

**Local / Regional Transportation Projects &
Municipal Developments**

**Reported by Massport and HATS Representatives
At their January 24, 2019 Meeting**

Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) ~ Anthony Gallagher, Massport Community Relations

- The January Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting agenda included discussion of the Draft “Fly Quiet” Report (compiled by Burlington, MA based air noise consulting firm HMMH) and continued consideration of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology RNAV Study (*Random Navigation AViation: a controversial nationwide flight path rerouting system that has impacted many communities with increased air noise exposure near commercial airports like Logan*: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-new-antidote-for-noisy-airports-1520429994>).

Bedford ~ Michael Rosenberg

- A recent reconfiguration of an east Bedford intersection at Route 62 and Old Billerica Road has created some traffic issues that must be rectified
- The Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in March will include an article to resurrect a Disabilities Commission which was disbanded when it was thought to be supplanted by federal law. Many believe there are still important roles for a local commission to play

Lexington ~ Margaret Coppe

- There is some neighborhood resistance to a proposed Hartwell Avenue rezoning until current traffic issues are resolved. The rezoning is designed to increase allowed density by permitting 4 story buildings with mixed use residential and retail use. Hartwell Avenue is currently zoned for commercial and light manufacturing use
- A proposed center streetscape project has triggered a debate on the merits of historical accuracy vs accessibility with regard to brick sidewalks
- The Recreation Department may request Community Preservation Funds to help build new playing fields and an athletic center at the new Minuteman High School. There is some interest in building a new indoor Town pool
- The Route 2A Marrett Road bridge is to be rebuilt by Mass Department of Transportation at a future date

Lincoln ~ Jonathan Dwyer

- MassDot will rebuild the bridge across the train tracks on Route 126
- A new Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been created to encourage baseline planning in all street-related projects to include safety considerations and convenience factors for pedestrians, bicycles, and self-propelled types of “micro-mobility” devices such as wheelchairs, electric bikes and electric scooters. This new committee will also link all town departments to share information such as: mapped roadway and sidewalk hazards like debris, narrow road shoulder widths, potholes, and curb gaps. It will encourage police, DPW, and school input into planning designs for multiple modes of transportation.