

15 November 2007

Suzanne Wilson, External Affairs and Partnerships  
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**Re: MBTA Charles/MGH & DCR Longfellow Bridge pedestrian access follow-up**

Dear Ms. Wilson:

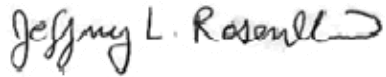
A thank you in advance for scheduling a meeting with us regarding this issue Monday November 26, 2007 at 10am. Enclosed is a CD with the relevant letters, and photos/video's worth viewing to brief yourself on this situation (all of this information is also available online using the link <http://livablestreets.info/longfellow>). The questions we have at this point are:

1. MBTA General Manager Dan Grabauskas expressed willingness since April 2007 to cooperate in solving this problem in the short term. Has there been any meetings between the DCR and MBTA? Are any scheduled?
2. Kris Erickson, Deputy Chief of Staff at the MBTA, talked with Wendy Stern, EOT Undersecretary, on Oct. 31, 2007, and Ms. Stern indicated she would set up a meeting with relevant players (EOT, MHD, MBTA, DCR, Boston) and advocates (LivableStreets Alliance, WalkBoston) to come up with an immediate action plan. Has there been any progress on this?
3. Last October, 2006, under Commissioner Stephen Burrington, a verbal commitment was made to fix these sidewalks on a temporary basis this past Spring 2007 using an identified funding source, the "bucket" DCR sidewalk repair contract. Is there a reason that this commitment has been neglected?
4. Acting DCR Commissioner Priscilla Geigis responded last April, 2007, indicating that the DCR would not do any interim repairs prior to the full Longfellow Bridge reconstruction. Is this position still being held by Commissioner Sullivan?
5. DCR engineers have indicated concerns that it is not feasible for a sidewalk to be installed because of truck turning radius issues. I wrote a technical memo explaining why this was not a problem. Has this memo been addressed internally?

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Please feel free to contact me at your convenience to discuss this further, (617) 939-3824 or [jeff@livablestreets.info](mailto:jeff@livablestreets.info).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Rosenblum" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jeffrey L Rosenblum, PE  
Executive Director, LivableStreets Alliance

cc: Tom Tinlin (BTD), Dennis Royer (DPW), Michael Kineavy (Mayor's Office), Luisa Paiewonsky (MassHighway), Wendy Stern (EOT), Ian Bowles (EOEA), Kris Erickson (MBTA), Christopher Hart (Adaptive Environments), Wendy Landman (WalkBoston)

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