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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 8, 2019

TO: Councilor Susan Albright, Chair

Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee

FROM: Barney Heath, Director of Planning & Development

James Freas, Deputy Director of Planning & Development

Rachel Blatt Nadkarni, Chief of Long-Range Planning

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2019

SUBJECT: #165-19 Washington Street Vision Plan

CC: Planning & Development Board

City Council

Based on feedback from the City Council at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Department has created a DRAFT Washington Street Vision Plan amendment to the City of Newton Comprehensive Plan for the Council's consideration. This document will draw on the Hello Washington Street Report submitted by the Principle Group and has been modeled on the Needham Street Area Vision Plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

The draft submitted this evening is scheduled for a first discussion at the July 15th meeting of the Zoning and Planning Committee and is anticipated to be discussed further at the July 29th meeting, in order to prepare a version of the document for public hearing in the fall.

Please be aware that this draft is without all of the graphics and illustrations anticipated. As was the case with the Needham Street Vision document, photos and diagrams will be utilized throughout this document to illustrate the text. Page cross-references are also still incomplete and are labeled as "refer to page XX" throughout the document. Based on feedback from the Committee at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff will be preparing an updated and more fully illustrated version for distribution ahead of the July 29th meeting.

