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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  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Governor Patrick and Secretary Davey,

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Charles River Reservation is a unique and cherished green space for the residents and visitors of Boston. Currently, walkers and cyclists must navigate street-level crossings at the busy intersections of the Anderson Memorial, River Street, and Western Avenue bridges to continue travelling along the Boston side of the Charles River. I write to express my support for the construction of underpasses at these three bridges, to allow the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path to continue uninterrupted for 7 miles, providing safer travel for those who use the path for recreating and commuting.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has an opportunity to improve public safety and promote active, healthy transportation by building these underpasses. Each of these bridges is in need of maintenance. I respectfully request that MassDOT start the permitting process for the underpasses now and when state funds become available to begin construction on any of these bridges, that the creation of these underpasses be included in that work.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or you may reach Katie King in my Office of Intergovernmental Relations at (617) 635-4478.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

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