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Subject: Anderson Memorial Bridge Reconstruction (addendum)

Dear Ms. Osimboni:

Thank you again for taking into account our comments regarding the Anderson Bridge Reconstruction Project that we sent to you on September 1, 2011. We have one additional suggestion that we did not include since our prior comments were focused on the bridge itself:

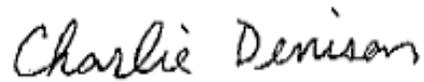
We request that MassDOT install a traffic signal (for vehicles and pedestrians) at the intersection of Hawthorn Street and Memorial Drive. While this does not connect physically to the bridge, the functioning of this intersection in a safe and convenient manner is paramount to this project's success. Because left turns are to be prohibited from JFK Street onto Memorial Drive, Hawthorn Street will become a much more important access point from Harvard Square.

In addition, the intersection of Hawthorne Street and Memorial Drive now serves and will continue to serve as an important pedestrian and bicycle crossing from Harvard Square to the Charles River Paths. The crossing today is challenging since it is unsignalized and requires pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the four lanes of traffic on Memorial Drive. With additional vehicles accessing Memorial Drive at this location as a result of the Anderson Bridge Project, it is even more important that the safety of this crossing be improved.

Any potential negative effects of this added signal on Memorial Drive's traffic capacity can be minimized by synchronizing it with the signal at the intersection of JFK Street/Anderson Bridge and Memorial Drive.

Thank you for taking this additional suggestion into account as this project moves forward. As always, if you have any questions, please contact **Charlie Denison, Advocacy Director, LivableStreets Alliance, who may be reached at 617.852.6125 and charlie@livablestreets.info.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Denison". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Charlie" and "Denison" being capitalized and prominent.

Charlie Denison
Advocacy Director