
BHIA Formal Request for Road Safety Audit – LaGrange Street & Redgate Road

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Dear Councilor Weber,

On behalf of the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association (BHIA), I am writing to formally request a comprehensive Road Safety Audit of the intersection of LaGrange Street and Redgate Road and the surrounding residential roadway network.

We recently received correspondence from resident Jeff Sarin documenting longstanding concerns regarding recurring collisions, speeding, limited sightlines, cut-through traffic, heavy trucks, and pedestrian safety near schools and recreational facilities.

We appreciate your recent outreach to Interim Streets Commissioner Chris Osgood and his team. In reviewing the earlier correspondence, we noted that former Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge indicated in November 2025 that Redgate Road would be included in the City's evaluation of intersections along LaGrange Street. We would appreciate clarification regarding the status of that evaluation and whether any findings or recommendations have been produced.

BHIA has also identified a significant limitation in the historical crash data available for this area. MassDOT recently confirmed that Boston Police crash-reporting gaps extended into 2020 and that the missing historical records will not be retroactively incorporated into the Commonwealth's IMPACT Crash Data Portal.

Of particular relevance, we are aware of a documented rear-end collision at LaGrange Street and Redgate Road in July 2020 that resulted in a concussion and back injury, yet does not appear in the public crash database. This illustrates why the absence of recorded collisions should not be interpreted as evidence that accidents or injuries did not occur.

Given these circumstances, BHIA requests a formal Road Safety Audit encompassing LaGrange Street, Redgate Road, St. Theresa Avenue, and relevant connecting streets. We ask that the assessment consider roadway geometry, sightlines, traffic speeds and volumes, turning movements, truck traffic, pedestrian safety, and access to nearby schools and recreational facilities.

Importantly, we request that the evaluation incorporate available Boston Police and emergency-response records, direct traffic observations, and resident-reported concerns to account for limitations in the historical state crash data.

We would appreciate confirmation of the appropriate process for initiating this audit, the status of the previously discussed evaluation, and an anticipated timeline for next steps. BHIA would welcome the opportunity to participate in an on-site review with City transportation officials and

affected residents, and we ask that the findings and recommendations be made publicly available.

Thank you for your attention to this important neighborhood safety matter. We look forward to working collaboratively toward a comprehensive and transparent evaluation.

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