

Re: Draft 2021-2025 TIP comment for Ellis Elementary Traffic Calming project (610537)

The Boston Planning & Development Agency and the Boston Transportation Department are thrilled to see the Ellis Elementary Traffic Calming project (610537) in the 2021-2025 Draft TIP. We have worked hard with the Roxbury community over the past several years to plan and implement Vision Zero safety improvements, and building on that foundation we successfully applied for MassDOT's SRTS Infrastructure Grant process. It has been a long journey.

It is because of those years of community partnership, and the existing needs of the Roxbury community, that we were surprised to see the Ellis Elementary project programmed for the last of three FYs associated with the SRTS infrastructure grant (FY22, FY23, and FY24). We understand that all municipalities advocate for their own projects, but we feel that the level of need in Roxbury (where many children are walking and taking the MBTA today) and the density of schools served by the Ellis Elementary project would put it at the top of the list for FY22 implementation. We are curious if there are complexities associated with the Ellis Elementary Traffic Calming project that push it to FY24? We are hoping to better understand the evaluation process so that we can communicate it effectively to the community.

Our community partnership, of course, continues and specifically for traffic calming. The City is implementing a comprehensive speed hump project to complement the Ellis Elementary Traffic Calming project. These speed humps are planned for 2021 implementation and, as was intended from the genesis of the overall traffic calming initiative, we were hoping the implementation timeline for both projects would coincide for maximum traffic calming effectiveness and minimum construction disruption.

Thank you,



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