

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MARCH 28, 2019

RE: federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2020–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

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March 11, 2019

David Mohler, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

RE: South Main Street (Route 126) - Douglas Drive to Mechanic Street
Reconstruction, Bellingham, MA - PROJIS #608887

Dear Mr. Mohler:

We are writing you in strong support of the town of Bellingham's efforts to partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization's FFY's 20-24 Transportation Improvement Project for the reconstruction of South Main Street.

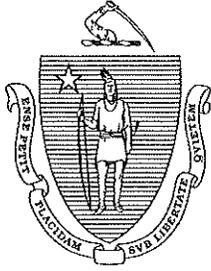
The Town of Bellingham has demonstrated a clear and concise vision for the project, and they remain committed to its design and completion. Town officials are avidly supportive of this effort, and this program would provide the town with the critical support needed to complete work on one of the town's most travelled routes

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue.

Sincerely,


Ryan C. Fattman
State Senator
Worcester & Norfolk


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State Representative
8th Worcester District



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March 25, 2019

David J. Mohler, Executive Director
Office of Transportation Planning
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
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RE: TIP Projects #605034 North Main Street in Natick, #604123 Pond Street in Ashland and #608228 Union Avenue in Framingham

Dear Mr. Mohler:

I am writing to express my support for several projects (**#605034** North Main Street in Natick, **#604123** Pond Street in Ashland and **#608228** Union Avenue in Framingham) to remain on their respective Transportation Improvement Program schedules. These projects offer benefits across the MetroWest region, including economic growth, accessibility to schools and employment opportunities and increased safety.

Project #605034, to reconstruct Route 27 in Natick, is vital for the town and the region. This project would revitalize North Main Street in Natick, which over the past 5 years has had 400 million dollars of private investments along or serviced by Route 27. These investments include thousands of high-tech jobs, retail shopping plaza space, and several hundred new housing units. I ask that you keep this project on the FFY19 TIP.

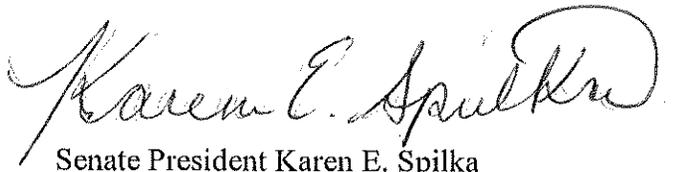
The reconstruction of Route 126 in Ashland, **project #604123**, is essential to supporting economic growth and community stability. This project would offer accessibility and efficient connections between homes, schools, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments on a nearly 2-mile stretch of Ashland between North Holliston and South Framingham. I urge you to keep this project on the FFY20 TIP.

Finally, I write in support of **project #608228** in Framingham to reconstruct Union Avenue from Proctor Street to Main Street. This section of road is crucial to the Framingham community as it cuts a path through the center of the city and leads directly to Framingham State University. The safety of Framingham is very much contingent upon the state's ability to ensure this roadway meets Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Healthy Transportation Policy. This project

would ensure Union Avenue meets these standards. I ask that this project remain on the FFY21 program TIP.

Again, I support keeping projects #605034 on FFY19 TIP, #604123 on the FFY20 TIP and #608228 on the FFY21 TIP. These are crucial infrastructure projects for the entire MetroWest. Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information, please reach out to my District Director, Puja Mehta, at (617) 722-1640 or at Puja.Mehta@masenate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen E. Spilka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the name.

Senate President Karen E. Spilka
2nd Middlesex and Norfolk



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March 28, 2018

Ms. Stephanie Pollack
MassDOT Secretary and Chairman
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Dear Secretary Pollack,

On behalf of the Town of Walpole, we respectfully request inclusion of the proposed "Reconstruction on Route 1A (Main Street)" project in Walpole (TIP ID: 602261) in the FFY 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Plan currently under development. The Route 1A project has been put off for over 20 years, and is necessary to maintain the infrastructure in an adequate state to ensure the safety of the public who have impatiently waited these past two decades.

As you may know, the proposed project consists of reconstructing approximately 8,000 feet of roadway along Route 1A from the town's downtown to the Norwood Town Line, including intersection and approach improvements at Fisher, Gould, Bullard and North Streets. Route 1A is one of the Town's main commercial corridors, as well as one of the region's main thoroughfares. This particular stretch of Route 1A passes through several residential areas, has two public schools in the vicinity and also serves many local businesses, including small and large commercial plazas. The current condition of Route 1A has caused traffic congestion and troublesome safety issues for both vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Given the priority of this project and the very real issues the existing conditions pose, we respectfully request inclusion of the Walpole reconstruction project in the FFY 2020-24 TIP. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We welcome the opportunity to assist in any way we can, please feel free to contact us directly should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

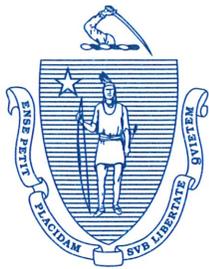
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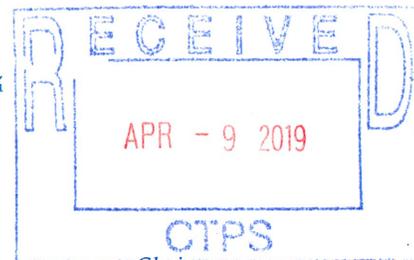
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March 22, 2019

Chairman David Mohler
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization,
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Dear Chairman Mohler,

I am writing to you in support of the planned reconstruction of Beacham Street in Everett from Route 99 to the Chelsea line, as recommended by MassDOT.

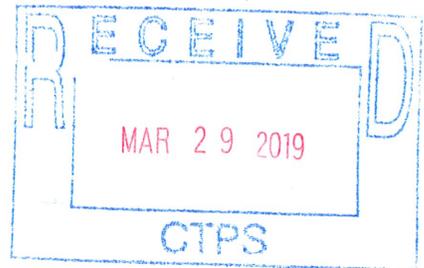
Beacham Street is a roadway of regional importance, providing access to businesses and jobs in the Island End section of Everett such as Distrigas of Massachusetts LLC, ExxonMobil, Preferred Freezer, New England Produce Center, and many others. The street is also a main corridor leading to and from the Everett's Lower Broadway district, the redevelopment of which the City and I have worked diligently to support and transform the area into a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. A reconstructed Beacham Street is essential to both the retention of the industrial businesses and jobs of the area, as well as the future redevelopment of the Lower Broadway district.

Thank you for your consideration of this important infrastructure project that will support the success and growth of the Beacham Street district.

Sincerely,

Senator Sal DiDomenico
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March 25, 2019

David Mohler, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Re: Beacham Street Reconstruction in Everett

Dear Mr. Mohler,

I am writing to offer my very enthusiastic support for the inclusion of the Beacham Street Reconstruction Project on the TIP for funding in 2024.

Everett is a rapidly changing and growing city that retains a strong industrial base with regional significance for Greater Boston. Everett's Beacham Street is a designated freight corridor, critically important to regional commerce and heavily utilized across all times of the day and days of the week. This reconstruction project would not only support sustained commercial usage of the roadway, it would convert existing at-grade sidewalks to a physically separated, safer shared-use path for both pedestrians and bicyclists. This aligns well with my priority of making our entire city accessible via active transit. The project will also complement the City of Chelsea's work on their portion of Beacham Street, creating strong inter-city roadway infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carlo DeMaria".

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor