

Office of the Police Commissioner

1 Schroeder Plaza, Boston, MA 02120-2014

August 21, 2013

Ms. Renata von Tscharner **Charles River Conservancy** Founder and President 4 Brattle Street, #309 Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Ms. Von Tscharner:

The Boston Police Department supports the Charles River Conservancy's proposed improvements to create underpasses that will promote the safety of pedestrians, joggers and cyclists around the Charles River.

Boston is a walkable city, hosting more pedestrian commuters than other comparably populated cities. Boston is also a bike-friendly city. Since Mayor Thomas Menino launched Boston Bikes in 2007, ridership in the City has more than doubled. We at the Boston Police Department are committed to creating safer roadways for our pedestrians, cyclists and our motorists.

Walking is a way of life in Boston and the bicycle has become an integral part of our transportation system. Together we must continue to improve the safety of our streets while promoting more active transportation options. These improvements, suggested by the Charles River Conservancy, are a step in that direction.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Davis

Police Commissioner