

March 6, 2009

Secretary James A. Aloisi
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Letter of Support for EOT Grant for Reconstruction of Concord Avenue

Dear Secretary James Aloisi,

We write to you today to support the City of Cambridge grant application for the reconstruction of Concord Avenue between Blanchard Road and Fresh Pond Parkway.

LivableStreets Alliance is a Boston-based transportation urban planning non-profit that educates and advocates for a system that better balances transit, walking, and biking with automobiles to make our city more connected and livable. The Concord Avenue reconstruction plan pushes for best practice for street design. It includes well-designed and inviting facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike. Of particular note, there is a raised bicycle lane (cycle track) included as part of the project, a type of facility that has been gaining interest among the public, but which we currently have very few of.

Please consider funding the project to make Concord Avenue safer and more efficient, as well as set an example for future road projects.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter of support. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information at (617) 621-1746 or jackie@livablestreets.info.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Douglas
Transportation Advocate



Charlie Denison
Board Member, Director of Advocacy

CC: Pamela Russell, PWED Program Manager