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**From:** Brian Germani [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** Archis, Cathy M. (DOT)  
**Cc:** Alice.Peisch@mahouse.gov; Mahoney, Lenore; \_ZBA  
**Subject:** Route 9 (eastbound) Wellesley - abutter Safety Concern & Guard Rail Extension Request  
**Attachments:** Existing guardrail - marked-up.jpg; Burke Ln wide angle - safety risk.jpg; Willow St guardrail extension.jpg; Willow St damaged guardrail-a real threat.jpg  
**Importance:** High

Dear Cathy or Whom It May Concern:

Due to a proposed development currently going through the Comprehensive Permit process under M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 (i.e., [3 Burke Lane, Wellesley](#)), which will ultimately result in increased local traffic, I must re-raise my below concern and insist that my safety concerns be addressed in a timely manner. Moreover:

- The vehicle guard rail along Route 9 eastbound at mile 126.0 terminates prior to the intersection with Burke Ln. Similar to the way it does on Willow St, the vehicle guard rail should extend to wrap around the corner of Burke Ln. Not doing so poses a significant risk of a vehicle going up and over the dilapidated sidewalk curbing with no additional safeguard to prevent the vehicle from going into my adjacent private residential back yard and/or home

As previously stated in May 2018, my property abuts Route 9 eastbound and Burke Lane at mile marker 126.0 – **see attached pictures**.

As you can see, the metal guard rail intended to protect abutting properties tapers down into the ground before the intersection with Burke Lane. It should, however, extend around the corner of Burke Lane to act as a safeguard to vehicles traveling on and/or merging onto Route 9 eastbound from the Cedar St. on-ramp that intersects with Burke Lane.

It should be noted that precisely one block to the east at the intersection of Route 9 eastbound and Willow St, the guard rail does, in fact, extend around the corner of Willow St thus protecting the resident with a similarly positioned lot to mine – also **see attached pictures** of Willow St. and Route 9 intersection.

Per discussions with the aforementioned homeowner, the guard rail was installed some time ago after a vehicle smashed through his fence and entered into his backyard (luckily no one was injured and there was minimal damage as the car did not hit the house or any other structures on the property). Upon closer inspection, I also noted that the guardrail is smashed inward from taking on previous collisions – point being that the guard rail does help mitigate further accident risk and safety concerns and the existing safety risk with respect to my abutting corner is, in fact, very real.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in passing along my safety concern. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or clarifications regarding my concerns and immediate request to the appropriate person(s) at Mass DOT.

Kind regards,

Brian Germani  
22 Willow Park  
Wellesley, MA 02481

CC: Representative Alice H. Peisch, 14th Norfolk District  
CC: Lenore Mahoney, Executive Secretary of Town of Wellesley Zoning Board of Appeals  
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**From:** "Archis, Cathy M. (DOT)" <cathy.archis@state.ma.us>  
**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2018 at 1:38 PM  
**To:** Brian Germani [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Route 9 (east) Maintenance Request

Brian –  
This issue may already be on the Construction project's slate.  
Let me first check into their scope.

Cathy

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**From:** Brian Germani [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Archis, Cathy M. (DOT)  
**Subject:** Route 9 (east) Maintenance Request

Hello,

Per conversation with Shermila in the District 6 office, I am sending this follow-up email to document my maintenance concerns for a portion of Route 9 eastbound in Wellesley. Please find details surrounding my specific concerns below:

Location:

- Route 9 eastbound (mile 126.0) between cross streets of Burke Ln & Willow St


Maintenance Concerns:

- The sidewalk curbing b/w Burke Ln & Willow St has become significantly eroded and is only raised up 2-3 inches above the roadway surface, thus posing a safety risk to pedestrians utilizing the sidewalk as well as homes with yards abutting Route 9 eastbound
- The sidewalk itself b/w Burke Ln & Willow St has become significantly overgrown / covered by both natural and man-made debris over time and is virtually unusable by any vehicle w/ wheels – i.e., bicycle, stroller, etc. It also poses a safety risk to pedestrians attempting to utilize it due to risk of tripping, falling, etc.
- The vehicle guard rail along Route 9 eastbound at mile 126.0 terminates prior to the intersection with Burke Ln. Similar to the way it does on Willow St, the vehicle guard rail should extend to wrap around the corner of Burke Ln. Not doing so poses a significant risk of a vehicle going up and over the dilapidated sidewalk curbing with no additional safeguard to prevent the vehicle from going into the adjacent private residential back yard.

Please note that I feel that these dilapidated conditions, in the aggregate, currently pose a safety risk to my family and home, which abuts the intersection of Burke Ln and route 9 eastbound. I have also attached a few pictures documenting my aforementioned concerns; however, please let me know if you require any additional information.

Thank you in advance – I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Brian Germani  
22 Willow Park  
Wellesley, MA 02481  




Guardrail tapers into curb on  
Rte 9 eastbound before Burke  
Lane intersection

Burke Ln



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Willow St



Guard Rail has been extended to wrap around Willow St, exactly one block eastbound from Burke Lane



Somewhat difficult to see but guardrail has sustained previous impact from vehicle(s) leaving Route 9 eastbound