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## Newton ARPA Investment Accessibility - \$500,000

We have been laser focused while improving many of our buildings, roads, sidewalks, parks, programs and services to consistently use universal design to provide accessibility. With the leadership of our Commission On Disability, the insights and wholehearted collaboration of our ADA Coordinator Jini Fairley, and our staffs from our Departments of Public Works, Public Buildings and Parks, Recreation and Culture, we continue to act vigorously to make our built environment one that all of our residents, businesspeople, employees and visitors are able to access and enjoy. This, in turn, helps make us an all-age friendly community.

I am allocating \$500,000 in ARPA funds to accelerate the critical work of making our community more accessible. This funding will accelerate the construction of a significant number of accessible curb ramps and playground surfaces that the Commission On Disability recently prioritized, including:

- Newton Centre Curb Ramps: 12 new accessible curb ramps at the Beacon Street – Sumner Street – Langley Road intersections.
- Beacon Street Curb Ramps in Waban: Construction of accessible curb ramps along Beacon Street from Washington Street to Angier School
- Walnut Street/Dexter Road Accessibility in Newtonville: Construction of 3 new accessible curb ramps and new bump outs on both sides of Dexter Road.
- Accessible Playground Mats: Installation of playground matting at three playgrounds: in Auburndale Cove, at Davis Playground in West Newton, and at Williams Elementary School in Auburndale.