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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: January 24, 2019

SUBJECT: PETITION OF 12/11/18 BY RESIDENTS OF BELVIDERE AND CHILDREN WHO ATTEND PYNE ARTS SCHOOL

The petition requested a crossing guard for the start and end of the school day, a flashing yellow light and repainting the crosswalk across Boylston Street at Berwick Street. The Transportation Engineer has evaluated the crosswalk and determined a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon would be an appropriate additional safety measure. The City has requested quotes for the RRFB from several sources and will locate funds to install an RRFB system at this location. Costs are expected to range from \$7,000-\$10,000 for a solar RRFB, installed.

When the weather is warmer, the crosswalk will be repainted by the City's Sign Department. Per City policy, Lowell Police Department will conduct an assessment at this location to determine if there is a need for a Crossing Guard at this location. If so, with Council approval, this position will be added to the 2019-2020 budget prior to attempting to fill the position. Note that it has been challenging to hire for the Crossing guard position and there are a number of vacancies around the City. Any neighbors or residents that are qualified and interested in any open crossing guard position are encouraged to apply.

As noted in previous motions, Boylston Street is a good candidate for a traffic calming study. Traffic calming measures are intended to slow traffic and often provide safer built environments for people walking and biking. Traffic calming studies require survey of the corridor, analysis of options with a public participation process, preparation of design documents and construction, all of which requires funding.

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cc: Natasha Vance, PE, Transportation Engineer