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Subject: Letter of Support - 2025 Annual Town Meeting Article 8

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Concord's Transportation Advisory Committee strongly supports passage of Concord 2025 ATM Article 8.

Since shortly after its inception, the Transportation Advisory Committee has stated that the quality of our roads and sidewalks is of primary importance for the mobility of all residents. Poor road quality can be annoying to drivers of motor vehicles, but pavement defects can be disastrous for cyclists and pedestrians.

Continuing the current level of expenditure for our 108 miles of roads will only result in rapidly deteriorating road conditions and a dramatically higher future cost of repair.

A multi-year funding authorization will enable the Town to pursue a more efficient and cost-effective multi-year approach to project planning and implementation. This approach will also enable the Town to respond quickly to grant funding opportunities.

In addition, there has been consistent community feedback about the need for road, sidewalk, and crossing safety improvements. The Transportation Advisory Committee, the Public Works Commission, the Concord Public Works staff, and consultants are collaborating to identify safety projects at priority locations that utilize funding specifically authorized for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.

TAC supports the goal of Article 8 to enable the Town to move to a more predictable and sustainable (lower cost) annual spending plan.