



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**THE GENERAL COURT**  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

June 17, 2019

Michael Kennealy, Secretary  
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development  
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101  
Boston, MA 02108

RE: 2019 MassWorks Infrastructure Grants

Dear Secretary Kennealy,

We write to you as legislators who represent communities served by the MBTA commuter rail system. A consistent complaint our offices receive from constituents is that parking spaces at commuter rail stations fill up too early in the morning and they can't find parking. The lack of parking spaces forces our constituents to find alternate ways to get to work and school, which usually involves driving.

MassWorks grants have been awarded in the past to communities looking to expand parking infrastructure at commuter rail stations. We encourage you to consider requests from our communities during the current round of MassWorks grants.

We strongly believe that having adequate parking is a key component in the development of a successful public transit system, and one that will result in a decrease in traffic congestion and pollution on our roads. Creating more parking spaces at stations also promotes economic development in our communities. We want our commuter rail system to be a viable transportation option for our constituents and to do so require us to make more parking available at commuter rail stations.

We hope the grant applications you receive asking for support for parking expansion at commuter rail stations will be given full and fair consideration. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James B. Eldridge".

James B. Eldridge  
State Senator  
Middlesex and Worcester District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn C. Dykema".

Carolyn C. Dykema  
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**State Representative**  
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cc: Karyn Polito, Lieutenant Governor  
Erica Kreuter Schechter, Director of the MassWorks Infrastructure Program