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Thomas F. Broderick, P.E.
Acting Chief Engineer
Mass DOT; Highway Division
10 Park Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3973

Dear Mr. Broderick:

The Town of Watertown would like to express its support for the creation of a Charles River basin Connectivity Study. This is a document that will provide meaningful direction towards creating a regional system that serves the various modes of transportation in this region. Watertown's residents and workers will all benefit from a coordinated approach to providing connections to and along the Charles River.

We would also like to express our support for the inclusion and consideration of pedestrian underpasses at the Anderson Memorial, Western Avenue, and River Street Bridges. The addition of these underpasses would create an uninterrupted, 7-mile car-free corridor. The opportunity to travel this distance in proximity to both densely developed residential and employment centers and beautiful natural resources would be a tremendous enhancement for this region. To be able to travel in these areas car free would enhance the experience and make it a very attractive attribute for this entire region.

Please consider these comments for inclusion in the final Connectivity Study. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

cc: Honorable Town Council
Town Manager, Michael J. Driscoll
Dan Driscoll, DCR