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February 6, 2018

Ms. Alexandra Kleyman
TIP Manager
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RE: Programming Sudbury Intersection Improvements at Route 20 and Landham Road Project
(#607249)

Dear Ms. Kleyman,

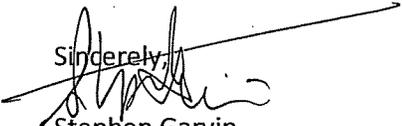
On behalf of the Planning Board of the Town of Sudbury, I enthusiastically endorse the inclusion of the Intersection Improvement Project at Route 20 and Landham Road (MassDOT Project #607249) on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2019-2023. The Board considers this project the greatest roadway safety concern in Sudbury. With MassDOT as the project proponent, we would like confirmation that this is a priority project for them with an anticipated advertising date as early as FFY 2019.

The Town has prioritized the Intersection Improvements to Route 20 and Landham Road project. 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 many years. MassDOT's Project Review Committee approved the project for potential funding in July 2013, the 25% design was submitted in October 2015, and the 75/100% design was submitted this fall.

At the 25% Design Public Hearing in Sudbury on May 17, 2016, Joe Johnson the Design Engineer from GPI indicated the crash data for the preceding five years indicated the crash rate at this intersection is nearly double that of an average intersection of this type in District 3 (1.11 compared to 0.6 collisions per million vehicles).

Please do not hesitate to contact Beth Suedmeyer in the Planning and Community Development Office at suedmeyerb@sudbury.ma.us or 978-639-3363, if you have any questions or seek additional information.

Sincerely,


Stephen Garvin
Chairman

cc: Sudbury Board of Selectmen
MassDOT, District 3
MassDOT, OTP



February 20, 2018

David J. Mohler, Chair
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building
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Re: SWAP comments on the draft FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Mohler and members of the MPO:

The SouthWest Advisory Planning (SWAP) subregion of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) wishes to present its comments and priorities regarding the 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

SWAP members understand that transportation funds in the Commonwealth are extremely constrained and that distributing those funds on a fair and equitable basis is a daunting task. We very much appreciate that the MPO has programmed funding for the reconstruction of **Route 109** in **Medway** in FFY 2016. We also appreciate that the signal and intersection improvements on **Route 135** in **Hopkinton** and Resurfacing & the intersection improvements on **Route 16 (Main Street)**, from Water Street to the Hopedale town line in **Milford** are programmed for 2019.

SWAP members would like to continue to advocate for investment in regional transportation infrastructure, and write in support of two projects that have been evaluated this year for inclusion on the 2019-2023 TIP:

1. TIP ID 608887: South Main Street (Route 126)- Douglas Drive to Mechanic Street Reconstruction (Route 140) (Bellingham)

In addition to much needed pavement rehabilitation, this project will improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to Bellingham Center as well as Bellingham Middle and High School.

2. TIP ID 608045: Rehabilitation on Route 16, from Route 109 to Beaver Street in (Milford)

This project would enhance the improvements already programmed for 2019 by reconstructing sidewalks, delineating preferred bicycle routes, and making roadway safety improvements on another segment of the Main Street corridor.



In addition to these two projects, SWAP members would like to continue to voice support for the construction of **I-495/Route 1A ramps** in **Wrentham** (TIP ID 603739), which has not yet been programmed. The Wrentham Premium Outlet Mall attracts approximately 13 million visitors each year, well beyond the interchange's intended capacity. Further, perennial congestion at this interchange has hindered economic development in this area, where prime commercial properties exist.

We will continue to monitor and support these projects as they are further developed. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please contact Kasia Hart, MAPC's SWAP coordinator, at khart@mapc.org, or 617-933-0745.

Sincerely,

Susy Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator and SWAP co-chair
Town of Medway



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February 20, 2018

Mr. David Mohler
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Re: Project 604123: Ashland - Reconstruction of Route 126/Pond Street

Dear Mr. Mohler,

I am writing in support of the Route 126 reconstruction project programmed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2020.

Route 126/Pond Street is an important two-mile regional corridor in Ashland connecting the communities of Ashland, Holliston, Sherborn and Framingham. Approximately 20,000 vehicles travel the road each day. Residents from the four communities rely on the roadway for daily errands such as food shopping and other professional services as well as commuting to work and school. The road is particularly useful connecting the three towns with the City of Framingham's commuter rail station. Its current status discourages alternative transportation methods such as bicycle and pedestrian travel. This project with its Complete Streets design, roadway and safety improvements will support these increasingly important ways of travel.

Additionally, the project is vital to Ashland's and the region's economic development programs. I expect the improved roadway will attract more businesses to the region.

Residents from all four communities are very much looking forward to a safer, more efficient and more pleasant roadway experience for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. As our roadways are getting more and more crowded Complete Street such as this project are vitally important to our resident's quality of life.

I fully support the reconstruction of Route 126 and look forward to the project commencing in FY2020.

Sincerely,


David R. Williams
Town Administrator

cc: Senator Karen Spilka
Representative Jack Lewis
Dennis Giombetti, City of Framingham MPO Designee
Ali Kleyman, CTPS TIP Manager



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February 26, 2018

Mr. David Mohler
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We fully support the reconstruction of Route 126 and look forward to the project commencing in FY2020.

Sincerely,

Kevin Conley, Chairman

Jay Marsden, Vice Chairman

Mark Ahronian, Clerk

cc: Senator Karen Spilka
Representative Jack Lewis
Dennis Giombetti, City of Framingham MPO Designee
Ali Kleyman, CTPS TIP Manager



February 27, 2018

David J. Mohler, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

Re: MAGIC regional transportation priorities and comments for the FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Mohler,

I am submitting these comments on behalf of the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subregion of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). MAGIC consists of 13 communities in the northwest area of the MAPC region: Acton, Bedford, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury. In February 2018, MAGIC members provided input on two First-Tier projects for consideration in the FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as three existing projects on the FFY 2018-2022 TIP.

We appreciate the inclusion of the Route 20 and Landham Road intersection improvements (#607249, Sudbury) and intersection improvements on Route 2A at Willow Road and Bruce Street (#608443, Littleton, Ayer) in the list of First-Tier projects and strongly advocate for them to be programmed in the in FFY 2019-2023 TIP.

The Route 20 and Landham Road intersection improvements (#607249, Sudbury) will improve traffic flow through widening the roadway and introducing turning lanes. These improvements address a serious safety concern: this un-signalized intersection has been the scene of 170 accidents over a recent 10 year period, one of them fatal. The project design is at 100%, anticipated to be ready to advertise in 2019. Further, it is based on the results of a Traffic Safety Audit and CTPS study of the intersection. The project has been Sudbury's highest transportation priority since 2009, and increased development along Route 20 renders action yet more urgent. MAGIC believes this project to be important to the region, and we encourage its inclusion and funding.

The intersection of Ayer Road at Willow Road and Bruce Street is a high traffic, high speed intersection which has seen a steady increase in accidents and traffic over the last five (5) years. Route 2A at Willow Road and Bruce Street (#608443, Littleton, Ayer) intersection improvements will improve traffic flow, safety, and facilitate commerce both locally and regionally.

MAGIC Priorities for FFYs 2019-2023 TIP				
Project	ID #	Municipalities	Estimated Cost	Design Status
Intersection improvements at Route 20 and Landham Road	607249	Sudbury (MassDOT)	\$2,100,000	100%
Intersection improvements on Route 2A at Willow Road and Bruce Street	608443	Littleton, Ayer (MassDOT)	\$2,200,000	Project Review Committee: approved

In addition to our support for these two First-Tier projects, we are also appreciative of the MPO's support for the three transportation projects listed in the following table that were included in the FFYs 2018-2022 TIP. These are important regional projects that facilitate local commerce, easier regional commuting, and opportunities for recreation and physical activity. Going forward, we ask for the continued inclusion of these regional projects and request accommodations with project budget adjustments.

MAGIC Priorities for FFYs 2018-2022 TIP			
Project	ID #	Municipalities	FFY
Minuteman Bikeway Extension, from Loomis Street to the Concord Town Line	607738	Bedford	2022
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Phase 2D	608164	Sudbury	2022
Intersection Improvements at Massachusetts Avenue (Route 11) and Main Street (Route 27) (Kelley's Corner)	608229	Acton	2022

Thank you for your continued support and for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Burney, MAGIC Chair and Lincoln Director of Land Use



495/METROWEST

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Leaders for Regional Prosperity

February 28, 2018

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Mr. David Mohler
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Re: Project 604123, Reconstruction of Route 126 (Pond Street) in Ashland

Dear Mr. Mohler:

On behalf of the 495/MetroWest Partnership, we are writing to express our strong support for the Route 126 Reconstruction Project programmed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2020. The Partnership greatly appreciates the inclusion of this project on the Boston MPO's TIP and we are eager to see the project move forward in the scheduled TIP year of 2020.

The 495/MetroWest Partnership is a unique public-private non-profit economic development organization serving thirty-five communities, over half a million residents, and an employment base of over \$23 billion annually. The Partnership has been a leader, providing a common voice for the region on economic development, environmental, energy, and transportation issues. The Partnership was founded in 2003 by a group of visionary leaders from the Legislature, municipal government, environmental organizations, higher education institutions, real estate, and regional employers. The 495/MetroWest region's success depends upon towns like Ashland, with our transit and transportation system playing a crucial role.

Route 126 is a vital economic corridor; this project includes a portion of Route 126 running from the Holliston Town Line through Ashland to Framingham and has approximately 20,000 vehicles travelling on the road each day. Regional residents rely on the roadway for daily errands such as food shopping and other professional services as well as commuting to work and school. This project with its Complete Streets design, roadway and safety improvements is vital to Ashland's and the region's economic development. We expect the improved roadway will create opportunities to expand economic development in the region.

Residents are very much looking forward to a safer, more efficient and more pleasant roadway for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. As our roadways are getting more congested, Complete Streets projects such as this one are vitally important to our communities' quality of life. For these reasons, we fully support the reconstruction of Route 126 in Ashland and look forward to the project commencing in FY2020.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Matthews
Executive Director

Jessica Strunkin
Deputy Director

From: **Contact form at Boston Region MPO** <drupaluser@ctps.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 4:57 PM

Subject: [Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)] Route 20 and Landham Road Intersection Project #607269 (Sent by Ann M Bischoff, annb58@gmail.com)

To: tip@ctps.org

Ann M Bischoff (annb58@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <http://ctps.org/contact>.

This intersection needs traffic control, visibility is not good as there are curves on rte 20 and multiple side roads near Landham Road.

Please look at prioritizing this intersection.

Ann Bischoff

ZIP code: 01776

From: **Contact form at Boston Region MPO** <drupaluser@ctps.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 5:17 PM

Subject: [Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)] Route 20 and Landham Road Intersection Project #607269 (Sent by Christine Barrett, clegge@gmail.com)

To: tip@ctps.org

Christine Barrett (clegge@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <http://ctps.org/contact>.

The people of Sudbury are desperate for improvements to be made to this dangerous intersection. Death and injury has occurred in the past, and near-misses occur on a daily basis. Many travel more residential streets, including one past an elementary school, just to avoid this intersection. We have been waiting far too long for this project to be put as a priority. Please, please, put this project at a high priority and get it fixed sooner rather than later! Lives could be saved.

Thank you for your time,
Christine Barrett

ZIP code: 01776-2700

From: **Contact form at Boston Region MPO** <drupaluser@ctps.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 5:55 PM

Subject: [Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)] Route 20 and Landham Road Intersection Project #607269 (Sent by Renata Aylward, renata00@mac.com)

To: tip@ctps.org

Renata Aylward (renata00@mac.com) sent a message using the contact form at <http://ctps.org/contact>.

Please put this intersection improvement plan as a top priority. It is a real hazard in our town. Thank you.

ZIP code: 01776

From: drupaluser@ctps.org [mailto:drupaluser@ctps.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 7:31 AM

To: publicinfo@ctps.org

Subject: [General Comment] Dangerous intersection (Sent by Margaret Landry, peglandry@gmail.com)

Margaret Landry (peglandry@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <http://ctps.org/contact>.

Inersection Landham Rd and Rte 20 Boston Post Rd, Sudbury, MA is lethal.

Please please please address this! Stoplights!!!

ZIP code: 01776