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April 5, 2017

Dear Secretary Pollack,

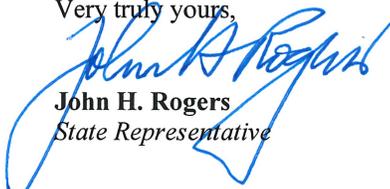
On Behalf of the Town of Norwood, I write to the Department of Transportation with gratitude for including the proposed "Upland Road Washington Street project in Norwood(TIP ID: 606130)in the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan currently under development.

This intersection is one of the most unusual in our Commonwealth. A traffic circle merges three busy side streets with Route 1A (Upland Road/ Washington Street). It is a site of perennial traffic accidents, it lacks adequate sidewalks, and is a major hub of transit for commuters as well as a direct ambulance route to Norwood Hospital. I would respectfully ask that given the grave safety concerns, that the Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization give strong consideration to moving the project from FY2022 to FY2018.

Secondly, I would like to advocate on behalf of the intersection improvements to Route 1 and University Avenue/Everett Street on the Norwood, Westwood town line (TIP ID: 605857). This intersection has been congested for my entire life. The recent expansion of University Avenue in Westwood has only exacerbated the problem. The Route 1 intersection is vital for commerce and regional economic development. The gridlock experienced at all times of day, but especially during peak transit hours is severely hampering the economic vitality of our region.

I am grateful for the opportunity to advocate on behalf of these two vital projects in my district which will have a regional benefit for Norwood and all of the surrounding communities which they affect. I welcome the opportunity to assist in any way I can. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,


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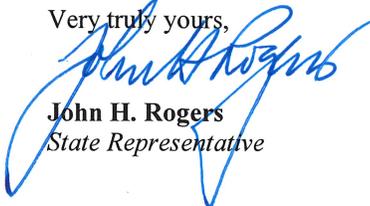
Dear Secretary Pollack,

On Behalf of the Town of Walpole, we write to the Department of Transportation with gratitude for including the proposed "Reconstruction on Route 1A (Main Street)" project in Walpole (TIP ID: 602261 in the FFY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan currently under development). The Route 1A project has been ongoing for over 20 years and is necessary to properly maintain the infrastructure, as well as to continue to ensure public safety and enhance economic development.

As you may know, this 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, Mylord 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. Just last week a child was struck at one of the intersections, and fender benders are commonplace in this area.

Given the priority of this project and the very real issues the existing conditions pose, we are grateful that the Department of Transportation has programed this project for 2020 and continue to advocate for its necessity and regional benefit, for Walpole and all of the surrounding communities which we also represent. We welcome the opportunity to assist in any way we can so please feel free to contact us directly with any questions you may have.

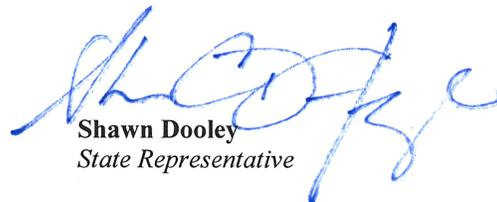
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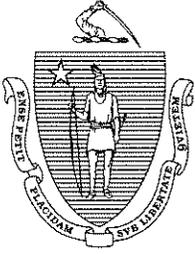

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April 11, 2017

David Mohler
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
MassDOT
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Dear Chairman Mohler,

I am writing to request a favorable vote to include the Sudbury section of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in the TIP under consideration this Thursday, April 13.

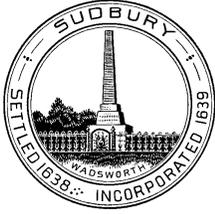
The Sudbury section of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is a crucial step towards the realization of a major 25-mile regional rail trail or pike path extending from Lowell to Framingham, the district I represent in the State House. The trail represents a major step forward for the quality of life in these and surrounding communities, as well as a step towards a walkable and bike able Commonwealth.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Walsh", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Walsh
6th Middlesex District



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April 20, 2017

Ms. Alexandra Kleyman
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RE: Programming Sudbury Projects FFY 2018-2022

Dear Ms. Kleyman,

On behalf of the Town of Sudbury, I am pleased to present this letter in support of the inclusion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT), Phase 2D, Sudbury section (MassDOT Project 608164), placement on the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2018-2022. Sudbury is thrilled to see this important local, state, and regional project on the draft TIP list proposed for approval at today's MPO meeting.

The Town has been working for years to advance the construction of the BFRT and is currently preparing the 25% Design for submission to MassDOT this spring. The construction of 4.4 miles of rail trail will improve pedestrian facilities, provide bicycle accommodation, and offer healthy transportation options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Town has also prioritized the Intersection Improvements to Route 20 and Landham Road project (MassDOT Project 607249). This dangerous intersection has experienced **170** reported accidents in the past 10 years and in May 2011 there was an accident involving a fatality. Sudbury has been advocating for improvements to this intersection for a number of years. MassDOT's Project Review Committee approved the project for potential funding in July 2013 and the 25-percent design was submitted in October 2015. We would appreciate it also being considered for programming in the FFY2018-2022 funding cycle.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at rodriguesm@sudbury.ma.us or 978-639-3385 or Beth Suedmeyer, BFRT Project Manager, at suedmeyerb@sudbury.ma.us or 978-639-3363, if you have any questions or seek additional information.

Sincerely,

Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Esq.

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Town Manager

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Senator Michael Barrett
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