

Dear Falmouth Select Board Members,

The attached document addressed to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MADOT) is being submitted to the Select Board for your approval. This document provides the Department of Transportation with a comprehensive summary of serious traffic and pedestrian and bicycling safety risks along 2.8 miles of Route 28A/West Falmouth Highway (excluding the two-tenths of a mile stretch that MADOT evaluated on April 4, 2023) and asks them to perform a Road Safety Audit along the remainder of our “neighborhood Main Street.” We appreciate the Road Safety Audit performed on April 4th and clearly understand and appreciate the benefits of this process.

Based on concerns expressed by our members and with the objective of improving traffic and pedestrian and bicycling safety in our village, the West Falmouth Village Association formed a special safety committee to focus on this problem. The committee consists of six Board Members and six Non-board Members of the West Falmouth Village Association. Our committee solicited input from residents, business owners and others who travel through our village. Our Road Safety Audit request is based on 205 responses to a safety survey and direct discussions with these constituents.

We presented this draft letter to the Traffic Advisory Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee of the Town on June 26, 2023. They both support this Road Safety Audit request. The Traffic Advisory Committee has committed to preparing a draft letter from the Select Board to the MA Department of Transportation for the Select Board to review. We are very appreciative of their understanding of our concerns and the constructive advice they have provided us.

Sincerely,
James Gray
West Falmouth Village Association, President