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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 the approval to accept and expend a \$2,027,000 MassWorks Program grant for the Pettee Square Intersection Improvement Project (Oak Street at Chestnut Street). The grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for final engineering design, engineering services during construction, resident representation services, and construction services of the intersection improvements at Pettee Square.

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.

The work in Pettee Square is exciting. It includes a raised table intersection and cross walks, traffic signal replacements, utility pole relocations, roadway milling and new paving, new concrete sidewalks, new ADA accessible curb cut ramps, upgrades to the drainage system, new pavement marking, lighting upgrades, benches and trees. This work will improve the safety of the intersection for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The area will be fresh and more beautiful and inviting. For bocce ball players, for people walking on the Greenway, for visitors to the Depot Coffee Shop, Biltmore Bar & Grille and the other stores, this will be a nicer environment.

The Public Works and Planning Departments 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 see the attached memo from Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle on the project grant.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor