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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 13, 2010

Honorable Alderman Heuston
City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Board Order #188910
Safe-START Update

Dear Alderman Heuston:

Please be advised that OSPCD is in receipt of your Board Order #188910, which requested that the Director of OSPCD provide an update on progress related to our Safe-START initiative.

In the past year, a joint initiative of the Mayor's Office, Department of Public Works, Traffic & Parking and OSPCD has accelerated the procurement and implementation of numerous pedestrian and bike accommodations across the city. This includes the incorporation of accommodations into all of the City's major infrastructure projects: Somerville Ave, Magoun Square, Assembly Square Drive, Washington Street, Temple Street, and the future Beacon Street project.

In addition to the sidewalk and ADA ramp installations associated with the City's annual street repaving program, the following improvements were implemented in 2009 or are scheduled for 2010 as part of the Safe-START initiative or bike accommodation painting program:

Pedestrian improvements: Countdown lights at crossings around Brady Towers and on Winter Hill; bump-outs, improved crosswalk and improved driveway at Broadway and Clarendon Hill; and bump-outs and improved crosswalk at Powder House and Burnham have all been completed. ADA ramps and sidewalk improvements around the Brown School and in Union Square (Prospect & Washington/Somerville Ave) have been scheduled for this year. Bollard installation has also been scheduled for each school priority area.

Traffic improvements: Concord Square island improvements have been completed. Traffic calming tables for the West Somerville Neighborhood School area and Willow Street have been designed and scheduled for installation this year. Money has also been set aside to maintain the




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safety measures associated with the Park Street rail crossing.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Lambert, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure at 617-625-6600 x2522.

Respectfully,


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Executive Director

