CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

April 17, 2014

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah L. Gewirtz	Chair	Absent	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One Alderman	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Michael Glavin, Hayes Morrisson, David Shapiro

193587 - Requesting approval of a Complete Streets Ordinance to insure equal access for all users of the public ways.:
Ms. Morrison discussed the various elements of the Complete Streets concept and noted that the NATCO (National Association of City Transportation Officials) design guide is what is being used as the guide of record.

There was a discussion about the language in part #6.

The item is being proposed as an ordinance, partly because the state has provided financial incentives (chapter 90) to communities that have adopted ordinances and partly because it's simply good planning. Presently, only 6 communities have such an ordinance.

There was concern about the city's exposure to litigation and tort liability and a request was made for the Law Department to review part #8 for any possibility of that happening.

The Littleton ordinance was discussed and the committee requested that there be additional mention of public health in Somerville's ordinance and Ms. Morrison will add language relative to funding sources, as well.

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194075 - That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to limit city liability.:

RESULT:	**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194076 - That the City Solicitor review the proposed ordinance, referred to as Chapter 12, Article VII, Complete Streets Ordinance, to determine what happens in Section (6) when state guidelines change; and to determine if the cost in Section (7) is proportional to the project and how the difference would impact the city.:

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE