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Dear Friends,

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was pleased to have the opportunity to meet last evening with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association to share information, and obtain your members' input, on design plans for reconstruction of Morrissey Boulevard.

As a starting point, DCR recognizes that Morrissey Boulevard, as a critical arterial roadway that not only services regional commuter traffic, but also local institutions, residents, and businesses, is not as welcoming as it could be to users wishing to cross it or to travel along it. As we heard from your members at the meeting, with its multiple travel lanes, fast-moving traffic, large intersections, and inconsistent landscape treatments, the corridor can be difficult and intimidating to navigate and lacks much of the character typical of other historic DCR parkways. Our goal with this project is to reconstruct Morrissey Boulevard so that it is more accommodating of all modes of travel (motorist, cyclist, and pedestrian) and more of a connector – and less of a barrier – between abutting neighborhoods.

As an important step toward accomplishing this, DCR is committed to involving the public during design and construction. We are conducting a robust community planning process that includes not only public meetings, but meetings with targeted stakeholders, including the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, which will be held through early December.

Our meeting with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association was both lively and productive. Attached you will find the presentation shared at the meeting by DCR. For other information relative to the redesign project, see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/morrissey-boulevard-redesign-for-reconstruction>. If you would like to provide us with further input, please send via email at dcr.updates@state.ma.us (noting Morrissey Boulevard in the title of your email) or U.S. mail at Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. The deadline for receipt of comments is Monday, December 18, 2017.

As a next step in the public process, DCR will be holding a fourth public meeting to present 75% design plans for the middle segment of the project, extending from the southern side of the Patten's Cove culvert, which is located between Bianculli Boulevard and Old Colony Terrace, southerly to a point just south of Victory Road. The timeline for this public meeting will depend on the depth and volume of the comments received over the next several weeks. As a recipient of this letter, you will receive a meeting notice.

DCR appreciates your interest and values your input as we aim to develop a design for Morrissey Boulevard that, subject to the availability of funding, would benefit both the parkway users and surrounding community for years to come.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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