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Subject: Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Latest Round Announcement

Dear Elected Officials,

MassDOT is pleased to announce the latest round of funding for the Shared Winter Streets and Spaces program. The Shared Winter Streets and Spaces program provide grants as small as \$5,000 and as large as \$500,000 for municipalities to quickly launch changes for safer walking, biking, public transit, recreation, commerce, and civic activities. These improvements can be intentionally temporary or can be pilots of potentially permanent changes. MassDOT is particularly focused on projects that respond to the public health crisis and provide safe mobility for children, for elders, to public transportation, and to open space and parks.

The list of cities and towns awarded Shared Winter Streets and Spaces grants in this funding round are:

- **Amesbury received \$38,316.50** to redesign and reprogram existing public spaces, including adjacent walkable and bikeable routes, for outdoor recreation, dining, and civic events.
- **The Brockton Area Transit Authority received \$150,000** to install 10 new bus shelters and make improvements to the Intermodal Centre bus platform including the purchase and installation of permanent heating elements for waiting passengers.
- **The MBTA, in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, received \$170,000** to construct a new crosswalk, median, curb ramps, flashing safety beacon, signage, and pavement markings on Park Drive in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston to provide safe and accessible connections between MBTA bus service and the MBTA Green Line.
- **Dracut received \$290,000** to install new six-foot-wide sidewalks, to include ADA-compliant ramps and asphalt sidewalks, for general pedestrian safety and to provide safer walking conditions to a local school.
- **Framingham received \$249,052.65** to create new and better sidewalks, including ADA-compliant curbing and crosswalks, in the area of Leland, Irving, and Universal Streets.
- **Holland received \$37,760** to implement new traffic calming measures, repaint existing crosswalks, and install benches, tables, and bike parking in the vicinity of Holland Elementary School and across the street from Hitchcock Field. This project will support Holland's efforts to become a Safe Routes to School community.
- **Leominster received \$21,000** to support local restaurants and encourage outdoor dining with expanded outdoor seating space and new propane heaters.
- **The MBTA, in partnership with the City of Boston, received \$468,630.80** to enhance existing bus/bike lanes in the Roslindale neighborhood with new bus shelters, two curb-extended bus stops, and all-day bus lanes on South Street, Corinth Street, and Washington Street.
- **The MBTA, in partnership with the City of Boston, received \$123,200** to install a dedicated bus lane on the northbound side of Cross Street/North Washington in the North End neighborhood, from Sudbury Street to Causeway Street. The bus stop at Thatcher Street will move to a safer, improved location, closer to crosswalks and away from vehicles. The existing dedicated bicycle lanes will be maintained.

- **The MBTA, in partnership with the City of Lynn, received \$318,450** to install bidirectional, curb-running shared bus/bike lanes and two transit signal priority treatments on the MassDOT-owned portion of Western Avenue, between the Belden Bly Bridge and Ida Street.
- **The MBTA, in partnership with the City of Somerville, received \$222,200** to install bus queue-jumps and transit signal priority treatments – to benefit bicyclists and pedestrian safety, in particular – on Washington Street in Somerville at the McGrath Highway underpass area and the eastbound approach to Inner Belt Road.
- **Orleans received \$251,143.61** to construct 900 feet of new sidewalk and safer crossings along Old Colony Way in order to provide a safe walking route to the Orleans Farmer's Market, which has become a key destination during the Covid-19 public health crisis.
- **Springfield received \$215,603.60** to create better and safer areas for outdoor dining and walking by expanding a sidewalk to form a plaza, narrowing a vehicular lane, and adding new pedestrian-oriented lighting.
- **Sutton received \$299,900** to construct a new and safer pedestrian network with a new sidewalk, curbing, and crossings in the vicinity of the Hough Road Fields and connecting to the local Council on Aging.
- **Tewksbury received \$15,000** to install two new bus shelters along a Lowell Regional Transit Authority bus route. The shelters will be installed at the East Street and Chandler Street intersection, which is the location of the Tewksbury Senior Center and Tewksbury State Hospital.
- **Uxbridge received \$146,907.25** to replace and upgrade an unsafe crosswalk through Wesgan Square, to include new signage and a new flashing pedestrian safety beacon. This new safer crossing will serve a retirement community, recreation fields, and an elementary school.
- **Webster received \$36,300** to upgrade the lighting in the downtown area to be safer and more appealing for pedestrians, install lighting in alleyway spaces to support outdoor dining, install three flashing pedestrian safety beacons, and improve landscaping to make the downtown area feel more attractive for outdoor activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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