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Greetings, Rick --

As we await the submission of the traffic study commissioned for the Mill Plaza redevelopment proposal, it is important to take into consideration the below note in FRIDAY UPDATES.

Having added over 1,000 student housing beds to the downtown area since 2008, we have seen an increase in pedestrian, if not vehicular, traffic. (I don't have data on this handy, but it is likely that Town staff could confirm anecdotal impressions.)

The addition of another 258 \*beds\* (a term used only for student housing) -- which will certainly translate to many more pedestrians, between visitors, short-term guests, and perhaps longer-term \*sleepovers\* -- will increase pedestrian traffic and related driver challenges. (For example, we all have seen young people crossing streets willy-nilly. Evening and night-time driving through downtown presents an even greater challenge.)

**So my question is: How well will the traffic report integrate what we know about pedestrian activity to date and predict increases related to the Plaza's change of use to include student housing?**

FRIDAY UPDATES April 17, 2020

## **UNH TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATES IN DURHAM THAT MAY IMPACT SURROUNDING AREAS**

The Town has representation on the UNH Traffic Policy Committee and the University has representation on the Town's Traffic Safety Committee. In this manner, we ensure ongoing and active communication between Durham and UNH, which is absolutely essential.

Projects at the University delayed until fall given COVID/campus closure include:

- UNH Planning Student Organization Pedestrian Safety Outreach
- **Main Street ped/traffic volume data collection**

Please forward this email to the Planning Board. Thank you.

Regards,  
-- Robin

Robin Mower

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not.

-- Theodor Seuss Geisel, author and illustrator

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