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MAYOR

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500,000 from June 30, 2021, Certified Free Cash for our Transportation Network Improvement Program to continue making progress on our roads, bike lanes, sidewalks and traffic calming efforts across the City.

Thankfully, with the leadership of Commissioner Jim McGonagle and Deputy Commissioner Shawna Sullivan in DPW, our paving condition index continues to improve as we pave miles and miles of roads each year. We have a lot of work still in front of us to make our streets safer and smoother for those walking, riding or rolling.

Each year we "set aside" \$1.5 to \$2.5 million of Free Cash to supplement our snow removal budget with the hope that we will be able to repurpose those funds in the spring for our paving program if they were not required for snow removal. While this year's snow accumulation of 54 inches matched our "annual average," I am pleased to request that \$1.5 million of Free Cash be appropriated to supplement the funds needed for our paving program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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