



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

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Commissioner Brian Arrigo
251 Causeway St, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Arrigo,

We are writing you to regarding the state of bike facilities along Memorial Drive near the Boston University (BU) bridge and Magazine Beach to River Street. Presently west bound bike traffic approaching the rotary at the BU bridge is forced to ride in the opposing traffic bike lane along Goose Park to make the connection from the Memorial Drive multi-use path to the Dudley White bike path. Once across the bridge the paths are narrow, have broken pavement, numerous obstacles or debris, and often flood. These conditions make for a challenging experience on a highly used and otherwise safe bike throughway.

This dangerous situation can be mitigated by raising the bike facilities along Goose Park to the pedestrian path height. The added elevation will permit space for two-way bike traffic and provide bike users protection from eastbound vehicular traffic merging onto Memorial Drive. Creating a safe connection between Memorial Drive and the Dudley White bike path will serve daily commuters and casual bike users. Moreover, both a chain link fence and the more traditional green railings separate Goose Park from the Memorial Drive sidewalk. Please consider repairing missing sections of the railings and removing the chain link fence, which is unbecoming of this precious green space.

Additionally, improvements to address the disrepair and frequent flooding on the multi-use path along Magazine Beach to River Street should be included in the upcoming work planned in the area. Repairs are long overdue for this section of the multi-use path. Ensuring a smooth connection for pedestrians and bike users in this area of Memorial Drive is important for safety and park preservation.

We are grateful for your consideration of these concerns and for your collaboration in serving the residents of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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