

**APPENDIX B**  
**Support Letter**



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Re: CTPS Priority Corridor Study of Route 9 in Brookline, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Abbot:

We are writing on behalf of the Town of Brookline to express enthusiastic support for the Town's proposal to include State Route 9 as a Priority Corridor for study by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) during federal fiscal year 2018. We understand that staff from the Brookline Department of Planning and Community Development met with you on Thursday, July 12th to discuss the Priority Corridor program and we are eager to work with CTPS and MassDOT on this exciting opportunity to reimagine one of Brookline's key transportation corridors.

Today, Route 9 serves as a crucial link between Brookline, the western suburbs, and the City of Boston. However, as currently configured the roadway is not a safe or hospitable environment for non-motorists and is not designed to adequately support the range of land uses surrounding it. The Town has committed significant resources to studying the corridor and to seeking community input regarding its future, including the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, 2015 MIT study Bringing Back Boylston, and 2018 Metropolitan Area Planning Council's study Perspectives and Opportunities for Brookline's Commercial Areas. Building on this input and in response to increasing development pressure, we are currently in the early stages of implementing zoning and other infrastructure improvements along the corridor to achieve a variety of policy goals related to economic development, housing, and open space. We intend for this process to include work with our partners at the State to implement upgrades to Route 9 so that its design and configuration accord with the community's vision, while serving a broader range of users as efficiently and safely as possible.

The support and expertise of CTPS is crucial at this stage for us to initiate and carry forward momentum on this priority project. We thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Neil Wishinsky, Chair  
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