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Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the utilization of mitigation funds from three private development projects to install a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the existing crosswalk across Beacon Street at Dalton Road, in Newton Centre. The location of this crosswalk is shown in the attached aerial image.

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Board Order #225-14 was related to a restaurant use at 1247-1249 Centre Street. Board Order #1-15 was related to a medical office use at 714 Beacon Street. Board Order #163-15 was related to a restaurant use at 22 Union Street.

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The \$14,000 from the above three mitigation accounts will cover the vast majority of the expense to furnish and install a solar-powered RRFB at this location, and the remaining costs would be paid for from DPW Transportation Division's operating budget (less than \$1,000 expected to be paid from operating budget).

Please see the attached memo from DPW Commissioner McGonagle for further details.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

City of Newton Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

January 5, 2022

To:

Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer

From:

James McGonagle, Commissioner

Subject: Request for Docket Item for Appropriation of Special Permit Funds

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James McGonagle Commissioner Public Works

cc:

Shawna Sullivan, DPW Deputy Commissioner

Louis M. Taverna, P.E., City Engineer

Jason Sobel, P.E., PTOE, Director of Transportation Operations

Isaac Prizant, Transportation Engineer

