



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

January 11, 2010

Mr. Thomas Waruzila, District Director
Mass Highway, Division 3, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
403 Belmont Avenue
Worcester, MA 01604

Dear Mr. Waruzila,

Tom

We are writing today to express our concern with the repairs currently being made to Depot Road in Westminster. On Monday January 11, 2010 our offices met with Town Coordinator Karen Murphy, Selectman Laila Michaud, Public Works Officials, two members of your staff, business owners and community members who were deeply concerned about the status of the Depot Road Bridge repairs.

At that meeting we learned that the completion date of the bridge may be potentially delayed up to six months, due to initial delays in utility work and unexpected ground conditions which require extensive drilling. There are several business and hundreds of residents who would be adversely affected by delaying the completion date. While we understand that bridge repairs were necessary, further delay in this process is not only a major inconvenience to the residents of Westminster but to the business on Route 2A. We could potentially be closing at least two businesses if repairs go into the fall months.

We are respectfully requesting that all considerations are being made to accelerate the timeline of this project. We are hopeful that Mass Highway prioritizes this project to ensure that the Depot Road Bridge is completed by June of 2010, as originally scheduled. Thank you for your consideration of this vitally important request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer L. Flanagan".

Jennifer L. Flanagan
State Senator
Worcester & Middlesex District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis G. Evangelidis".

Lewis G. Evangelidis
State Representative
1st Worcester District

CC: Karen Murphy, Town Coordinator
Westminster Board of Selectmen