



BY EMAIL

January 21, 2021

Neil Cronin
Chief of Current Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Recreational Marijuana Dispensary, 232 Boylston Street / Shared Shuttle Program

Dear Mr. Cronin:

As you know, MedMen is seeking a special permit to operate a recreational marijuana dispensary at 232 Boylston Street. In that regard, the subject of a shuttle program has come up which would serve the Chestnut Hill shopping areas, and possibly tie into Newton Centre as well.

It is our understanding that an employer-run shared shuttle program concept has previously been considered for employees affiliated with the Chestnut Hill business community. We would endeavor in taking the administrative lead in coalescing support from nearby employers to operate, maintain, and fund a shared shuttle service that would provide a first-mile/last-mile solution for employees traveling to and from their workplace.

We would look to utilize innovative shuttle services such as The Routing Company (<https://theroutingcompany.com/>) and Hip Mobility (<https://ridehip.com/corporate/>), companies that provide turn-key shuttle solutions for employers. We would work with such a service to determine the feasibility of either a demand-responsive transit service or a fixed route service that would operate on a schedule. We would ensure that the pick-up/drop-off radius would cover both the Newton and Newton Centre MBTA stations. Regardless of whether the service is demand-responsive or fixed route, we will work with other employers to make certain that service is utilized to the fullest extent.

As we move forward in building out this project, we will also seek to collaborate with the City's planning and transportation staffs. We hope to explore ways in which this service could also be utilized for a wider array of purposes and needs that would serve the broader Chestnut Hill community, including citizens who seek to come to Chestnut Hill for retail shopping, personal services, and /or medical appointments.

We will prepare an initial list of potential partners for your consideration. A virtual kick-off meeting for this group with municipal staff and officials could be coordinated for some time this spring.

Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Lynch', is written over a light grey circular stamp.

Tom Lynch
Chief Executive Officer