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**RE: MBTA Bus Stop Accessibility and Safety Improvement Program**

Dear Mr. Chouinard and Mr. Amstutz,

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has prepared the attached 30% design plans for accessibility improvements at two MBTA bus stops in the Town of Arlington as part of the MBTA's Bus Stop Accessibility and Safety Improvement Program.

The MBTA is committed to improving rider accessibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at bus stops throughout the MBTA system. The system's 7,500 bus stops have been evaluated for ADA compliance, and many stops have been identified as having "critical" needs for ADA accessibility improvements. The bus stops included in this submittal have been prioritized for construction in 2021 due to one or more major access barriers, as well as relative need based on ridership, proximity to adjacent stops, Title VI considerations, and proximity to hospitals/health clinics and other facilities that serve vulnerable users.

The 30% design plans may include the following types of general improvements:

- Addition/reconstruction of a landing area (this is where the bus deploys a ramp)
- Construction/reconstruction of sidewalks (to provide an accessible path of travel)
- Addition/reconstruction of adjacent curb ramps
- New/realignment of crosswalks connecting bus stops
- Potential pedestrian signals/enhanced visibility signage at new crosswalks
- Lengthening of bus stops (so buses can pull all the way to the curb)
- Addition of bus stop pavement markings
- Provision of updated bus stop signs

Photographs of and Google Maps links to the bus stops proposed for construction in 2021 under this design package are provided at the end of this letter.

## Review Process

The MBTA respectfully requests your comments on the enclosed design plans no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2021. We would also appreciate identification of any roadways or intersections adjacent to each bus stop that are planned for reconstruction within the next three to five years. If bus stop improvements can be integrated into these projects, the MBTA would prefer to reallocate resources to alternate bus stops.

## Schedule

Contingent on review and approval by the Town of Arlington, the project will proceed straight to 100% design. Final municipal comments will be addressed and approvals obtained prior to the commencement of construction. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2021 and be complete by Fall 2021.

For additional coordination and communication on any of the plans for this project, please contact me by e-mail ([nvance@mbta.com](mailto:nvance@mbta.com)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Natasha Vance PE". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "PE" written in a slightly larger, more formal script at the end.

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Natasha Vance, P.E.  
MBTA Project Manager

Enclosures

CC: Sandra Clarey, Project Manager, McMahon Associates

## Bus Stops

### ARL-G-7 Arlington

Google Link:

[https://www.google.com/maps/place/Pleasant+St+%26+Spring+Valley+St,+Arlington,+MA+02476/@42.4112708,-](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Pleasant+St+%26+Spring+Valley+St,+Arlington,+MA+02476/@42.4112708,-71.160396,825m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e3764de9e867a7:0xa85aca4962f3262c!8m2!3d42.4112669!4d-71.1582073)

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Pleasant St @ Spring Valley St Stop ID 23532

*Existing & Proposed Stop*



Pleasant St @ Irving St Stop ID 23536

*Existing Stop*





*Proposed Stop*



## ARL-G-8 Arlington

Google Link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Addison+St+%26+Pleasant+St,+Arlington,+MA+02476/@42.4130864,-71.1566675,292m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e37651ddeb4cf:0xcda737a412177d2a!8m2!3d42.4130358!4d-71.1562971>

Pleasant St @ Addison St Stop ID 23533

*Existing Stop*



*Proposed Stop*





Pleasant St @ Oak Knoll Stop ID 23535

*Existing Stop*



*Proposed Stop*

