

Appendix B: Letters of Support

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Cc: [Mark Abbott](#); [Lachance, Barbara A. \(DOT\)](#)
Subject: RE: Route 1 in Norwood
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 7:24:27 AM

The District supports a study on Rte 1.

I am cc-ing Barbara Lachance, District Transportation Planner as point of contact.

Thank you for this important work

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Good afternoon Pamela,

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council has been working with the Neponset Valley Transportation Management Association and communities along the Route 1 corridor from Dedham to Foxborough on addressing job/transit access. They are recommending various transit pilot projects but their long-term recommendation is to make that Route 1 corridor more transit, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly.

Also, the Route 1 corridor in Westwood, Norwood, and Walpole was identified in the Boston Region MPO's *Long-Range Transportation Plan's Needs Assessment* as in need of safety improvements and modernization to address multimodal transportation. The MPO's recurring study *Addressing Priority Corridors from the Long-Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment* focuses on these corridors, where staff do a detailed analysis and develop improvement concepts of a corridor.

We are currently in the process of selecting a corridor for the FFY 2022 study. However, the length of Route 1 in these three communities is too long to be done in one study, so we could only possibly study one of them—Norwood. Route 1 in

Norwood is the busiest in the three communities, serves mixed land uses, and has the most pressing need for safe pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. In addition, safety and operations are concerns, as there are five HSIP crash clusters in this corridor.

I am contacting you to see if District 5 will support studying Route 1 in Norwood to address the corridor needs.

As usual let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Seth

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From: [Pollack, Travis](#)
To: [Seth Asante](#); [Mark Abbott](#)
Subject: Corridor Long-Range Planning
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:01:32 PM

Seth and Mark,

Hope you are doing well. I am working with the Neponset Valley TMA and communities along the Route 1 corridor from Dedham to Foxborough on addressing job/transit access. We're recommending various transit pilot projects but our draft long-term recommendation is to make that Route 1 corridor more transit/pedestrian friendly, similar to the Providence Highway/VFW Parkway recommendations from Dedham and West Roxbury that was just completed.

Eric B. here asked that we include in that recommendation, information on the Boston MPO *ADDRESSING PRIORITY CORRIDORS FROM THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT*

https://www.ctps.org/data/calendar/htmls/2021/MPO_1021_Work_Program_LRTP_Priority%20Corridors.html where staff do a very detailed conceptual design of a corridor.

Is this Route 1 corridor already evaluated in this program? What would it take for this corridor to be included in this program?

Also, since this corridor is MassDOT owned, are there other MassDOT funding sources that can be used to do a study and implement multi-modal changes?

Any information would be helpful. Happy to get on a short phone call if that might help.
Thanks.

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