



# TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

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Ms. Sarah Mellish  
Chairperson  
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10 Central St.  
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Dear Sarah,

First off, I wanted to thank you for reaching out to me regarding the 40B project and its sidewalk access as it pertains to bicycle safety.

As mentioned in the Beal's report and what has been a topic of discussion surrounding this project, one item in my opinion that needs to be addressed is the sidewalk access for pedestrians entering and exiting the driveway of the proposed facility. As we know, the current sidewalk ends at the 128 overpass on the easterly side of the street which would leave a significant distance of roadway on the upper portion of School Street that would need a connecting sidewalk. That section of School Street is also posted at 35MPH and is not well lit at night. I would request that the town review the plans and ensure that a connecting sidewalk, proper lighting, and pedestrian crossing lights are installed. These items are important components and safety features that should be required by the town if applicable zoning by-laws permit to allow for safe access by foot and bicycle traffic along School Street.

Sincerely,

Todd J. Fitzgerald  
Chief of Police