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John J. Long, City Clerk
Somerville City Hall
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Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for your September 22, 2015 letter to Secretary Pollack regarding the intersection of Chester Avenue and McGrath Highway in Somerville. The Secretary has asked me to respond on her behalf.

The Chester Avenue approach is not included in the current signal system, but operates as a right turn only under stop sign control. However, a review of this location determined that signing at this intersection can be improved to facilitate safe pedestrian crossings. To accomplish this, MassDOT will install stop signs on both sides of Chester Avenue. Additionally, we will install advanced pedestrian crossing warning signs. These signs will be installed soon, and we trust that these measures should substantially improve safety for pedestrians at this crossing.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Paul D. Stedman, District Four Highway Director, at (781) 641-8300.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Tinlin
Highway Administrator

cc: Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer
Paul D. Stedman, District Four Highway Director