

City of Newton

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Mayor

Date: December 15, 2022

To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner Public Works

Subject: Request for Expenditure Authorization of Grant Funds
Mass Works Grant, Pettee Square Intersection Improvements, \$2,027,000

As part of the Pettee Square Intersection Improvement Project (Oak Street at Chestnut Street), the City has been awarded a Mass Works program grant, for \$2,027,000. The grant is a reimbursable type of grant like Chapter 90. I request authorization of expenditure of these grant funds for final engineering design, engineering services during construction, resident representation, and construction of the intersection improvements.

As the Mass Works grant funding required matching funds from the City, we will supplement the grant with \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds, for a total cost of \$3,027,000.

These funds will support the purchase and installation of new traffic signal equipment, and construction of the proposed intersection improvements to Oak Street and Chestnut Street, improving the safety and function of this intersection.

Planning Department and Public Works Department are currently working to prepare a contract between the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (who administers the Mass Works program) and the City, to be signed by the Mayor. Once this contract is in place, we will execute a consultant contract with our consulting engineer, complete the final design, bid the construction, and execute a contract with the selected contractor, and construct the intersection improvements.

Please forward this request as a docket item to the Honorable City Council for Consideration.

cc: Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Shawna Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
Louis M. Taverna, P.E., City Engineer
Jason Sobel, P.E., Director of Transportation Engineering