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Mr. Sean R. Cronin
Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services
Division of Local Services
PO Box 9569
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Re: Town of Tewksbury Community Compact—Rt. 38

Dear Mr. Cronin:

Below is an update on Rt. 38 activity:

- 1. 8/29/19 notified that MassDOT project #3608774 will make improvements to 6 intersections heading south of the Lowell City/Town line.
- 2. This construction season, there is supposed to be 1.3 miles of Rt. 38 resurfaced from Astle Street to Old Boston Road.
- 3. From Old Boston Rd to Colonial Drive there is a complete reconstruction of Rt. 38 on the Northern Middlesex MPO TIP scheduled for 2021. The plans are between 25-75% design to the best of our knowledge.
- 4. From Colonial Drive to Hinckley Road- A MassWorks grant was submitted in 2017 and was not funded. Attached is a copy of the map showing the housing and commercial developments in the area. This area still needs to be addressed.
- 5. From Hinckley to Salem Road there is approximately 2 miles of Rt. 38 that the Town will be submitting for funding for full reconstruction. This may have to be broken into different segments given funding constraints.
- At Salem Rd/ South Street/ and Rt.38 there is a current MassDOT project that is a reconstruction and realignment of these roadways.

Since a number of parcels along Rt. 38 are small commercial properties, what we are seeing is a significant amount of mixed use development which is putting new construction commercial properties along Rt 38 and residential units behind the property.

We were somewhat disappointed that we didn't receive the MassWorks grant and continue to work to with MassDOT and the MPO for additional transportation funding as well as the Complete Streets Program.

We are very appreciative of the Baker-Polito Administration's efforts in assisting the Town of Tewksbury in this very important endeavor.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Sadwick

Assistant Town Manager