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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Finance Committee, Town Meeting Members

FROM: Claire Rundelli, Conservation Agent and Open Space Planner

RE: Art. 17 Re-appropriation of MathWorks Apple Hill – Traffic Mitigation Funds

The current balance of the remaining mitigation funds from the original appropriation in 2013 is \$635,585.30. At Spring Town Meeting 2022, favorable action was voted for Art. 23, to re-appropriate \$300,000 for the bridge to connect the trails in the northern and southern portions the Pickerel Pond Conservation Area.

Should the results of Fall Town Meeting 2022 on Article 17 be favorable action, a total of \$610,000 of the remaining mitigation funds will have been re-appropriated. This will leave an exact balance of \$25,585.30 to be spent on the final project shared with the Planning Board in the spring of 2022.

Walnut Street/Bacon Street improvements	This funding will supplement existing design/construction to complete the project. Project identified in 2008 as a priority intersection impacted by MathWork Apple Hill growth and requiring improvements.	\$300,000
Pickerel Pond boardwalk	This funding will pay for 100% of project costs, though the Town hopes to pay for 50% of the project costs through grant funding. Connects north & south Pick Pond trails to unlock entire parcel for regional connections. Connects to Cochituate Aqueduct Trail to Cochituate Rail Trail to both MathWorks campuses.	\$300,000
Town Forest Route 9 trailhead	This funding will formalize the Route 9 trailhead and may also include a Town Forest sign to inform vehicular users of its presence. Access to the Town Forest on Route 9 is a <15 min walk from MathWorks Apple Hill.	\$10,000
Speen St shared use path/Bacon Street	Remaining funding will be used towards the completion of the shared use path near the Lakeside campus along Route 9 and Speen	whatever is remaining

(Walnut to CRT) improvements Route 9	Street or to improve safety along Bacon Street focusing on the segment from Walnut to the CRT, such as bike lanes, signage, sharrows, and/or advisory shoulders. Improves safe access to the CRT for MathWorks employees.	(roughly \$25,000)
		\$635,000

The Traffic Management Projects Schedule (Schedule A - Exhibit 1) from the 2008 decision is included below with project statuses:

1	Proposed Route 9 U-turn	New signalized eastbound to westbound U-turn	Complete
2	Route 9/Oak Street	Interim improvements: Upgrade Signal Controller, fix any broken detectors, striping and signage upgrade as necessary	Complete
3	Route 9/Oak Street	Emergency Pre-emption - Also linear transmitter at Fire Station	Complete
4	Route 9/Oak Street & Overbrook	Final Improvements: Design Only	Complete
5	Route 9/27 (interchange)	Interim improvements: Striping and Signage improvements	In-progress (intersection and signal improvements included in the current North Main St MassDOT work and interchange improvements to be included in MassDOT Rt 9/27 project)
6	Route 9/27 (interchange)	Final improvements: Planning Study & Design Only	Complete
7	Walnut Street/Bacon Street	Intersection Safety Improvements & curbing	In-progress
8a	Route 27/Bacon Street	Upgrade signal + add southbound left turn lane	Part of MassDOT Rt 27 (North Main Street) Project
8b	Route 27/Bacon Street	Emergency Pre-emption - including upgraded signal controller assembly	Part of MassDOT Rt 27 (North Main Street) Project
9	Route 27/Rutledge Street	New Signal	Part of MassDOT Rt 27 (North Main Street) Project
10	Route 27/ 9/27 Shopping Center	Upgrade Signal Controller Assembly, rewire signal, move signal post	Complete

11	Route 27/ 9/27 Shopping Center	Emergency Pre-emption	Complete
12	Route 9	Sidewalks - Walnut Street to Site	Complete
13	Wethersfield Road	Granite Curbing at 6 locations	Complete
14	Park Street	Traffic Calming, 2 dynamic speed sign	See item 7
15	Walnut Street neighborhood	Traffic Calming, 2 dynamic speed signs, striping	See item 7
16	Bacon Street neighborhood	Traffic Calming, 2 dynamic speed signs, striping	See item 7
17a	TDM	TMA membership, contribution to Bus (cost per year)(does not include bus shelter)	Ongoing (MathWorks)
17b	Bus shelter	Bus shelter for MW and area residents	Complete
18a	Traffic Monitoring	Monitor Site, U-turn & Neighborhood	MathWorks
19	Linden Street	Repaving and Sidewalk	See item 7
21	Ped connection east of Walnut St	Sidewalk on Rt 9 EB, from Walnut easterly	Complete