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RUTHANNE FULLER  
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May 31, 2022

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the authorization to accept and expend a grant of \$198,605 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the Albemarle Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes project.

The project's goal is improving safety on Albemarle Road and Brookside Avenue. The project will reduce speeds, add bike lanes, enhance crossings, and improve operations. The project uses quick-build materials such as paint, flexible delineator posts and rubber speed cushions to make the improvements. Over the last 18 months, the City worked closely with the public and stakeholders to design the concept for the project. Input will continue through the final design process. Installation is targeted for spring/summer 2023.

Attached is a memo from Transportation Planning Director Nicole Freedman regarding the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** May 31, 2022  
**To:** Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operations  
**From:** Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** Request to Docket Item to Accept MassDOT Shared Streets Grant for Albemarle  
Traffic Calming and Bike Lane Project

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We request approval to accept and expend \$198,605 in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Grant program for the following project:

**Albemarle Traffic Calming and Bike Lanes**

Aimed at improving safety on Albemarle Road and Brookside Avenue, the project will reduce speeds, add bike lanes, enhance crossings, and improve operations. The project uses quick-build materials such as paint, flexible delineator posts and rubber speed cushions to make the improvements. Over the last 18 months, the City worked closely with the public and stakeholders to design the concept for the project. Public process will continue through the final design process. Installation is targeted for spring/summer 2023.

More information on the project can be found at:  
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/transportation-planning/projects/albemarle-traffic-calming-bike-lane>.