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Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to appropriate and expend the amount of \$18,000 from HP Parking Fines Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Fund 5500, Org 5518R114 for the purchase and installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beason (RRFB) system to be installed at the intersection of Langley, Warren, and Chase Streets, in order to make the CDBG-funded Access Project in that area more complete, adding more safety for pedestrians with and without disabilities to a proposed crosswalk crossing Langley.

Funds in this account are specifically set aside for the Commission on Disabilities to make recommendations to the Mayor for their use. A request from the Commission on Disabilities is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Date: March 14, 2022**

**MEMO**

**To: Mayor Fuller**

**From: Newton Commission On Disability**

**Subject: Request to Docket Purchase and Installation of an RRFB System from  
 COD Fines Account**

The Newton Commission On Disability, at their February 14, 2022 meeting passed a motion to request to expend Fines funds for the purchase and installation of an RRFB system at the intersection of Langley/Warren/Chase Streets.

With the installation of an RRFB System, the members desired to make this proposed CDBG-funded project more safe for pedestrians, especially pedestrians with disabilities, crossing Langley Road, once the CDBG funded construction is complete.

When the members of the COD voted to recommend the use of FY23 CDBG funds to construct bump-outs, new curb ramps, and crosswalks, at this intersection, as a CDBG Access project at their January meeting, there was not a sufficient dollar allocation to add this RRFB System. This CDBG-funded access project has not begun, but there is a DPW concept design and cost estimate of \$110,000, which also exceeded the dollar allocation, even without the RRFB. The city's allocation for CDBG Access Projects is 5% of CDBG funds received by the city, which is approximately \$95,000.

The estimated cost of this RRFB system ranges between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The COD members strongly feel this is an appropriate use of the Fines funds, and respectfully requests the Mayor to docket \$18,000 to be appropriated from the COD Fines account for the purchase and installation of an RRFB system at the intersection of Langley/Warren/Chase Streets.

