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SUBJECT: Arlington – Reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue
Pond Street to the Cambridge City Line, Project File No. 604687

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the design public hearing for the reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington.

Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (FST, Inc.), the Town of Arlington's design consultant, has developed a multimodal corridor plan that is intended to address the needs of all users and establish a strong example of enhanced transportation mobility in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The recommended improvements by FST, Inc. include a context sensitive design and are in accordance with the Town of Arlington project objectives and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) *Project Development and Design Guide*. MassDOT along with the Federal Highway Administration has reviewed the proposed design for conformity with State and Federal design standards. The Town intends to advance this project as shown on the attached letter.

Thank you for your input of this important project. MassDOT will be reviewing all of the comments received and will take these comments into consideration as the design progresses. Your comments have been included in the official public hearing file. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact Kimberley Sloan, MassDOT Project Manager, at (617) 973-7495, or Laura Wiener with the Town of Arlington Planning Department.

Sincerely,

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