

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
GENERAL COURT

October 22, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

We write today in support of the recent selection of certain roads in the Town of Braintree for inclusion in the FFY 2021 MPO Subregional Corridor Study, specifically, Grove Street from John Mahar Highway to Columbian Street. We greatly appreciate your attention to this area of Braintree.

The Grove Street corridor has been of growing concern to residents and local officials, due to incidents of speeding and the number of accidents. Where side streets and driveways intersect with Grove Street, sight lines are poor, and turning angles in some locations are hazardous. Addressing this vehicular issue is important, as is addressing the need for pedestrian improvements. Sidewalks along the corridor are uneven, narrow, and undefined. Some are asphalt and others concrete, often with poor transitions between the two. Where driveways and side streets intersect with Grove Street, there are insufficient markings such as crosswalks, a lack of pedestrian and vehicular signage, a lack of median refuge islands, insufficient lighting, and too few or non-ADA compliant curb ramps. The combination of the above conditions make vehicular and pedestrian travel in this area hazardous, particularly for elderly and wheelchair bound residents living in nearby senior residences.

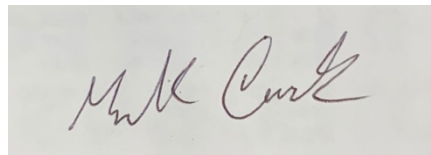
Having this corridor included in the FFY 2021 MPO Subregional Corridor Study will lay the foundation for the work that is so obviously needed along this stretch of Grove Street.

We thank you again for including the Grove Street corridor, and offer our willingness to provide any assistance you may need.

Sincerely,



John F. Keenan
State Senator



Mark J. Cusack
State Representative