



May 9, 2014

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On May 6, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Arborway Coalition hosted a public meeting to discuss recommendations for pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements at the Upper Arborway crosswalk at the Arboretum main entrance.

Funding for transportation planning and engineering services that have resulted in the recommendations presented was provided through the DCR's Partnership Matching Funds Program and by the Arborway Coalition, in collaboration with 70+ partners. DCR and the Arborway Coalition would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to their many project partners, which have included Community Service Care, the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, the Arnold Arboretum Committee, the Arboretum Park Conservancy, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Jamaica Hills Association, Jamaica Pond Association, Mt. Washington Bank, Partners Health Care/Faulkner Hospital, and many generous individuals.

In the course of this project, the comments and suggestions that we have received from our stakeholders and the public have served to highlight issues of concern for our attention. The public's input will be a key component as DCR finalizes a plan for safety improvements that will be implemented over this summer.

We encourage those interested in the project to review the recommendations made at our May 6 public meeting at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/> and to provide us with their comments by emailing [dcr.updates@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr.updates@state.ma.us), noting "Arborway Crossing" in the subject line, or by writing the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. Please note that public comments submitted to DCR by email or letter will be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no content, including personal information, will be redacted. The deadline for submitting comments is the close of business on Friday, May 20, 2014.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to continuing to work with you, our stakeholders and partners, and the neighboring community to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists traveling along the Arborway.

Sincerely,

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