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John J. Long, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office, City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for your letter addressed June 26, 2019 regarding the City Council's request (Docket #205828) to install a new shelter for the Route 90 bus at Assembly Square. We have performed a preliminary review of the current route terminus at stop #28746, Grand Union Blvd opposite Artisan Way. There are a number of items that would need to be implemented to get a shelter at this location, and would require coordination between multiple entities. These items include:

- Tree removal
- Paving a planting strip to create an appropriate surface for shelter installation
- Coordinating permissions with the property owner (as we understand, Federal Realty Investment Trust)
- Acquiring a shelter through our upcoming bus amenities procurement process (slated for procurement later in 2019 and implementation in coming years).

Some of these items are complex and may not work out, but we will keep this priority in mind and coordinate further next steps with Somerville Planning staff and the abutter as necessary.

Sincerely,

Steve Poftak
General Manager