

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Deval Patrick  
Governor of Massachusetts  
State House, Room 105  
Boston, MA 02133

Secretary Richard Davey  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
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Boston, MA 02116

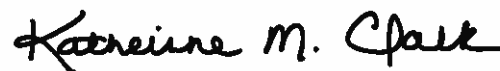
Dear Governor Patrick and Secretary Davey,

I write to you regarding the Accelerated Bridge Program along the Charles River, and specifically regarding the ongoing and planned reconstruction of the Anderson Memorial, Western Avenue, and River Street Bridges. I offer my sincere appreciation for your commitment to ensuring that these vital improvements to our infrastructure come to fruition. To that end, I write to express my support for the construction of underpasses at these three bridges, which would provide the crucial final connectors to allow the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path to continue uninterrupted for seven miles along the Boston side of the Charles River.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Charles River Reservation is a valuable green space for the residents and visitors of Boston, and the planned construction under the Accelerated Bridge Program provides a unique opportunity for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to improve public safety and promote active transportation. Currently, the three aforementioned bridges lack safe alternatives to crossing at busy intersections for those using the path for recreation and commuting purposes to continue travelling along the Charles River. I therefore respectfully request that MassDOT start the permitting process for the underpasses now and that the creation of these underpasses be included in the planned reconstruction work for each of these bridges.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kelsey Perkins in my District Office at 781-396-2900 or via email at [Kelsey.Perkins@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Perkins@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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