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Brad Rawson, Director, Mobility Division  
93 Highland Avenue  
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Dear Director Rawson:

Thank you for submitting a project application to the MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program. Your project application has been reviewed, and we are pleased to notify you that the Somerville Washington Street bus lane project has been approved for funding. We received many applications and had a competitive applicant pool from which to select, and your application stood out as an excellent example of a Better Bus project. The Somerville Washington Street bus lane project will be funded at \$ 95,000.00 under Chapter 90 Contract Number/ MMARS # 50977.

The Shared Streets and Spaces Program is intended to support projects that promote public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce by quickly providing new or repurposed space for socially-distanced walking, bicycling, dining, retail, and bus travel. Because of the urgency of this effort, the Somerville project will need to be fully implemented by Friday, October 9, 2020. A member of the Shared Streets and Spaces team will contact you via email shortly regarding next steps. Please note that any pavement markings or signage included in your project that are not compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices should be used with caution, and only on a temporary basis. Please feel free to contact the Shared Streets Team to discuss this issue in more detail, if needed.

By December 31, 2020, a report detailing lessons learned from the project must be submitted to MassDOT. Grant recipients may also be invited to participate in a learning exchange with other municipalities to share experiences. MassDOT will work directly with you to determine the best evaluation process for your particular project.

We are excited to work with you and the full Somerville team as this project advances.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pollack

Secretary and CEO