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Mr. Jonathan Gulliver
District 3 Highway Director
403 Belmont Street
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SUBJECT: Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative
Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue (Route 111) at Main Street (Route 27)
Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gulliver:

The Town of Acton is currently engaged in a comprehensive planning effort, the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative, to re-envision and plan for the future of Kelley's Corner, a substantial commercial area located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue (Route 111) and Main Street (Route 27). The objective of this process is to facilitate the transition of Kelley's Corner to a walkable town center, a stated goal of the Town's Acton 2020 Master Plan. The culmination of the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative will be recommendations for zoning amendments, design guidelines and a public infrastructure improvement plan.

To advance this process the Town has retained the services of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) and the Cecil Group. To date this process has included a comprehensive existing conditions assessment, a public visioning session, the development of preliminary alternatives and the advancement to a preferred roadway and circulation alternative. This transformative preferred alternative includes a focus on complete street elements, consistent with local and state objectives, including sidewalks and bicycle accommodations on both sides of all roadways, accessibility improvements, the implementation of access management principles via reduced curb-cuts and the inclusion of center turn lanes, new signals to be considered at the intersection of both Routes 111 & 27 with Community Lane, enhanced capacity/modern equipment at the existing Kelley's Corner signalized intersection as well as additional streetscape and utility improvements. These enhancements represent a significant upgrade to the safety and mobility of all users and are considered a necessary foundation on which to base further improvements over time to achieve the Town's vision of a walkable town center and are represented generally on the attached graphic.

Both Massachusetts Avenue (Route 111) and the adjacent Route 2 corridor are under State jurisdiction. The Town recognizes that the Commonwealth, specifically MassDOT, is a major stakeholder in any Kelley's Corner initiative. We look forward to working with you to realize improvements to Kelley's Corner which facilitate the Town's goals in concert with MassDOT priorities and to collaboratively advance the needs for all users in this active area.

Thank you for your consideration. If there are any questions or need for additional materials please do not hesitate to reach out to our Planning Director, Mr. Roland Bartl at 978 929 6631.

Very truly yours,

Mike Gowing, Chair
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