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January 8, 2010

David Mohler, Chairman  
Transportation Planning and Programming Committee, Boston MPO  
c/o Central Transportation Planning Staff  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
Boston, MA 02166

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Dear Chairman Mohler

I am writing to respectfully request the intersection improvements for Lynnfield Street / Millard Avenue / Parker Hill / Den Quarry project be placed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2010 or FY 2011. The Inner Core Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council has identified this project as a priority. For your information, the project number is 604651.

This Mass Highway controlled intersection continues to see a high volume of accidents primarily stemming from three residential streets converging into a high volume roadway (Lynnfield Street Route 129). Vehicular traffic entering Route 129 from these streets attempt to do so not only into fast flowing traffic, but also simultaneously resulting in a high level of frustration. Drivers are often left with no other option but to compete with each other to enter the main flow of traffic resulting in a variety of accidents.

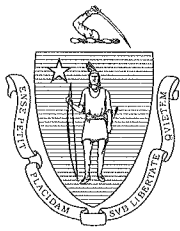
As you may know, some time ago the State requested that the City of Lynn take action to begin the process of remedying this State intersection. As such, and as requested in Mass Highway correspondence in 2003, the project progressed and is now 100% designed by the City.

I urge the MPO to vote to place this important project on the FY 2010 or FY 2011 TIP. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James M. Marsh

c: Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy  
State Delegation  
Councilor Wayne Lozzi  
Commissioner Jay Fink



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January 22, 2010

Hayes Morrison  
TIP Manager  
Boston MPO  
State Transportation Building  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
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Dear Mr. Morrison,

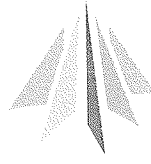
I am writing to offer my comments on the proposed Wedgemere Station improvements in the revised TIP. I am very glad that improving accessibility at the Wedgemere Station has been included. I have a constituent who has a child in a wheel chair who uses this station. Making the station accessible would be a tremendous benefit to her and to any other mobility impaired residents in and around Winchester.

There has been a concerted effort for some time to get this much needed accessibility improvement for the station and I am very grateful to the MPO for including it in the revised TIP. It is my sincere hope that this project will remain on the TIP and that these station improvements can proceed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

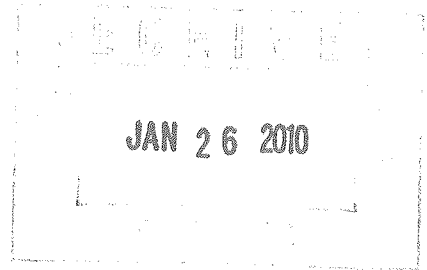
Best wishes,

Patricia D. Jehlen  
State Senator



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January 25, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:  
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization  
State Transportation Building  
10 Park Place  
Suite 2150  
Boston, MA 02116

The Winchester Multicultural Network Board urges the Transportation Programming and Planning Committee of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization to approve accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester.

Our organization advocates for respect, equal rights, and justice for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, ideology, socio-economic status, health, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or physical ability. These improvements will especially benefit individuals with disabilities—those using wheelchairs, walkers, and canes who might otherwise not be able to use the train or find it nearly impossible to get up the stairs.

We hope you will give this important proposal the attention and support it deserves.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Thompson  
Board Co-Chairperson



# Town of Winchester

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January 25, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Mullan, Chair  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Building  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Dear Mr. Mullan:

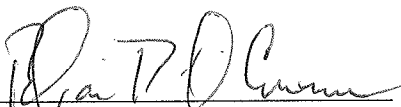
This letter formally expresses the Town of Winchester's support for inclusion of proposed Amendment 3 to the FFY 2101 element of the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. As you know, the MPO's Transportation Planning and Programming Committee has recommended approval of the Amendment, which moves funding from one programmed activity to two others and modifies various highway project elements. We support this Amendment as a creative way to maximize funding for regional transportation projects. Furthermore, we strongly support the project at Wedgemere Station in Winchester, which would create badly needed disability access to this commuter rail station.

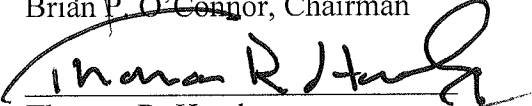
The Town of Winchester has been working closely with the MBTA on the Wedgemere project. We have received federal approval to implement modified (mini-high) access at this station as well as a commitment from the MBTA to design the project with available capital funds.

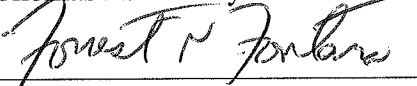
Thank you for your consideration.

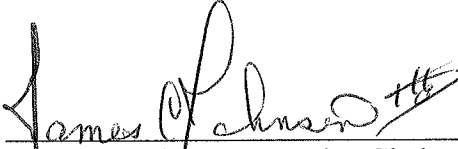
Sincerely,


Winchester Board of Selectmen

  
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January 29, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Mullan  
Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)  
State Transportation Building  
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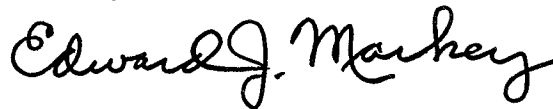
Dear Secretary Mullan,

As you are aware, the Town of Winchester is planning to install mini-high platforms at its Wedgemere Commuter Rail Station to improve accessibility for disabled passengers. As Winchester's Representative in Congress, I am pleased that this issue is being addressed and remedied in a timely manner, and commend the Town and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) on ensuring equal access to public transportation for all.

As such, I write to urge you to support inclusion of this project – Amendment 3 – on the FFY 2011 element of the FFY 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Planning and Programming Committee has, as you know, recommended approval of this funding, and I join this committee and the Town in recommending its inclusion on the annual TIP. The installation of these mini-high platforms is critical to addressing much-needed accessibility, and I look forward to partnering with you on seeing this project to its completion.

Thank you for your quick attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Harutunian of my Medford District Office at (781) 396-2900 or via email at [Matt.Harutunian@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matt.Harutunian@mail.house.gov).

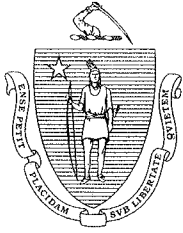
Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

EJM/mh

Cc: Mr. Jefferson Smith, MassDOT; Mr. Guy Bresnahan, MassDOT; Ms. Hayes Morrison, Boston MPO; Mr. Gary Talbot, MBTA; Mr. Melvin Kleckner, Town of Winchester; Board of Selectmen, Town of Winchester; Ms. Jean Batty, Winchester Disability Access Commission



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January 26, 2010

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization  
10 Park Plaza  
Suite 2150  
Boston, MA 02116

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly advocate for the proposed Route 16 signalization improvement project (ID# 603867) in Milford to be added to the TIP list as soon as possible. There are many economical, environmental and public safety reasons why I am advancing for the Route 16 signal project to be included on the official TIP list. First of all, this specific corridor has seven outdated and poorly coordinated intersection lights that require immediate upgrading in order to facilitate the traffic flow of over 20,000 daily vehicular trips, protect hundreds of pedestrians in the downtown area and ensure full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities.

Since Route 16 is a major regional connector route, the often problematic arrangement of intersection lights is woefully insufficient to deal with current and projected increases in traffic flow, causes unnecessary and counterproductive traffic jams and creates avoidable pollution. The seven intersection lights, due to their current positions and their outdated technology, have resulted in major accidents, pedestrian mishaps and vehicular collisions with the intersection poles on a regular basis. The seven intersection lights do not possess the latest technology necessary to allow first-responders to proceed quickly through during peak hours, which represents a major public safety concern for the entire region in the event of a major calamity.

Secondly, the community will soon reach 100% design submittal status, has been fully cooperative with MassHighway officials and considers this project to be its highest transportation priority. The community's ongoing commitment is especially important in light of the numerous regional benefits directly linked to completion of the Route 16 signal upgrades. The Route 16 signal improvement project is readily feasible and affordable because it does not add lanes of traffic, but it implements the latest technology to deal with the ebb and flow of 20,000 daily vehicle trips, provide for safe passage of disabled pedestrians and dramatically reduce carbon emissions in an area designated as an environmental justice area/ population area.

I fully realize the limited amount of annual funding that can be distributed to tackle TIP projects, but the Route 16 signal improvement project provides very tangible and long-term regional merits for encouraging greater economic development, enhancing public safety on many fronts and significantly reducing pollution. I urge you to place this project on the TIP list and proceed forward with advertising as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



John V. Fernandes  
State Representative  
10<sup>th</sup> Worcester District

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February 2, 2010

Jeffrey Mullan  
Secretary and Chief Operating Officer  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
Chair, Boston Region MPO  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
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RE: Draft Amendment 3 to the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Secretary Mullan:

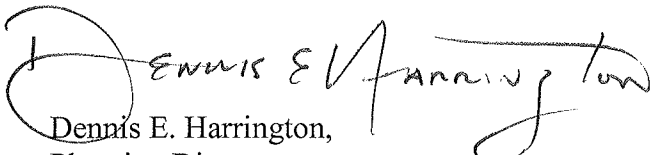
The City of Quincy would like to comment on the draft amendment to the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It is our understanding that this amendment allows for the addition of several highway and transit projects funded under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act in the 2010 element of the FFY 2010-2013 TIP.

The City of Quincy commends the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's swift action to program these very important transportation projects, which are critical for job creation in the Boston region.

We are also pleased that the Quincy Center Concourse Phase II project is the recipient of ARRA funding, and continues to remain programmed in the FFY 2010 element. We look forward to working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as this project moves forward towards construction.

Please feel free to contact me at (617) 376-1363 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis E. Harrington,  
Planning Director





# Town of Winchester

Disability Access Commission  
71 Mt. Vernon Street  
Winchester, MA 01890  
Phone: 781-721-7133  
Fax: 781-756-0505

February 2, 2010

David J. Mohler, Chair  
Transportation Planning and Programming Committee  
Boston Region MPO  
State Transportation Building  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Mohler,

I am writing in my official capacity as Chair of Winchester's Disability Access Commission. As a Commission, one of our top priorities is improving public transportation for individuals with disabilities. Winchester currently has two inaccessible train stations; two of the three inaccessible stations on the Lowell line. Wedgemere is located in the middle of the three inaccessible stations on this line. Improving Wedgemere will benefit not just Winchester residents, but surrounding communities as well. Individuals with disabilities need access to public transportation especially for employment and medical reasons.

Our Commission respectfully requests support of \$2M of funding necessary to provide access at Wedgemere Station.

Sincerely,

Jean Z. Batty  
Chair  
Disability Access Commission

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL



February 2, 2010

David Mohler, Chair Transportation Planning and Programming Committee  
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization  
State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150  
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Draft Amendment 3 to the 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP

Dear Mr. Mohler,

The Regional Transportation Advisory Council (Advisory Council) is an independent group of citizen and regional advocacy groups, municipal officials, and agencies charged by the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with providing public input on transportation planning and programming to the MPO.

The Advisory Council continues to support the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) willingness to flex highway funds to transit, specifically, in this amendment, for MBTA maintenance and improvement projects. We expressed concern about the growing backlog of MBTA maintenance projects in our original comment letter on the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP, and the recent MBTA Review heightened our concerns. Funding critical maintenance projects promotes safety, mobility improvements, and modal split balance, which are among the Advisory Council's priorities for TIP development. It also improves public confidence in the system, which we hope will encourage more people to use its services.

We continue, however, to be very concerned with the process by which projects are recommended by MassDOT for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program. While we understand the extraordinary circumstances created by ARRA deadlines, the Advisory Council believes that by distributing the proposed amendments at the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee meeting, the Council is unable to provide the public input to the process that is our charge. This practice demonstrates a lack of respect for the MPO planning process. Amendments should be circulated with sufficient time and explanation prior to the meeting for the MPO to make informed and considered recommendations. We ask that you stop the practice of making late submittals, and provide this information in a timely manner. In addition, in order to make the process more transparent, a list of the universe of projects being considered, along with information about their scope, status, and costs should be provided to board members and the public ahead of time. The process as it does not provide a sufficient opportunity for public input.

Sincerely,

Laura Wiener, Chair

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**Sean Pfalzer**

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**From:** "Gillooly, James" <James.Gillooly@cityofboston.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2010 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: interim report-public comments  
 The City of Boston requests the inclusion of \$2.2 Million for the design of the North Washington Street Bridge. \$1,760,000 from an existing HPP Earmark ( earmark totals \$4.0) and \$440,000 from City of Boston match.

The North Washington St. Bridge construction costs are included in the recently amended RTP.

This bridge is along the designated Hazmat Route through the City and is the main I-93 alternative for Crossing the Charles River.

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**From:** Pam Wolfe [mailto:pamwolfe@ctps.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2010 4:45 PM  
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**Subject:** interim report-public comments

Dear Members, Here is an interim report on public comments received to date. We will send out a final

Cocoa Express LLC  
Marlene Nalbandian, Manager  
Cocoa Express Café  
Wedgemere Train Station  
42 Bacon Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

February 2, 2010

To: Hayes Morrison,  
Transportation Improvement  
Program Manager

RE: Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester/TPPC Vote

Dear Hayes Morrison,

As the manager of Cocoa Express LLC, which rents the train waiting building from the Town of Winchester, I am writing with respect to TPPC vote of approval to making the Wedgemere Train Station Handicapped Accessible.

I rent the building located on the inbound platform side at this station. It is open to the public. I am advocating for allocation of funds from this project towards any improvements to be made for accessibility to all for entering into this building and for accessibility to all for use of toilet facilities, inside the building. The public needs a fully accessible station for their convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. I thank you, in advance, for your consideration on this matter. I will forward a copy of this letter to your email as well by postal mail.

Sincerely,

Marlene Nalbandian  
Cocoa Express LLC  
Cocoa Express Café  
[cocoaexpresscafe@yahoo.com](mailto:cocoaexpresscafe@yahoo.com)  
(C) 978-808-8343

Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. Even as a fully able-bodied person, I've had difficulty boarding the train due to the height above the platform. People who use wheelchairs cannot board the train at this station, and accessibility improvements would help lots of others as well, such as families with strollers, people who use walkers, etc. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Amelia O'Donnell

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[maura\\_fredey@msn.com](mailto:maura_fredey@msn.com)

Re: Wedgemere Station

I am a Winchester resident writing to you in support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester...These are much-needed improvements which will benefit people with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown. Thank you.

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[becky\\_vail@yahoo.com](mailto:becky_vail@yahoo.com)

Re: Wedgemere Station

Hi,  
I am writing in support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester. I feel that it is extremely important that public transportation be easily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, etc.

Thank you for your attention to this public concern.

Rebecca J. Vail  
5 Pine Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

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[ajsiciliano@comcast.net](mailto:ajsiciliano@comcast.net)

Re: Wedgemere Station/Winchester

To whom it may concern: I want to let you know as a resident of Winchester and daily

MBTA commuter, I am very much in support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station, as well as repair of the main entrance to the Winchester Center stop, which has been closed altogether for many months.

Improvements at both stations will benefit individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, etc -- as well as pregnant commuters like myself!

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

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L\_Henshaw\_uk@yahoo.com

Re: Wedgemere Station

I am writing to indicate my support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station. As a regular user, the difficulty navigating the station with both a double stroller and a wheelchair bound elderly relative is arduous if not dangerous.

Kind regards,  
Lara

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sharonmsm@gmail.com

Wedgemere station, Winchester

Thank you for agreeing the fund the handicap accessibility project.  
Sharon & Kevin Moore

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ncdahm@mac.com

Re: Wedgemere Station

I support efforts to make Wedgemere Station in Winchester accessible to all potential riders.

Thank you,  
Nancy Dahm  
3 Everell Road  
Winchester, MA 01890

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helenbabcock8@gmail.com

Re: Wedgemere Station

I am in favor of the renovations to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. It will help the handicapped and people with disabilities. It will also help people who want to take bikes.

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battyfamily@verizon.net

Re: Wedgemere Station

Our family is writing to support the Wedgemere accessibility project. Our son uses a wheelchair and we live 1/2 block from the train station but he can't get on the train! Providing access will allow our son to attend college in the Boston area and to seek employment in a major metropolitan area. This goes a long way toward being self supporting! In addition, as a family we will be able to partake in the little things that so many take for granted like catching a train to Fenway or attending the 4th of July fireworks. Thank you so much for all the hard work you put into making the world accessible for all. With much appreciation!

Sincerely,  
Jean & D. Scott Batty, Jr.  
58 Bacon St.  
Winchester, MA 01890

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Coonley@verizon.net

Making Winchester's Wedgemere train station fully accessible

I live within a few hundred yards of the Wedgemere station and use the train often, but I am ashamed to say that it is only in the past year that I have become aware that the train is not accessible to anyone in a wheel chair. None of us is able bodied all the time or forever, so this lack of accessibility so many years after the Disability Act is a shock. Public facilities should be fully accessible, and none more so that transportation facilities since they are the link between home, work, and recreational opportunities. Please make removing this barrier to mobility a top priority for immediate action.

Philip Coonley , 33 Lloyd Street, Winchester, MA 01890

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Re: Wedgemere Station

I would like to support accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station.

These improvements will benefit individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, etc.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Angelino

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steveandrobin3@verizon.net

Re: Wedgemere Station

Please give your support for making Wedgemere Station in Winchester, MA accessible for those in wheelchairs, those who use canes and walkers, crutches, those with wheeled luggage, parents with strollers, travellers who wish to take their bikes downtown etc. This is a vitally important project that supports our disabled, our aged, our guests/visitors and residents. This supports our being green and use of public transportation for everyone.

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susan\_kopman\_lewis@yahoo.com

Re: Wedgemere Station

I am writing to express my support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester. These improvements will benefit not only individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), but also parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, and others. Many people in my neighborhood and community more broadly would greatly benefit from these improvements, and add their revenue to our mass transit system.

Sincerely,  
Susan Lewis  
61 Church Street  
Winchester, MA 01890

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Regards,

Lisa Gallagher

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Re: Wedgemere Station

The Winchester Multicultural Network Board urges the Transportation Programming and Planning Committee of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization to approve accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester.

Our organization advocates for respect, equal rights, and justice for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, ideology, socio-economic status, health, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or physical ability. These improvements will especially benefit individuals with disabilities those using wheelchairs, walkers, and canes who might otherwise not be able to use the train or find it nearly impossible to get up the stairs.

We hope you will give this important proposal the attention and support it deserves.

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Please make Wedgemere station wheelchair and stroller accessible.

I commute to work in boston with my 15 month old son (who attends day care in the Tip O'Neill Federal building where I work). It is a daily challenge managing the stroller on the train steps, and usually I have to rely on a conductor or a friendly stranger for help.

Thank you.

Rebecca Lynn Kurowski  
B.S. Chemical Engineering ('97)  
M.S. Environmental Engineering ('98)  
J.D. ('08)  
Winchester, Massachusetts

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Please ask for a TPPC Vote of approval on Feb 4 for the Wedgemere Station accessibility Project in Winchester!

Joanna Manikas  
18 Mystic Valley Parkway  
Winchester, MA

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Hello

I want to express my support FOR making the Wedgemere train station in Winchester accessible to ALL passengers.

Liz Darby of Winchester  
617-775-5663

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Dear Mr. Morrison,

I am writing to express my support for making the Wedgemere Train Station in Winchester MA Accessible for All. I have been a Winchester resident for 42 years and I was born with a physical disability. I walk with crutches and can only get on the train with great difficulty and with the help of physical assistance. Under these distressing physical and emotionally humiliating conditions, I've only used the train as a last resort.

Please support the Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program and provide accessibility to the Wedgemere Train Station in Winchester.

Regards,  
Marianne DiBlasi  
7 Conant Road #6  
Winchester MA 01890

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Dear Mr. Hayes,

My name is Paul Manganaro. I have been a resident of Winchester, Massachusetts since 1976 and I would like to voice my sincere support of the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester. The need to provide access to the station for ALL passengers is long overdue and a TPPC vote of approval for this project on February 4th would open new doors and give new opportunities to many of our residents. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Paul Manganaro  
11 Pilgrim Drive  
Winchester, MA 01890

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I feel it is very important for a TPPC vote of approval on Feb 4 for the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester, MA.

Sincerely,  
Mary Murphy RN  
School Nurse  
Lynch Elementary School  
10 Brantwood Rd.  
Winchester, MA 01890

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Hi,

I am writing to request a TPPC vote of approval on Feb 4 for the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester. This is an important project that will benefit a wide range of people.

Thank you for your attention in this matter,

Cathy Boyle

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I live near the Wedgemere commuter rail station and am very interested in seeing it made Wheelchair accessible.

Thanks,  
Brian Kurowski  
2 Taft Circle  
Winchester MA 01890

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Dear Mr. Morrison,

This e-mail is to voice my support for the amendment that would add the Wedgemere Station to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding category. I trust this will meet with the Planning Organization's approval on Feb. 4.

The Wedgemere Station has long been unavailable to anyone who could not manage the access to the train. This includes more than disabled people. It applies to children and the elderly or even people carrying packages.

Thank you for your attention,

Ruth C. Young

109 Skillings Road  
Winchester, MA 01890

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Dear Ms. Morrison,

I have been trying to coordinate letters of support for the accessibility improvements at Wedgemere Station (currently open for public comment—to be voted on by the TPPC on 2/4). I thought this link seemed most appropriate: <http://www.ctps.org:8181/share.html>.

Now I have been told that you are the best contact. Will you get letters of support that have been sent to the link noted above? Please see below for another letter that was sent to me directly.

Also enclosed is a 1-minute video that is worth more than 1000 words . . .  
<http://www.me.com/gallery/#100042>. Can this be played as public comment? I can get this to you on a DVD if that would be easier. Please let me know.

Here is a youtube link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIdZOT2vdcE>

Thank you,  
Jean Batty  
Chair  
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Winchester, MA 01890  
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Wedgemere Train Station

I support the effort to make accessibility upgrades at the Wedgemere Station, not to mention all the other work so badly needed at both our Winchester train stations, which are neglected (e.g., the remains of the ripped-out fencing sitting for more than 2 years now on the platforms) and crumbling before our very eyes (e.g., the tunnel at Wedgemere.)

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Re: Wedgemere Station

I support the accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station. Not only are these important for the physically challenged, but they are important for the entire community and everyone who uses the station.

The current status of the station is deplorable and during the winter months it is rather unsafe for the average able bodied person, let alone someone who is disabled.

I am writing to you to ask for a favorable vote on February 4th. There is currently no way for wheelchair passengers to board trains in Winchester. I often take my mother and her wheelchair to Boston but I am forced to always do it by car. It would be simple and easy if we could just board at Wedgemere and go the two stops to Boston. The addition of a handicap ramp at Wedgemere would also make it possible to connect to Anderson/Woburn and then on to New Hampshire and Maine. This would open up all kinds of enjoyable outings for my mom.

A TPPC vote of approval on February 4th would aid many people in our community even if not yet wheelchair-bound. Boarding a train directly without climbing the very steep train steps would be wonderful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Quinn  
33 Grove Street  
Winchester, Massachusetts

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Dear Hayes Morrison:

Thank you for the opportunity to write and offer comments regarding the upcoming Feb 4 decision to make Winchester's Wedgemere train station accessible for everybody. I have been a Winchester resident since 2000 and am a disability studies doctoral student from the University of Illinois at Chicago. I was dismayed, but, not surprised to learn that there is even a question to make the station accessible for people with disabilities, in this case, I'm assuming wheelchair accessible. Unfortunately, disabled people have historically been made to feel inferior and to have to, at times, fight for equal rights that people without disabilities take for granted, boarding a train each day, for instance. However, I was also heartened that the issue seems to be given enough attention and consideration to allow residents to vote for accessibility.

I absolutely vote for accessibility for all people at the Wedgemere train station, as well as any other public place. Besides being physically inaccessible, having a train station that is deliberately not accessible to people who may travel by alternate means, is inaccessible attitudinally, as well. We are only limiting ourselves by not having all of our neighbors have to right to move freely from home to work and other places just like all of us enjoy each day. It would be our gross error to deny our neighbors and ourselves from the contributions that disabled people, like all people can make, when given the opportunity to pursue their goals and life activities. I am confident that the people of Winchester would like to promote an attitude of acceptance and respect for people with disabilities. An accessible train station would surely go a long way to reflect this message.

Thank you very much for your consideration and time to read this. I hope that the station becomes accessible for my neighbors.

Nina Robins

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Dear Mr. Morrison,

I am a member of a devoted group of pedestrians who walk to the Wedgemere train station. As age comes, I recognize that more and more of us will be pleased to have an ADA compliant train station for our wheelchairs, canes, etc. I hope you will do the right thing and vote favorably for the program to modify the station. Accessibility is best for all of us.

We would appreciate a TPPC Vote of approval.

Thank you,

Constance (Connie) M. McGrane, Esq.  
39 Grove St.  
Winchester, MA 01890

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Mr. Morrison:

I am writing to support a vote to APPROVE the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester. Thank you.

Pam Reeve

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My husband, Steven Rohall, and I are Winchester residents and support the improvement of Wedgemere Station to include access for the physically challenged. This station serves the southern section of town and is widely used. It should be accessible to residents and visitors with disabilities. We ask that funding for improvements to the station be approved on February 4, 2010.

Regards,  
Alex Rohall

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comment on Draft Amendment Three TIP FFY2010

I wish to state my public support for the new federal aid non-target project Winchester - Wedgemere Commuter Rail Accessibility Enhancement.

As a Winchester resident who uses the Wedgemere station to commute to Boston and to take my family in for cultural or sporting events, this change would help tremendously for parents who have children in strollers or just small children who have difficulty climbing onto the train.

Please fund this project!! It is a needed change for train riders of all ages and Wedgemere serves riders from Winchester, West Medford and Arlington so the benefits would accrue to residents of a few towns.

thank you,  
Michelle Prior  
16 North Gateway  
Winchester

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[casey\\_bauer@yahoo.com](mailto:casey_bauer@yahoo.com)

Re: Wedgemere Station

I am writing to express my support for accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester, MA. These improvements will greatly benefit our residents and other local individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, etc. We need this change in Winchester!

Thank you so much.  
Catherine Bauer

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Hayes,  
I support you effort to make Wedgemere handicapped accessible. It is a good use of funds.

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[marilynmullane@verizon.net](mailto:marilynmullane@verizon.net)

Accessible Train Access at Wedgemere Station

Please make this a priority!

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Susan Vogt [[mailto:vogt\\_susan@yahoo.com](mailto:vogt_susan@yahoo.com)]

Please support the Wedgemere Station Accessibility program. We need to encourage a spirit of inclusiveness in our community, which means enabling our physically impaired, elderly, and wheel-chair bound citizens to fully participate in our town and in access to other locations in Boston.

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Ragnhild Bairnsfather [<mailto:Randy@bfather.net>]

I live in Winchester and use the trains to Boston. I know how important access is to all our citizens. I hope you will vote to see that the station is fully accessible.

Ragnhild Bairnsfather  
Winchester, MA

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I support the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Project in Winchester.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Frisoli