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Honorable members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization:

The Town of Natick respectfully seeks your support for several transportation projects of local and regional significance as you plan the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan and future amendments.

Route 9/27 Interchange (MassDOT 605313)

This critical project, initiated in 2008, is currently on the LRTP and awaiting 25% design. This is a high-crash location for which an innovative design has been proposed by MassDOT. The current structure is failing, and lacks important safety accommodations and features.

Natick Center CRT Connection (MassDOT 610691)

This project will connect the Cochituate Rail Trail to Natick Center, providing bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to the community's central business district, cultural hub and transportation nexus. Design is starting now and we expect that this will be ready for advertising in FFY 2023.

Lake Cochituate Path (MassDOT 610680)

This project, currently in design, will establish connectivity from the Cochituate Rail Trail to residential and commercial districts in West Natick. Subject to agreement by MassDOT, we would request it be programmed for FFY 2023.

Boden Lane Bridge (MassDOT 607420)

This project will replace a vehicular and pedestrian bridge that was damaged and removed in 2019. Design will start in 2021, and we await a schedule to request programming on a future TIP.

Spring Street Bridge (MassDOT 610869)

This project will replace a Natick Center vehicular and pedestrian bridge, over the MBTA Worcester Line branch, which has been out of service for decades. At the Town's request, MassDOT has proposed a replacement rather than demolition in order to encourage and promote bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. Design will begin following a Notice to Proceed, and we await a schedule to request programming on a future TIP.

The Town of Natick is extremely grateful for the work of the MPO and Central Transportation Planning Staff, and for your past support for projects in and around Natick. We are available to discuss any of these projects at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Freedman, Chair

cc: State Senator Karen Spilka
 State Senator Becca Rausch
 State Representative David Linsky
 Representative Katherine Clark
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