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Gary Christenson, Mayor

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Malden City Council
Attn: Jadeane Sica, President
110 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Dear President Sica:

I write to ask that you support Paper 42-20 to make improvements to the Washington, Glenwood, Winter, and Grove Street intersection. Specifically, if approved, funding would be used for the installation of granite curb, new AADA/AAB compliant concrete wheelchair ramps and sidewalks, traffic signals, pedestrian signals and push button assembly, and crosswalk pavement markings.

Funding for this project would come from two sources: 1) an earmark of \$50,000 that was secured by Senator Jason Lewis and Representatives Paul Donato, Steve Ultrino, and Paul Brodeur in the most recent state budget, and 2) \$118,908 from the TNC Surcharge Municipal Distribution Account often referred to as the Uber/Lyft account.

This is an area that we have long wanted to address but couldn't identify the sources to accomplish it. This is also something that has been advocated for over the years by the resident-led Walkability Committee. Finally, this project makes sense since it would coincide with all the improvements that the MBTA is presently making to the Oak Grove Train Station.

With your support, the work could begin this spring with a completion date over the summer. Please let me know if you have any questions and in the meantime, thank you as always for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden