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BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR DISTRICT 5

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Mayor Michelle Wu
1 City Hall Square, Suite 550
Boston, MA 02201

Interim Chief Nicholas Grove
1 City Hall Square, Suite 721
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Wu & Interim Chief Grove,

As the winter moratorium on street work comes to an end, I am writing to urge the Streets Cabinet to uphold their promises of making the necessary, upgraded transit infrastructure throughout the city, especially in the District 5 neighborhoods. These projects - including but not limited to **the Roslindale Square Parking & Curb Use Plan, the Roslindale Square Transportation Action Plan, the Hyde Park Avenue Multimodal Corridor, and the Southwest Boston Transit Action Plan** - have been on pause for some time and are facing the end of their respective contracts. Suspending these projects and ending their contracts not only waste resources our city employees and community members spent in drafting plans but also keeps our neighborhoods unsafe.

Most of these projects were launched and sustained through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 fund set to expire at the end of this calendar year. With great support and pride, Streets' and other City Departments led many different community engagements gathering insights from residents, most of whom had never attended City-led meetings before. We saw great momentum and in most cases valuable data and plans for future implementation. Yet, over the past year without a stated cause or reason, most of these projects were put on their own moratorium without an end date. It has been a shame that the projects' results have not been publicized nor enacted in our communities and residents have taken notice.

Local transit advocacy organizations such as WalkUP Roslindale and the Boston Better Streets Coalition have sent you and your teams communications pleading for work to continue. Residents consistently call my office and your neighborhood liaisons for any project updates and are left frustrated to hear there are none. It shows that these projects that are so desperately wanted and were profiled heavily in the neighborhoods are increasingly becoming more and more likely to be scrapped. I know you both recognize the extreme mistrust that will bring throughout the City if that were to come to fruition.

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To this end, I ask that the Streets Cabinet resume these projects, continue their contracts, and start implementing the promises that were made especially as their funding is set to expire soon. We cannot continue to risk the safety of our residents and their trust in our City's commitment to a better Boston.

Sincerely,

Enrique J. Pepén
Boston City Councilor, District 5