

# Waban Area Council

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**Re: MA DOT Add-A-Lane Project #603711**

Dear Mr. Cash:

The Waban Area Council learned from information given by DOT at the Needham Heights Neighborhood Association Presentation on June 9, 2014 concerning the Add-a-Lane Project (MassDOT Project #603711) that:

- During Phase I of Contract V of this Project two activated traffic signals will be added on the Route 9 deck between Wellesley and Newton. This construction Phase has been scheduled from September 2014 to October 2015.
- The presentation also indicated that the ramp reconfiguration that would empty the storage lanes connected to these lights will not be constructed until a later date in Phases 4/5, up to four years later, scheduled from May 2018-December 2018.

We would like to affirm that our observation about the timing of these two construction items, scheduled many years apart, is current and correct.

If our understanding is correct, we request a clear explanation of DOT's reasoning for separating these two intricately related projects.

It is our role to provide relevant and accurate information to Newton residents in advance of this project. It is imperative that we be alerted promptly to any new information related to DOT #603711 that will impact our community. Your cooperation in meeting this mission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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