

# **Public Facilities Committee Agenda Addendum**

## City of Newton In City Council

## Wednesday, February 3, 2016

7 PM Council Chamber & Room 204

### REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

#47-16

Transfer \$783,846 from various accounts for Auburndale Sq Traffic Improvements HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seven hundred eight-three thousand eight hundred forty-six dollars to fully fund the Auburndale Square Traffic Improvements as follows:

#### From:

Riverside-Auburndale Improvements	\$136,710
Repurposing Savings from Other Projects:	
Capital Project Fund Bond Balances Available	
for Appropriation	\$327,752
Unrestricted Capital Purposes	\$27,061
Bonded Capital Projects	\$13,752
June 30, 2015 Free Cash	\$278,571
To:	
Auburndale Square Traffic Improvements	\$783,846
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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair

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#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$783,846 from the following accounts and authorize the expenditure of the same amount for the Auburndale Square Signal Upgrades.

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Although the original estimate for the project had approximated \$1,200,000, during the course of the design of this project last summer, the decision was made to expand the project to include the coordination all signals, minor geometric changes to improve flow and reduce congestion at all approaches, address carriage road access, pedestrian/bike safety and ADA compliance at the following intersections:

Commonwealth Avenue @ Melrose Street
Commonwealth Avenue @ Lexington Street
Lexington Street @ Wolcott Street
Lexington Street @ Freeman Street @ Auburndale Avenue

At that time it was estimated that the project would approximate \$1,700,000.

The City issued an IFB last fall. Three qualified bidders responded with the low bid totaling \$2,047,137 when adjusted to include Alternate 1 (ornamental mast arms) and required Police Details. It was believed that rebidding the project in the winter would yield an increase in the number of bidders and better pricing.

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Bids were received on January 21, 2016, and the Department of Public Works has recommended awarding to the low bidder, for the sum of \$1,983,846. Although the City received six qualified bids, the pricing remained virtually the same as reductions from reusing an existing mast arm and signal cabinets and reduced pricing in asphalt saved \$41,000.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren

Mayor