



April 4, 2007

Mr. Jeffrey L. Rosenblum
Livable Streets Alliance
70 Pacific Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Thank you for your email dated March 21, 2007, regarding sidewalk and bicycle path changes recommended for the Longfellow Bridge. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) are aware of your requests as described in your letter, and as presented by the Livable Streets Alliance at a public meeting held in 2006 to discuss this project. However, there are no plans to make any immediate modifications to the structure. Rather, such changes will be considered as part of the rehabilitation project.

As you are aware, the Longfellow Bridge is under design for a total rehabilitation, and the project will be carried out as a partnership between MHD and DCR. At present, design work is not yet 25% complete, and modifications to the bridge can only be considered once this threshold has been reached. DCR is a strong proponent of promoting pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the Commonwealth and looks for opportunities to implement this access wherever conditions make it possible. We have forwarded your requests to MHD, and as decisions on final design are made, these requests will certainly be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your email and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Priscilla E. Geigis".

Priscilla E. Geigis
Acting Commissioner

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