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Stephanie Pollack
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August 1, 2017

RE: Intersection Improvements at Landham Road and Route 20 (#607249)

Dear Secretary Pollack,

Please accept this correspondence on behalf of both the Board of Selectmen and myself regarding the intersection of Landham Road and Route 20 (Project Number 607249).

As you may know, the Board of Selectmen voted the Landham Road intersection as their number one priority for TIP funding earlier this year, but the project is currently stalled at 25 percent design. MassDOT is the proponent of the project and did not prioritize the project for the FY 2018-2022 TIP. We want to ensure the project will be a MassDOT priority for the FY 2019-2023 TIP and will advance to 75% design in short order.

The project had a Design Public Hearing over a year ago and at that hearing the design engineer stated that this intersection sees double the number of accidents as the average intersection in District 3 and sees over 10,000 vehicles at Landham Road a day. He cited several safety concerns related to congestion, unexpected turning movements, drainage, crash history, insufficient bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Our conversations with the Engineering firm and with representatives at MassDOT support the concern about the intersection, but for whatever reason the project design appears to be delayed.

The Board of Selectmen, our public safety personnel and our residents are deeply concerned about this intersection. There has already been one fatality there and we dread the day we need to respond to another one due to the public safety issues that have been clearly defined by the project engineer. In the last five years, we have responded to approximately 52 crashes at the site.

I write today to respectfully request that the Landham Road/Route 20 intersection project continue to 75 percent design and continue to be a priority of MassDOT. I would be happy to discuss these concerns in person or with any members of your staff.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Rodrigues, Esq.

Town Manager

On behalf of the Sudbury Board of Selectmen

CC: Melissa O'Day, Right of Way Bureau, 10 Park Plaza, Room 6160

Representative Gentile

Senator Barrett

Senator Eldridge

Muassez Reardon, Project Manager