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Byron Champlin, General Services and TPAC;

I am a resident and property owner at 11 Auburn Street, Concord since 1986 and often drive a vehicle east towards the Center/ Liberty Street Rotary.

Driving east on Auburn Street: Auburn Street has a stop line just before the pedestrian walkway at the bottom of Auburn Street as it feeds into the Liberty Street traffic entering from the left and crossing the Auburn St stop and pedestrian line towards the Rotary. When stopped at the appropriate painted stop line on Auburn Street, an Auburn Street driver does not have a clear, uninterrupted sight line to oncoming Liberty Street traffic due to shrubbery and plant growth. To see if there is oncoming traffic on Liberty Street, the Auburn Street driver must slowly creep forward past the Auburn stop line, into and past the pedestrian walkway line and enter into the Liberty Street traffic way to see oncoming Liberty Street traffic in order to avoid a collision. Often Liberty Street drivers are traveling greater than the posted 15 mph rotary sign creating a dangerous situation as Liberty Street has the right of way and is an emergency vehicle route.

Driving east on Liberty Street: Please note that if a car drives east on Liberty Street towards the Rotary, they also have obstructed sight lines to cars stopping at the stop line on Auburn Street. There is NO sign to alert Liberty Street drivers to the Auburn Street traffic entering from Auburn Street. A clearly visible sign is needed to alert Liberty Street drivers to cars entering Liberty onto the Rotary. The first sign appearing after the Vernon Street to Liberty Street intersection is a **Rotary Sign that has a 3-part rotary symbol**. There is NO notation of the oncoming/entering Auburn Street Traffic. The same sign also states that the speed to enter the rotary is 15 mph. Cars seldom travel at 15 mph creating a current danger of collision with entering Auburn Street traffic. Liberty Street cars do not have a sight line to cars stopped on Auburn Street at the Auburn Street stop line. Also note that the rotary sign is half hidden in leafy tree branches and by a telephone pole. A second Liberty Street sign is installed on the eastbound Liberty Street route as a **Liberty Street Pedestrian Sign with an arrow indicating a walkway to and from White Park/Liberty Street**. Cars travelling faster than 15 mph often startle pedestrians (school children & adults). The last sign on Liberty Street is located at the intersection of the Rotary and is a **YIELD** sign.

Improvements needed are tree trimming, shrubbery and brush removal in the City's right of ways allowing the vehicles stopped on the Auburn Street stop line to clearly and safely view oncoming Liberty Street traffic. Improvements needed on Liberty Street are tree trimming, shrubbery and brush removal for Liberty drivers to clearly view the stopped and entering Auburn Street vehicles. Also needed is a new sign that clearly indicates traffic entering from the left from Auburn Street AND a 15 mph speed limit sign to slow traffic before they reach the Auburn Street and Rotary area. The Rotary sign needs to be cleared of obstructing tree and other vegetation and perhaps relocated to

just before the telephone pole that partially obstructs is full view. Doing a traffic speed study of Liberty vehicles entering the Rotary area should be conducted. Consideration of a speed bump, rumble strip or speed table would slow down traffic approaching the Auburn Street/Rotary area. Consideration of emergency route vehicles safety should also be considered.

This letter is accompanied by recent photos of the Auburn Street Stop line and obstructed view of the oncoming Liberty traffic. Photos were taken as my vehicle is on the Auburn Street pedestrian walkway with obstructed views. Photos were also taken once my vehicle crossed the pedestrian walkway into the Liberty Street area where a view can reveal oncoming traffic.

A second set of photos are included from the Liberty Street perspective that illustrate obstructed views to Auburn Street stopped traffic as well as the issues with obstructed signs and lack of alert to the Auburn Street oncoming traffic.

I urge the City Council, City General Services and City TPAC to drive both the Auburn Street stop and the Liberty Street approach to the Rotary to confirm the issues raised in my letter. The issues raised should be addressed immediately as well as annual Spring, Summer and Fall months to clear sight lines on both Streets and insure greater safety as vehicles enter the Rotary.

Thank you,

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