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MEMORANDUM

To: Jim Feeney, Town Manager

CC: Claire V. Ricker, Director, DPCD

From: John Alessi, Senior Transportation Planner, DPCD

Date: September 25, 2023

RE: Mass Ave & Appleton Street Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project – Sep 27th Select Board Vote

This memorandum summarizes the request by the Department of Planning & Community Development for the Select Board to vote to approve the Mass Ave & Appleton Street Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project's final conceptual design.

The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) has finalized the Mass Ave & Appleton Street Safety & Accessibility Corridor Project's concept design based on comments received from residents, businesses, local stakeholders, and Select Board members. The following changes have been made to the concept design since the March 6, 2023 Select Board meeting:

- Added eleven (11) parking spaces throughout the corridor.
- Incorporated the driveway to the adjacent residential development (Mirak property) and other businesses into the new Mass Ave / Forest St / Burton St traffic signal, providing a dedicated signal phase for site egress.
- Reopened Appleton Place to one-way traffic to preserve access to St. Athanasius Church and side-streets.
- Moved the crosswalk and curb extension at Quinn Road to the east side of the intersection to maintain one (1) parking space directly outside of DeVito's Funeral Home.
- Incorporated the driveway design of the approved hospitality project at the corner of Clark Street and Mass Ave.

DPCD will present on the project's background, the study process, design goals, engagement to date, and the final conceptual design at the Select Board's September 27, 2023 meeting. Materials have been provided to the Board beforehand, including the final conceptual design, presentation slides, a summary of the design updates and responses to public comments, a summary of the comments received from the March 2023 public survey, and a summary of the trade-off between additional parking and the left-turn lane onto Forest Street.

The requested action of the Board is to approve the final conceptual design so that the engineering consultant can prepare final engineering documents for the Town to submit a MassWorks application for construction funding in Spring 2024.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.