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February 28, 2013

Massachusetts District of Transportation  
District 1  
Attention: Peter Frieri  
270 Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

RE: Pedestrian Safety Improvements for MassDOT resurfacing of Route 9 in 2013

Dear Mr. Frieri,

As you are aware, the Williamsburg Pedestrian Safety Committee in partnership with PVPC and MassDot have discussed and recommended some important pedestrian safety improvements they wished the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen to advance to MassDOT for inclusion in the resurfacing project for Main Street (Route 9) through the entire town from Northampton to the Goshen town line in 2013.

The Board of Selectmen had an initial discussion regarding the recommendations on February 7<sup>th</sup> and later met with Williamsburg Pedestrian Safety Committee member Marvin Ward on February 21st to review them again.

Following those meetings, the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen requests that the following items be considered for inclusion in the project:

- a. Increase visibility at all crosswalks through the use of higher visibility thermoplastic crossing stripes and "shark teeth" in advance of the crosswalk to improve driver awareness.
- b. Stripe the marked travel lanes at 11 feet where feasible to reduce travel speeds.
- c. Install a "your speed is" electronic advance warning speed notification sign for eastbound traffic prior to entering the Williamsburg Village Center.
- d. Upgrade the Williamsburg Center pedestrian crosswalk between the Post Office and Meekins Library to include high visibility crosswalk detail and rectangular rapid flash beacon as is currently installed on Conz Street in Northampton.

- e. Extend and/or repair the guardrail on Route 9 in front of the Brassworks and the Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School. To preserve the historic nature of that area and the building, it is requested that Cor-ten guardrail be considered for that section.
- f. Extend existing sidewalk in Haydenville by continuing the section of sidewalk on Main Street near High Street adjacent to the westbound travel lane to the intersection of Pine Street.
- g. Install signs notifying drivers that they are entering a "village center."
- h. Request that MassDOT review the location of passing lanes in the vicinity of Cumberland Farms and remove them where they encourage speeding while approaching the 25 mph zone.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlene L. Nardi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charlene L. Nardi

Cc: Williamsburg Pedestrian Committee  
Gary Roux, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission  
Jeff McCollough, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission