



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

April 16, 2020

Dear Secretary Pollack,

Thank you for MassDOT's statement of intent to re-start its project development, design and permitting process for McGrath Boulevard (Project #607981).

As you know, the City of Somerville has been a tireless partner for MassDOT and for the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as we work together to implement the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). McGrath Boulevard has featured prominently in consecutive LRTP documents, with exceptionally high project scoring and robust stakeholder enthusiasm. It is also specifically identified as a priority in MassDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan documents and as an assumed background condition in the MassDOT-led Lower Mystic Regional Working Group Final Report.

I am pleased that during the 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) development process, the MPO Board and Chair reaffirmed the MPO's commitment to programming construction funding for McGrath Boulevard in the 2026-2030 LRTP cycle. The City of Somerville is grateful that MassDOT has committed to a design schedule that will yield 25% design and cost estimate to support the MPO's 2022-2026 TIP update. My staff and our community-based stakeholders are eager to reconvene the project Working Group as soon as possible to meet the schedule required by the next TIP cycle.

I look forward to continuing our excellent partnership to advance this key regional project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph A. Curtatone".

Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

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