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To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

RE: Transportation for Massachusetts - Partnership

Date: December 17, 2015

I am requesting that the Board vote in support of Arlington joining Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) as a Municipal Partner. T4MA is a statewide coalition that is committed to the following principles:

1. Our transportation system is a vital part of our economy, providing economic opportunity and ensuring everyone can get where they need to go.
2. Massachusetts needs a transportation network that offers safe, affordable, and convenient choices to residents and businesses, including public transportation, sidewalks, and bikeways.
3. People without cars, including youth, seniors and low-income residents, should have the opportunity to get to the schools and jobs that will help them pursue their dreams
4. Transportation investments should enhance mobility, expand economic opportunity, reduce pollution and greenhouse gases, and support healthy, sustainable communities.
5. Public stewards of transportation funds should be held accountable for wise, fair and transparent use of public dollars.

I feel that these principles are aligned with goals and principles that have been outlined by the Board and Town Meeting via both the annual goal setting process and the Master Plan. Supplementary information regarding T4MA is also provided under this agenda item. There is no cost for the Town to become a Municipal Partner, and with a favorable vote of the Board, I will plan to sign on immediately.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions the Board may have in regard to this matter.