



Dylan A. Fernandes
Massachusetts State Senator
24 Beacon Street, Room 167
Boston, Ma. 02133

February 5, 2025

Dear Senator Fernandes:

Congratulations on your recent election to the Massachusetts Senate. The West Falmouth Village Association is thrilled to have you in a position to provide leadership for our District.

As we discussed last year, the residents of West Falmouth believe the crosswalk that crosses Route 28A/West Falmouth Highway at Old Dock Road may be the most dangerous crosswalk in the State of Massachusetts. Due to the defective design of this crosswalk, it is egregiously dangerous. Contributing to the seriousness of this safety condition is the fact that it terminates in the mouth of the very busy West Falmouth Market parking lot. Additionally, it is not in compliance with ADA regulations or other crosswalk design criteria. As you well know, vehicles speed through this crosswalk at thirty-five miles per hour. Drivers' minds are often on traffic patterns or other factors; pedestrian traffic frequently is a secondary concern to drivers.

In the Audit Report documenting the results of the April 2024 Road Safety Audit performed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) between Old Dock Road and Chapoquoit Road, recommendations to remediate the serious safety deficiencies inherent in this crosswalk were documented as follows (the audit report described the serious crosswalk deficiencies as having a "high safety payoff"):

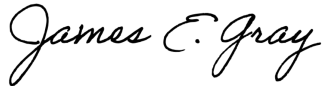
- On Page 19-MassDOT recommends relocating the crosswalk across Route 28A at Old Dock Road to an area that has greater visibility and fewer accessibility and vehicle encroachment concerns.
- On Page 19- MassDOT recommends bringing all crosswalks to ADA compliance, including the use of high-visibility markings and the installation of curb ramps.
- On Page 20- MassDOT recommends installing Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons at crosswalks across Route 28A at Old Dock Road, Quaker Meeting House, and the fire station.

Attached is a letter from the Falmouth Select Board asking MassDOT to install a safe crosswalk at the above referenced intersection on 28A at Old Dock Road immediately. The Select Board has asked MassDOT to "install an ADA-compliant crosswalk...in a location north of the West

Falmouth Market Driveway” to replace the existing crosswalk and to install “pedestrian operated blinking-lights making it abundantly clear to drivers when pedestrians are crossing the road.”

On behalf of the residents of West Falmouth, the West Falmouth Village Association asks you to reach out to MassDOT to provide your support of the Falmouth Select Board’s request. With your support of the Falmouth Select Board request, we are hopeful that, together, we can make this project move forward very soon.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'E'.

West Falmouth Village Association
James Gray, President

Cc: M. Renshaw, Falmouth Town Manager
West Falmouth Village Association Board