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Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
November 25, 2024

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Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Peter Pietrantonio, Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Holly Garcia.

City Engineer Eric Swanson was invited but was not present.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That the Director of Engineering appear at this meeting to explain why permit applications have been taking months for approval with no response or communications with applicants.

Councilor Martins requested that the matter be granted further time since the City Engineer was not present as requested.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present. Transportation Director Jay Monty was invited but informed the Committee that he would be away and unable to attend but noted that he did respond to the questions sent to him by Councilor Garcia.

City Engineer Eric Swanson was invited but was not present.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen, as President: An Order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of reconstructing sidewalks, bus stops and provide other roadway improvements on Broadway between Maple Avenue and Timothy Avenue.

Councilor Garcia informed the Committee that she did receive responses to her questions from Mr. Monty and that he explained to her that the cost of the work will match the work and that any additional costs would be covered by National Grid. She noted that Mr. Monty mentioned that the sidewalks would not be widened nor would there be any bump outs that this was mostly a repaving project. Mr. Monty also indicated that they would do their best to minimize the impact to abutters during the duration of the project, but Councilor Garcia expressed her skepticism informing the Committee that she lives in the area that has a lot of activity going on. However, she did concur that repaving the sidewalks and streets did need to be done. Councilor Pietrantonio inquired if the MBTA was doing the work on the bus stop locations. Ms. Deveney explained that the repaving work on Broadway was being done to bring the area into ADA compliance, but noted that the MBTA bus stop work was a separate project in which the MBTA would be changing some bus stop locations due to ridership data. Councilor Pietrantonio remarked that he was okay with the project as long as the City was controlling it.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action.

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