



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 5, 2013

David J. Mohler
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Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Mohler,

We understand that you are preparing the work plan for the Central Transportation Planning Staff and wish to propose an item to consider for your agenda pertaining to Back Bay, the Fenway, and the Longwood Medical and Academic Areas. Through numerous conversations, we have become aware of great uncertainty as to whether the major transportation facilities serving these districts can accommodate expected growth in the area. We therefore request a study that would include the following:

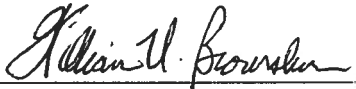
- An assessment of expected development in the area based on authorized land uses and economic trends;
- A projection of future traffic growth in the area based on expected development in the area;
- An identification of relevant region wide traffic growth trends that affect the area;
- A comparison of future traffic growth to existing capacity and planned capacity enhancements to identify potential or likely deficiencies;
- To the extent that there are areas of expected unacceptable congestion, an inventory of possible transit and other solutions;
- An identification of any major existing transit and other routes that are currently and are likely to remain below capacity and could therefore be downsized.

This study would inform conversations about the following project concepts, and we hope and would encourage that it be coordinated with other study processes related to these projects:

- Addition of Turnpike ramps in the Back Bay and Kenmore Square/ Fenway.
- Repair or elimination of the Bowker overpass.
- Repair or downsizing of Storrow Drive in certain areas.
- Expansion of Green Line capacity.
- Expansion of crosstown services that reduce congestion on the Green Line.
- Extension of the Silver Line.
- Commuter Rail enhancements at Yawkey and Ruggles stations.

We appreciate your consideration.

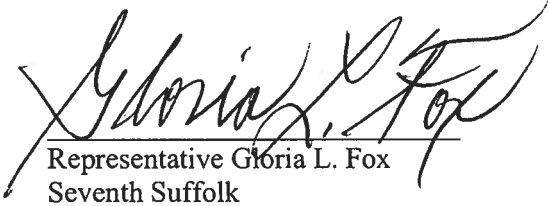
Respectfully submitted,



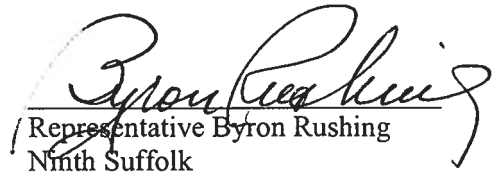
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Representative Byron Rushing
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Representative Martha M. Walz
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The following neighborhood associations have been consulted and have expressed support for the proposal described in this letter:

Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association
Back Bay Association
Fenway Civic Association
Fenway Community Development Corporation
Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization
Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay