



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

September 19, 2013

MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
1 Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

We are writing in enthusiastic support of the application by the Town of Belmont for a grant to provide safer travel, increased parking and aesthetic landscaping for Belmont Center.

With the recent closing of Macy's, an anchor store in the Center for many years, there is an opportunity for the owner to plan to improve that property in a more attractive way that, with the improvements outlined in the application, will promote economic development in this important part of the town.

Belmont has been investing in this project since 2010 when the Traffic Advisory Committee held public hearings to discuss improvements to the Center. A concept plan was approved by the Selectmen in 2011 and the project has been in design since that time. The water infrastructure has already been upgraded by the DPW Water Division at a cost of \$1.2 million to the town.

We believe that the Belmont Center Streetscape Improvements Project is vital for the economic rejuvenation of Belmont's largest major commercial center and appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William N. Brownsberger in black ink.

William N. Brownsberger
STATE SENATOR

Handwritten signature of David Rogers in black ink.

David Rogers
STATE REPRESENTATIVE