



## Recommendations for the Hill School -11/21/2013

WalkBoston has reviewed these proposed recommendations. In our review, we found that with the developer's best efforts to keep traffic moving, drivers are given too many choices. These choices will create longer wait times during drop off and dismissal, as well as create confusion. Our concerns and our recommendation below will create a safer walking environment for all pedestrians in the school area, as well as create an efficient drop off and pick up policy.

### **Fernwood Ave entrance**

Current plan allows for vehicles to enter the school from the two proposed site driveways. WalkBoston recommends that vehicle access to the school be restricted to one driveway at all times. Two-way traffic should not be allowed on the eastern drive from Fernwood Ave.

Vehicles entering from both driveways would create a bottle-neck at the lower loop connector with vehicles intersecting at this point. Since this is one of the drop-off zones, this area needs to remain clear. The drop-off zone should be clearly delineated.

### **Concerns with on-site circulation**

*Vehicles would also be able to enter from one (1) loop and exit from another. For example, a vehicle could enter from Fernwood Place, and then pull into the lower loop after dropping-off/picking-up travel around the lower loop and exit onto Park Avenue.*

WalkBoston recommends that during drop off and pick up times, these loops should remain independent of each other. Vehicles should be entering and exiting from the same locations.

Vehicles entering from Fernwood Ave that want to exit from Park Ave would create a delay at the connector of the two lots with vehicles waiting to enter into the Park Ave lot.

Vehicles entering from Park Ave that want to exit from Fernwood Ave creates an opportunity for parents to drop children off in the middle of the parking lot before the Fernwood Ave egress. Students would then have to walk with traffic and cross at the connector of the two lots.