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## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS TO IMPROVE STREET SAFETY ON THE NORTHERN STRETCH OF HYDE PARK AVENUE FROM WALK HILL STREET TO THE ARBORWAY**

**WHEREAS,** The stretch of road alongside the Forest Hills MBTA station in Jamaica Plain on Hyde Park Avenue and Washington Street from Walk Hill Street to the Arborway, is an incredibly busy hub for cars, buses, cyclists and pedestrians. Each day, thousands of pedestrians walk to and from the station to hop on and off MBTA trains and buses, including the Orange Line, the Commuter Rail and five bus routes which bring over 200 buses to the station every day. At the same time, cars traveling from Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and Hyde Park, among other areas, create heavy traffic as they pass through the area heading toward downtown in the morning and away from the city center in the evening; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In 2019, the City initiated the Hyde Park Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project, a long-term planning effort intended to improve the accessibility, reliability, and safety of Hyde Park Avenue from Readville to Forest Hills for all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, public transit, and driving; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In October 2024, Jamaica Plain resident Glenn Inghram was fatally struck by an MBTA bus while lawfully crossing at the crosswalk at Hyde Park Avenue and Tower Street with an active walk signal, an incident that galvanized community action and underscored urgent safety concerns on the corridor; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In the aftermath of the tragedy, neighbors and advocates held a public vigil and sent a letter signed by 695 residents of Jamaica Plain's Forest Hills and Woodbourne neighborhoods, calling for immediate, concrete measures to improve pedestrian safety and prevent further tragedies; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The City, including representatives of the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), have engaged with the Forest Hills community, holding meetings with neighbors in December 2024 and May 2025 at the BTU Pilot School in Jamaica Plain and participating in a community walk along Hyde Park Avenue in April 2025; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ultimately, BTD produced two potential plans for the stretch of Hyde Park Avenue in front of the Forest Hills station and discussed the plans with the public at the meeting in May 2025; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In July 2025, the City decided that it would proceed with a pre-planned repaving of the same stretch of Hyde Park Avenue, but would not implement any of the changes presented to the public by BTM in May 2025; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The stretch of road alongside Forest Hills MBTA station is treacherous for residents who live nearby, many of whom have called for BTM to make much-needed changes to protect pedestrians and cyclists. Changes will likely also have an impact on residents of other neighborhoods, such as Roslindale and Hyde Park, who rely on the same stretch of road to get to work and home each day. The importance of this stretch of road in the lives of so many Bostonians calls for a community process where BTM and the impacted neighborhoods work together to solve unsafe road conditions; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing in the Forest Hills neighborhood to learn from the administration about the status, direction and implementation of the Hyde Park Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project as it relates to safety changes for the northern portion of Hyde Park Avenue from Walk Hill Street to the Arborway.

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