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MEMORANDUM

To: Arlington Board of Selectmen
From: Claire V. Ricker, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)
CC: Sandy Pooler, Town Manager
Date: May 18, 2023
RE: Mass Ave./Appleton Corridor Project and Chestnut Street Safety Project - update

To make long-range changes and improve safety at the Mass Ave./Appleton area and Chestnut Street, in April 2022 the Town contracted with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide design, engineering, and public engagement services for the Mass Ave./Appleton Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project and the Chestnut Street Safety Project.

The total cost of the contract with Stantec is \$440,402.82, split between the two projects:

- Mass Ave./Appleton Street Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project: \$320,905.10
- Chestnut Street Safety Improvements: \$119,497.72

Chestnut Street Safety Project

Stantec developed construction plans for the section of Chestnut Street between Chestnut Terrace and Medford Street to implement changes recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in 2021 that were subsequently approved by the Select Board. That project is funded by a Shared Streets and Spaces grant totaling \$143,910.56 and is currently under construction.

Mass Ave./Appleton Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project

Since presenting an initial concept design to the Select Board at their meeting on 3/6/2023, DPCD and Stantec have engaged in enhanced outreach with the developer of an adjacent 40B project to consider design impacts to the 40B project's approved site and circulation plans. Input and instructions from the Select Board to DPCD and Stantec at the 3/6/2023 meeting indicate that any updated design should prioritize preservation of on-street parking along Mass Ave. Stantec and DPCD will continue to develop a corridor concept that preserves street parking and with consideration for the approved 40B project. Prior to presenting any concept to the Select Board, concepts will be presented to the TAC for their review and recommendation to the Select Board. As there is still much work to be done to develop a concept plan that incorporates the circulation pattern of the 40B project, and that will be acceptable to the Select Board, the project team has decided to hold on submitting a MassWorks application for construction funding until 2024.