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RE: Concord-Lincoln-Lexington – Route 2A  
State Funded Interim Pavement and Shoulder Repairs  
Project Notification Form

Dear Ms. Simon:

Enclosed please find a Project Notification Form (PNF) for proposed interim safety repairs at selected areas of existing pavement and shoulder along Route 2A in Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington. The project will be supported entirely with state funds through a MassDOT maintenance contract. No federal funding, approvals, oversight, licenses, or permits are required. MassDOT proposes to begin work in September 2023 with the goal of completing the proposed state funded interim safety repairs during the current construction season.

The purpose of this state funded project is to extend the service life of the paved roadway and provide safer conditions for motorists and bicyclists until construction can begin on the more extensive federal aid Route 2A Resurfacing and Related Work project (608495). As you are aware, consultation in accordance with the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is on-going for the federal aid project, delaying the subsequent completion of the Federal Highway Administration's approval process under the National Environmental Policy Act. As a result, MassDOT will not advertise the federal aid project for construction bids before the fourth quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

Proposed work included in the state funded maintenance project, as described in the PNF and identified in color on the attached plans, will be limited to repairing selected areas of existing pavement and shoulder along Route 2A that exhibit advanced deterioration and create immediate safety concerns for motorists and bicyclists. The state funded project also will include restriping the entire paved roadway and limited areas of tree pruning and brush cutting to improve sight distance. All work will be undertaken within the existing State Highway Layout and no additional right of way acquisition is required.

The state funded maintenance project has independent utility and is entirely separate from the federal aid project. The state funded project will provide temporary safety repairs that will neither preclude nor necessitate the construction of the proposed federal aid project, nor will the federal

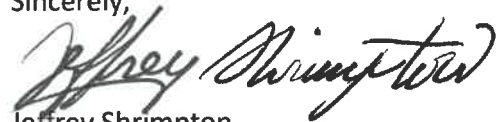
aid project require substantial design revisions because of the state funded project. The state funded project also will not restrict the consideration of alternatives for the federal aid project.

The state funded project will not include the installation of crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, concrete landing pads, pedestrian refuge islands, or raised splitter islands. The state funded project also will not include the removal or installation of guardrail or the reconfiguration of intersections along Route 2A.

The project limits are identical to the proposed federal aid project, extending along Route 2A for approximately three miles from just east of the Concord-Lincoln town line easterly to Forbes Road in Lexington. Much of the project corridor is adjacent to the State and National Register-listed Minute Man National Historical Park. MassDOT, therefore, is forwarding copies of this submittal for review and comments to all parties involved in the Section 106 consultation for the federal aid project.

Please feel free to call me at (978) 325-2094 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



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ENCS: Project Notification Form  
Plans  
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