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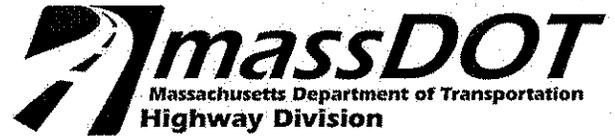
TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
MARCH 11, 2011

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager



Deval L. Patrick, Governor
Timothy P. Murray, Lt. Governor
Jeffrey B. Mullin, Secretary & CEO
Luisa Paiewonsky, Administrator



March 3, 2011

Mr. Charles J. Cristello, Town Manager
Town Hall Building
10 Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Subject: Middleborough, Route 105 (North Main Street) at I-495
Traffic Signals and Intersection Improvement Project
Project File No. 602603

Dear Mr. Cristello:

Thank you for your comments on the recently submitted 25% Design Plans for proposed improvements on Route 105 at the Route I-495 ramps in Middleborough.

MassDOT recognizes the Town's desire to improve operation and safety at the intersection of Route 105 and Clark Street East, and has carefully considered ways of improving the traffic flow at this intersection within the context of the project area. At the town's request, MassDOT directed the design consultant to evaluate the feasibility of signaling Clark Street East as part of this project prior to finalizing the preliminary design. The conclusion was that leaving Clark Street East unsignalized was more beneficial in terms of improving access/egress to I-495 and maintaining mobility on Route 105 through the project's design year.

This project does include features to improve operation and safety at Clark Street East. Delays and queues for exiting traffic will be reduced by widening Clark Street East to provide an exclusive right turn lane. Geometric and traffic control modifications at the I-495 northbound ramp will improve safety by increasing the separation between these intersections, and reducing the speed of right turns from the ramp. Also, the final design of the project will include the installation of signal conduit under the roadway should conditions change to warrant the installation of a traffic signal to benefit the corridor.

Thank you for your input on this project. If you have any questions, please contact the MassDOT Project Manager, Brian Chapman, at 617-973-7265.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E.
Chief Engineer

MJR/bac

Cc: B. McCourt, District 5 Highway Director

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March 7, 2011

Peirce Trustees
c/o Donald Atkins
P. O. Box 209
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Peirce Trustee Members:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$15,460 to the Council on Aging for a new van. Your support is extremely helpful and most appreciative during these difficult times.

We truly appreciate the ongoing support from the Peirce Trustees in meeting the Town's needs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Cristello".

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager

CJC/ajf

cc: Board of Selectmen
Andrea Priest, Council on Aging Director