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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Council President Matthew McLaughlin

From: Richard E. Raiche, Director of Infrastructure & Asset Management

CC: J.T. Scott, Mary Jo Rossetti, Laura Racaniello, Hannah Carrillo, Ed Bean, Kimberly Wells

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Following the discussions with the Finance Committee and the City Council in September and October 2021, and understanding the concerns of the Councilors and the neighborhood, the Mayor and the Department of Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) respectfully request that the following items before the Council be placed on file without a vote to approve/deny the requested authorization to spend at this time:

- 212267 : Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,331,543 in a bond for the construction of an outdoor elevator to improve accessibility between the High School Field Level and the new Green Line Extension Gilman Square Station.
- 212268 : Requesting approval to re-purpose the Green Line Extension Stabilization Fund and appropriate \$7,668,457 from said fund for the construction of an elevator between the High School Field and the new Green Line Gilman Square Station.
- 212269 : Requesting approval to appropriate \$151,000 from the Facility Construction and Renovation Stabilization Fund for additional design and electrical conduit work related to the Gilman Station elevator and GLX platform.

As discussed with the Council, without the appropriation that this time, IAM will **not** direct the Suffolk Construction Company to integrate the elevator into the active Somerville High School construction project. We will, however, direct Suffolk to make minor changes to the stairway configuration to facilitate the future construction of the elevator at that location. Further, IAM will integrate full Central Hill vertical accessibility betwixt concourse, field and community path elevations into the Building Master Plan and 1895 Building renovation project. IAM will report the progress of the Building Master Plan by the end of the 2021 calendar year.