

Richard: On Wednesday 8/27 I have asked to be placed on the agenda to present our preliminary proposals to improve the intersection of Brownell and Kempton (RT 6). The Department has an opportunity to access 500K to complete a full design. As you may well know the process for this is very inclusive and the public will have opportunities in this preliminary phase and at the 25% design to weight in.

Again our intentions are only to improve the intersection and minimize traffic that builds southerly on Brownell, by increasing turning lanes. The street layout at Brownell and Kempton is 100 Feet wide so we are confident that no park property will be needed, the wall and the sign at the intersection should not be affected, however we may need to remove three trees, which is unfortunate but we would of course replace them at a minimum of three or four to one.

Thank you for your interest I hope to see you at the Park board meeting on the 27th the State will also be represented.

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Leary [mailto:rlery@newbedford.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 7:27 AM

To:

Subject: RE: [Buttonwood] rt 6/brownell ave corner cut?

Hope you are enjoying the summer.

Would this be a city project? I know years ago the state wanted to widen a significant length of Brownell Ave from rt 6. Is this still on the table do you know? Hopefully not. I assume this curb cut, if such is a fact, is independent of these previous state plans for Brownell ave. Though I understand the problem of congestion on that highly traveled road, as I take that route to work when I don't take North St. to get onto Rt 140.

As you know, I'm/we're not opposed to the work you plan for Brwnell Ave/Hawthorn St. intersection, but the earlier we can see the prelim plans you have for that when they are ready, the sooner we can provide our thoughts and input. Along with ideas for work along the "Bridle path."

I realize a corner cut at Rt 6 may be necessary, but any loss of park land is regrettable.