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DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR.
MONDAY, MAY 8th.
WE ARE HERE TO REVIEW THE FY18
BUDGET OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT AS IT REFERENCED IN
DOCKETS 053620538.
FOR FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET
INCLUDING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS.
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND
APPROPRIATION FOR OTHER POST
EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
REMINDE FOLKS THIS IS A PUBLIC
HEARING.
IT IS BOTH BEING BROADCAST LIVE
AND RECORDED ON COMCAST CHANNEL
8 AND RCN CHANNEL 82.
I'D ASK EVERYONE IN THE CHAMBER
TO SILENCE ANY ELECTRONIC
DEVICES.
THERE IS PREPARE TAKES BY PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS FROM MY COLLEAGUES AT
THE CONCLUSION OF THAT.
WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
THERE ARE SHEETS TO SIGN IN ON
TO MY LEFT.
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY
COLLEAGUES IN ORDER OF THEIR
ARRIVAL.
TO MY LEFT, CITY COUNCILOR JOSH
SAY COUPLE.
WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ADUE HAND IT
OVER TO YOUR TEAM, THANKS SO
MUCH.
>> PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU,
COUNCILORS.
MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE
DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT
TO YOU THE FY18 PROPOSED PUBLIC
WORKS BUDGET.
I'LL ASK THE MAYOR FOR BRIEF
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS THEN TURN
OVER TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.
>> JOINED BY NUMBER OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TIM.
BILL WHO LEADS CENTRAL
MAINTENANCE.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WHO LEADS
OUR OPERATIONS WORK AND OUR
BUDGET DIRECTOR.
WHO IS OUR -- LEADS OUR
ENGINEERING DIVISION.
ALSO JOINED BY A NUMBER OF THE
FANTASTIC WOMEN AND MEN FROM THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHO DO
TERRIFIC JOB EVERY SINGLE DAY OF
DELIVERING OUR STREETS FOR
PEOPLE OF BOSTON.
PEOPLE OF BOSTON EXPECT US TO DO
THREE THINGS, DELIVER
EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES, BUILD
GREAT STREETS AND SUPPORT OTHER
DEPARTMENTS, THIS BUDGET AND
EXACTLY THOSE THINGS.
OUR OPERATION ARE LED BY MIKE.
EVERYTHING FROM STREET SWEEPING
AND SNOWPLOWING TO FIXING STREET
LIGHTS AND PICKING UP TRASH IN A
TIMELY MANNER.
THIS YEAR WE'VE ALREADY FILLED
ABOUT 8,000 POTHOLES, FIXED OR
MOVED ABOUT A THOUSAND DASH DA
PICKED UP 200,000 OF YARD WASTE,
RECYCLABLES, TRASH ON OUR
STREETS, THOUSANDS OF BROKEN
STREET LIGHTS, RETRO-FITTED
THOUSANDS MORE.
BOTH TARGETED STREET CLEANING
EFFORTS AS WELL CITY WIDE
EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY OUR HIGHWAY
DIVISION OR CODE ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION.
THIS BUDGET IS HELPING US BUILD
ON EXACTLY THAT SUCCESS.
WE ARE TAKING SAVINGS, FOR
EXAMPLE, BY ELIMINATING LONG
TERM VACANCIES AND REDIRECTING
THAT TO ACTUALLY ASSURE THAT WE
HAVE -- GONE FROM FOUR TO TEN
THOSE SIX NEW WILL ENSURE THAT
WE HAVE IN EVERY SINGLE PUBLIC
WORKS DISTRICT YARD A FULL TIME
YEAR AROUND HOKIE AND EVERY
DISTRICT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
ALSO INVESTING IN A PAIR OF NEW
STREET SWEEPERS, THIS WILL NOT
ONLY HELP US IMPROVE THE
CLEANLINESS BUT REDUCE OUR
RELIANCE ON CONTRACTED STREET
SWEEPING WHICH OVER TIME WILL
SAVE THE CITY MONEY.

AND BUILDING ON SOME OF THE GOOD WORK THAT WAS DONE BY OUR SNOW TEAM THIS PAST WINTER AND THE WHO, THAT THEY DID TO REMOVE SNOW FROM BIKE LANES ACROSS THE STREET, WE WILL INVEST IN NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, WHICH WILL ASSURE THAT THE PROTECTED BIKE LANES WILL BE ABLE TO BE SWEEPED DURING THE WARM MONTHS AND PLOWED AFTER SNOWSTORMS IN THE COLD MONTHS.

ON THE CAPITAL BUDGET SIDE, WHICH IS ABOUT \$49 MILLION CAPITAL BUDGET THIS COMING YEAR, WE'VE HAD NUMBER OF TERRIFIC SUCCESS ALREADY, WE'VE RESURFACED 29 LANE MILES OF ROADWAY IN OUR CITY, REBUILT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SQUARE FEET OF SIDEWALKS, BUILT ABOUT 700 PEDESTRIAN RAMPS IN OUR CITY BRINGING THEM UP TO COMPLIANCE. IN ADDITION TO THAT WE BROKE GROUND ON 2A, CUT THE RIBBON ON PLACE LIKE MADAPAN SWEAR AND NEW WORK AT WALTER AND BUSSEY.

THE POLICIES AND PROCESSES THAT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO DO ALL THIS WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ASSURE THAT WORK SITES ARE MORE SAFE.

THAT INCLUDES REWRITING THINGS LIKE OUR ANNUAL PRESURFACING CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE SOME PERFORMANCE-BUSINESSSED CONTRACTING EFFORTS.

PILOTING SOME NEW WAYS OF DOING PAVEMENT PRESERVATION WORK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

AS WELL AS DOING SOME WORK ON OUR PERMANENT SIDE TO REINFORCE OSHA WORK SITE SAFETY RULES AGAIN ALL THAT THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR RESIDENTS.

BUILDING PLAN, WE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT THEY WANT US TO BE INVESTING IN AS WE REBUILD AND REASSIGN OUR STREETS, OUR GREAT MAIN STREETS THAT ANCHOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS BUDGET WE'LL DO THINGS LIKE INVESTING IN BUILDING GROUND AND

JAMAICA PLAIN, NORTH END,
AUDUBON CIRCLE, ABLE TO CUT THE
RIBBON ON CENTRAL SQUARE IN EAST
BOSTON.

A NUMBER OF OTHER THING WHICH
OVER TIME WILL ALLOW US TO
REALLY REBUILD INVESTMENTS THAT
OUR RESIDENTS WANT.

WE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR THAT KEY
CORRIDORS ACROSS OUR CITY SHOULD
BE REALLY MADE BETTER FOR FOLKS
WHO ARE WALKING OR BIKING OR
TAKING TRANSIT WHO ARE DRIVING,
SET OF CAPITAL PROJECTS IN HERE
BOTH ON THE CONSTRUCTION SIDE
AND DESIGN SIDE.

ALLOW US TO REIMAGINE SOME OF
THOSE KEY CORRIDORS IN OUR CITY.
THIS EXTEND THE WORK WE STARTED,
TAKE THAT OUT TO BRIGHTON WORK
TO BE ABLE TO DO REDESIGN OF THE
SQUARE AND FOR US TO BID AND
BREAK GROUND ON THE NORTH
WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE PROJECT
ALL OF WHICH WILL REALLY HELP
PEOPLE GET FROM CHARLESTOWN TO
DOWNTOWN AND VICE VERSA.

THIS BUDGET REALLY INVEST IN SET
OF THINGS THAT ARE DONE IN
PARALLEL WITH OTHER DIVISIONS
AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE
ADMINISTRATION.

PARTICULARLY ON THE HOUSING SIDE
SO OUR HOUSING -- UNDER THE
CHIEF IS INVESTING THE WHITTIER
STREET DEVELOPMENT, THIS IS
REINFORCING THOSE DEVELOPMENTS
BY INVESTING IN WHITTIER ALL OF
THOSE THINGS MAKE SURE WE BUILD
GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS WE BUILD
GREAT STREETS.

ABOVE ALL ELSE THIS BUDGET AS
ALWAYS FOCUS THAT RESIDENTS MOST
WANT THINGS LIKE STREET LIGHTS
THAT ARE WORKING, SIDEWALKS THAT
ARE IN GOOD REPAIR, ROADWAYS
THAT ARE SEAMLESS AND RECENTLY
REDONE AND BRIDGES THAT ARE ALSO
IN A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR.

THIS CAPITAL BUDGET AND THIS
OPERATING BUDGET REFLECTS THE
INTERESTS OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO
ARE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO PUT
TOGETHER, DELIGHTED BY SUPPORT

THAT WE'VE HAD FROM YOU IN PAST YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR GUIDANCE.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU.

I JOIN IN YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR YOUR STAFF, YOU HAVE GREAT STAFF.

YOU HAVE THE A TEAM UP HERE.

I WOULD JUST WANT TO GIVE MY LOCAL DISTRICT YARD A SHOUT OUT BECAUSE THEY ARE EXTREMELY HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND GLAD TO SEE THE HOKIES, IF SALAH MATEEN THAT WAS HERE HE WOULD BE DOING HAND STANDS.

THINK ARE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR.

I'D LIKE TO JUST GO THROUGH THE BUDGET LINE BY LINE.

YOU TOOK ON SIGNALS THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS MAYBE.

>> WHAT YOU ARE SEEING TWO INCREASES WHICH ARE LARGELY DRIVEN BY CHANGES IN UTILITY COSTS OR CHANGES IN SORT OF THE CPI.

ONE OF THOSE IS WITHIN THE UTILITY LINE FOR STREET LIGHTING, WHAT WE'RE SEEING CERTAIN LOOR ELABORATE IS INCREASE IN WHAT WE EXPECT TO PAY FOR THINGS LIKE UTILITIES AND STREET LIGHTING SIDE. SIMILARLY LOOKING AT ESCALATION IN BOTH THE HAULING AND RECYCLABLES AND TRASH. AGAIN FROM CONTRACTS AND FROM CPI INFLATION.

SPEAKING OF THE STREET LIGHTING PART OF THAT, I KNOW WE'VE UNDERTAKEN THE CONVERSION TO L.E.D.S CAN YOU GIVE US STATUS WHERE WE ARE AT CITY WIDE I GUESS?

>> SURE.

ABOUT 67,000 STREET LIGHTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON OF WHICH 3,000 ARE GAS.

WE DID IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AROUND 3,000 OF THEM AND WE HAVE INVENTORY TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE

THAT WORK THROUGH THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.

>> COULD YOU SPEAK TO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LIKE MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS BUT ESPECIALLY PUBLIC WORKS.

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE SEEMINGLY DOING MORE WITH LESS.

IF YOU COULD TOUCH ON THAT A LITTLE BIT I'D APPRECIATE IT. BEFORE YOU BEGIN JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR MATT O'MALLEY.

>> I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION ON STAFFING LEVELS.

TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL 850 MILES OF STREETS ARE WELL BUILT AND WELL MAINTAINED.

THE ACTUAL EXPECTED OR RECOMMENDED HEAD COUNTS IS 388 POSITIONS THAT DOES INCLUDE THE SIX ADDITIONAL HOKIE, IS THAT WOULD BE ADDED.

TO BE AROUND 336 SORT OF -- JUST BECAUSE OF THE ATTRITION AND TURNOVER.

I'D LIKE TO THINK WE'RE OUT OF THE SNOW SEASON AT THIS POINT. WHAT ARE YOUR LATEST BUDGE NETS.

>> LOTS OF CREDIT TO THE PERSON TO MY LEFT.

OUR BUDGET WAS AROUND 22.5 MILLION FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE'RE A LITTLE BIT OVER THAT I THINK LOOKING AROUND 23.5 OR IN THAT RANGE.

GIVEN THAT WE HAD ABOUT FOUR MORE INCHES OF SNOW CAME IN AROUND 47 INCHES OF SNOW FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR THAT IS TO BE EXPECTED.

TIM McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR, WELCOME EVERYBODY. TRADITIONAL WE GIVE SHOUT OUT I BETTER GET THEM OUT OF THE WAY. THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND PEOPLE. TWO OF THE BEST GUYS AGAIN, WITHIN THEY GO IN THEY JUST SEEM TO GET FIXED IN A HURRY AND LEGITIMATELY FIXED.

THEY DO A PHENOMENAL JOB I JUST WANTED TO THANK THEM ON THAT.

I JUST HALF COUPLE OF QUICK

QUESTIONS.

I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TALKED LAST YEAR, THE YEAR BEFORE ONLINE 311000, THE TOW SERVICE.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BOYING A LARGE TOW TRUCK.

WE'RE SPENDING MONEY TOWING BIG RIGS I'M GUESSING, SPENDING BIG MONEY, WHY WOULDN'T WE JUST BUY A RIG AT SOME POINT IN TIME?

>> GREAT QUESTION, ONE WHICH WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT INTERNALLY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR BUDGET OFFERS AROUND THE RIGHT WAY TO OFFICIALLY PROVIDE THOSE SERVICE.

THE BRIDGE IS NOT ON THE BUDGET ANY MORE.

IT WAS LAST YEAR BUT NO LONGER?

>> WORKING ON IT -- THAT BRIDGE THIS YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

>> YOU MEAN 2018.

HOPEFULLY HALF OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

IT MIGHT BE MORE.

>> GREAT.

ONLY THE RIVER COALITION, THAT GROUP THAT I WORK WITH VERY CLOSELY THEY WERE UPDATED LAST YEAR, IT WAS GOING TO GET DONE THIS YEAR.

MAKE SURE THAT SERVE ON THE SAME PAGE.

WE'RE LOOKING AT 2018, OKAY.

LASSA I'VE TALKED 'COUPLE OF YEARS NOW I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE AT.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BOBCATS SIMPLY BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU GET THE CALLS, 311 CALLS JUST LIKE WE DO.

I USED TO SAY THE SAME THING, IF IT'S MBTA BRIDGE, SOMEBODY GOES OFF THE SIDEWALK AND GETS HURT REALLY BADLY WE CAN'T SAY IT'S NOT OUR SIDEWALK.

IT'S SOMEBODY'S -- WE HAVE TO -- I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IF WE HAD BOBCATS IN EACH YARD WITH DIFFERENT UTILITIES WHETHER IT'S IT'S A BOMBARDIER IN THE FRONT, THE SWEEPER, THEY GOT THE BLADE, IT'S REALLY THE SWISS ARMY KNIFE

OF TRUCKS, RIGHT?
IS THERE ANY THOUGHT OF BRINGING
THAT BACK POSSIBLY?

>> SO, WE HAVE THIS PAST YEAR WE
PURCHASED TWO BOBCATS, ONE'S
BEEN USED FOR DIVISION ZERO BIKE
LANE WORK BUT WE HAVE PURCHASED
SECOND ONE THAT WILL BE UTILIZED
FOR PROJECTS LIKE THIS.

WE HAVE BEEN USING CONTRACTORS
BECAUSE OF THAT LATE IN THE
SNOWSTORM WE'LL ADD FEW BOBCATS
DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF
NEIGHBORHOOD.

EACH YEAR WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD
A BOBCAT, THEY'RE AROUND 50,000,
IN THAT BALLPARK.
50,000 EACH.

IT'S NOT A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF
MONEY IT'S UTILIZING YEAR AROUND
RIGHT NOW OUR CONSTRUCTION TEAM
AND MIKE MANNING UTILIZING THAT
PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO MOVE
GRAVEL TO HELP WITH CAVE IN,
SOME LARGER JOB.

BECAUSE OF THAT SMALL WORK IF
YOU WILL.

I REMEMBER THE OLD SNOW
CONTRACTS WE HAD SOME BOBCATS WE
HAD FOUR BY FOUR, IS THAT WERE
--

>> I'M SORRY THAT'S ACTUALLY
BACK IN THE CONTRACT.
IT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE THE SMALL
CORNERS.

THE SMALL STREETS, EVEN THE
SMALLER TRUCKS THAT THEY CAN'T
GET IN THERE.

>> THEY UTILIZE THAT CONTRACT.
SINCE BEEN JOINED BY
COUNCILOR AT LARGE 'KNEES
ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU SAHL FOR BEING
HERE, THE TEAM IN THE GALLERY
MAKE OUR JOB EASIER THAT YOU
HAVE SUCH A GREAT CREW THERE.

>> I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS,
SOME OF WHICH I'VE DISCUSSED
WITH SOME MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM
IN THE PAST SOME I HAVE NOT.
ONE THAT ACTUALLY CAME UP TODAY,
THIS AFTERNOON I WAS WITH GROUP
OF SENIORS IN MISSION HILL ALONG
HUNTINGTON AVENUE, THEY HAD SOME

CONCERNS ABOUT BROKEN UP
PAVEMENT AROUND THE E LINE TRAIN
TRACK, IS THE CAR, GREEN LINE ON
HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

NOODLES SOME CONFUSION OF
WHETHER THAT HE IS THE T'S
RESPONSIBILITY OR OURS, IF
COUNCILOR McCARTHY, SOMEONE
FALLS AND BREAKS THEIR ANKLE,
LOT OF THE FOLKS WITH LARGE
SENIOR POPULATION, SOME WITH
LIMITED MOBILITY ALREADY.

WE JUST GET AN ANSWER ON WHO WAS -- THIS IS NOT MEANT AS
CRITICISM I JUST LEARNED ABOUT
THIS COUPLE OF HOURS AGO BUT
WANTED TO BUILT THAT OUT THERE.
ANYONE KNOWS THE ANSWER NOW
WOULD BE GREAT.

>> IT'S IN THE RAIL.

JOINT RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN
THE MBTA AND CITY OF BOSTON,
THIS ISSUE HAS COME UP IN THE
PAST.

WE WORK WITH THE MB BECAUSE THEY
HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT US DOING ANY
RESURFACING WORK.

BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
WITH THEM TO MAKE IT SAFE SO
THAT CITIZENS OF BOSTON --

>> IF WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT
THAT.

IF IT'S OUTSIDE THE TRACK AREA,
I KNOW THAT WOULD BE VERY
HELPFUL AND THEN ALSO, MIKE,
WE'VE DISCUSSED A LITTLE BIT
ABOUT STREET CLEANING RECENTLY,
PARTICULAR ALONG CHARLES STREET
AND BEACON HILL.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN MAYBE BRIEFLY
HOW THAT WORKS?

I KNOW IT'S JOINT BETWEEN YOUR
DEPARTMENT, BPD, SOMETIMES B,
HOW DOES THAT WORK, HOW DO WE
DETERMINE IF IT'S JUST TICKETING
OR BOTH?

>> OVERNIGHT SWEEPING 2:00 A.M.
TO 7:00 A.M. I THINK.

PUBLIC WORKS HANDLES THE ACTUAL
CLEANING AND CONTRACTORS
SWEEPING PROGRAM.

THE TOWING GOES THROUGH BPD THEY
HAVE IN YEARS PAST UTILIZED ONE
VENDOR THAT VENDOR WENT OUT OF
BUSINESS THEY, I WANT TO SAY

NOVEMBER STADIUM AUTOMOTIVE.
NOW THEY -- SEE IF I CAN GIVE
YOU THE -- EACH PRECINCT, IF YOU
WILL, WILL UTILIZE THEIR TOW
CONTRACT OFF OF THEIR VENDOR
LIST.

OVERNIGHT TOWING HAS NEVER BEEN
AS ROBUST AS DAYTIME TOWING IT'S
BEEN LESS INTRUSIVE.

ON MAJOR THOROUGHFARES.

NUMBERS HAVE NEVER TRULY BEEN
WHERE WE'D LIKE TO SEE THEM.

OVERNIGHT SUPERVISOR, WHO IS --
CHARLES STREET.

HE REPORTS BACK NOW EACH NIGHT
OF SWEEPING, HOW MANY MAY OR MAY
NOT HAVE BEEN TOWED.

IT'S SOMETHING HA WE'D -- PUCK
WORKS WOULD LOVE TO OWN MORE
THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY, THE
OWNERSHIP OF GETTING TO THE
CURB.

I THINK IT GOES BACK OVER TEN
YEARS THAT OVERNIGHT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN WITH THE POLICE.

I KNOW IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THE
DAYTIME IS BPD.

I APOLOGIZE.

>> DAYTIME TOWING GOES THROUGH
BPD IN THE SOUTH END, TAGGED BY
BPD ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CITY
WIDE, THAT EXCLUDES PUBLIC WORKS
DISTRICT.

BUT THAT TOW LINE IS BASICALLY,
IT'S THROUGH A POLICE TOW LINE
DURING THE DAY BUT MANAGED MORE
SO BY OUR FOLKS.

15TOW VENDORS THOSE ARE ALL
PROCURED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS.
BUT EACH CAR TO BE CLEARED FOR
ANY TYPE OF ACCIDENT OR CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN
IN.

SO THAT PROS GOES THROUGH THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT TOW LINE
MANAGED OUT OF OUR SHOP.
YOU CAN THINK OF DAYTIME TOWING
MANAGED BY US.

>> THAT'S HELPFUL.

MY LAST QUESTION, I THINK FOR
NOW IS BACK STREET IN BACK BAY.
IT'S A PRIVATE WAY.

WE DON'T HAVE AUTHORITY OR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT I GUESS

IN THE CITY.

IS THERE A PREFERRED PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS IF THEY DO CHOOSE TO GATHER AS CONDO ASSOCIATION OR NEIGHBORS TO FIX POTHOLES OR RESURFACE THAT SORT OF THING, IS THERE A PREFERRED TO COORDINATE WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT?

>> THE PIC PROCESS.

>> BACK BAY, THAT SAME STREET HAS HAD SAME COMPOSITION IN THE PAST BUT HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM -- AS PRIVATE VENTURE THEY CAN SEEK OUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO THE REPAIR WORK.

BUT SINCE IT IS A PRIVATE STREET WE HAVE LIMITED OVERSIGHT BECAUSE IT COULD GET US --

>> THEY JUST WANT TO -- DON'T NEED A SPECIAL -- A PERMIT FROM YOU.

>> PRIVATE PROPERTY.

THAT'S GREAT.

I'LL JUST FINISH UP BY I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK, IN PARTICULAR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OUR APPRENTICE IN YOUR OFFICE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL AND PROMPT IN ANSWERING THINGS. THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ELUCIDATE DEEPER INFORMATION ON SOME OF THEM, THANK YOU ALL.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I WILL BEGIN ALSO BY ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID, THANK YOU GUYS.

YOU ARE AMONG THE MOST RESPONSIVE EMPLOYEES IN THIS CITY.

MIKE IS STEPPING UP TO COVER MORE WITH FORMER COMMISSIONER LEAVING HE'S JUST -- IF I TEXT HIM AT 11:00 ON SUNDAY NIGHT I'LL GET RESPONSE BY 11 DOCTOR 01, SIMILAR SOME OF THE FOLKS WITH US TODAY ERIC, MARK, STEVE AND IN DISTRICT 6 SPECIFICALLY FRED DEAND A.J., THE BEST. I REACH OUT TO THESE GUYS AND IT'S DONE, IT'S ADDRESSED, REALLY, YOU GUYS ARE AMONG HARDEST WORKERS IN THIS CITY AND

I HAVE BEEN SO PROUD TO SEE THE
BPW GETS BETTER AND BETTER EVERY
YEAR, YOU GUYS ALL DESERVE THE
CREDIT PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT
ARE HERE AND THOSE ACTUALLY OUT
WORKING RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

COUPLE OF PIECE JUST WANTED TO
CHECK IN ON, ONE BEING WAS
ALLUDED TO EARLIER BUT THE -- IS
THE IT BPT OR CODE ENDORSEMENT
WHO GIVES TICKETS IF CARS AREN'T
MOVED DURING STREET CLEANING
DAYS.

I'LL SAVE THAT FOR THURSDAY OR
WEDNESDAY WHENEVER THAT IS.

THAT WILL BE ON MY LIST.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT'S
HAPPENING AT HYDE SQUARE THAT
WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT?

>> THE CONSTRUCTION WORK SHOULD
BE STARTING SOMETHING VERY SOON,
WE'RE ALL VERY EXCITED.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN CELEBRATE THAT
MOMENT WE'LL BE IN TOUCH TO
ARRANGE FOR POSSIBLE GROUND
BREAKING.

>> THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME
PUBLIC ART THERE AS WELL?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

AS PART OF THE DESIGN PROS WE
ALLOCATED RESOURCE FROM PROGRAM,
10% THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC ART.
I BELIEVE THAT IS GOING FAIRLY
WELL.

>> FANTASTIC.

WHERE ARE WE WITH THE --
COUNCILOR McCARTHY AND I HAVE
BEEN WORKING WITH YOU ON
IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH STREET
NEAR THE -- CUTS RIGHT THROUGH
THE ARBORETUM.

WHERE ARE WE WITH THAT?

>> THAT IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM
BEING DASH DA LAST MEETING WHICH
WE HAD WITH THE COMMUNITY THERE
WAS SOME FEEDBACK THAT WE
RECEIVED.

SO WE HAVE UPDATED OUR DESIGN
WORK, WE HAVE GIVEN THAT
FEEDBACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND I
BELIEVE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS
WE'LL BE TASKING THE CONTRACTORS
TO DO THAT WORK.

>> THE MONEY IS THERE, BEEN
ALLOCATED, CONSTRUCTION CAN
START AS RECENTLY AS --
>> WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO.
THE WHITE WHALE I'VE BEEN
CHASING FOR ME, THE STAIRS
BETWEEN LAWN AND HEATH STREET
THERE WAS SOME ISSUE WITH THAT.
ANY NEWS TO REPORT ON WHERE WE
ARE?

>> THE HAYDN STREET?
YES.
GOOD NEWS, COUNCILOR.
WE FOUND A VENDOR?

.
SO THAT WORK ALSO SHOULD BE
STARTING FAIRLY SOON, WE ARE IN
THE PROCESS OF PROCESSING THE
CONSTRUCTION, PAPERWORK THROUGH
THE CITY.
WE HOPE TO START IN THE VERY
NEAR FUTURE AND FINISH IT BEFORE
SEPTEMBER.

>> JUST SO MY COLLEAGUES, THOSE
THAT MAY NOT BE UP TO DATE ON
THIS, WE CALL THEM THE LAWN
STREET OR HAYDEN STREET STAIRS
HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1987.
THEY'RE IN TERRIBLE REPAIR, WAS
ORIGINALLY DISTRICT 8, I PICKED
IT YOU, THE BACK OF THE HILL.
AND THROUGH GOOD FORTUNE AND
LUCK AND HARD WORK WE'RE ABLE TO
SUCCESSFULLY GET THE FUNDING FOR
THE STAIRS TO BE REPAIRED
BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND SCOPE
AND THE DIFFICULTY OF IT WHEN WE
PUT IT OUT TO BID WE COULD NOT
GET A VENDOR TO DO IT.
WHICH ALMOST NEVER HAPPENS.
BUT LUCKILY --

>> WE PERSEVERED.
LL DONE.

AS CHAIR I WISH EVERY BUDGET
HEARING WERE LIKE THIS ONE I'M
GOING TO END ON THAT NOTE.
THANK YOU ALL AGAIN.

YOU GUYS DO TREMENDOUS WORK.
REAL CREDIT TO OUR CITY.
>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE?
HEARING WITH THE PARKS
DEPARTMENT WE LEARNED ABOUT OVER
THE COURSE OF FEW HEARINGS WE
LEARNED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP

WITH THE PARKS IN LEGAL DI
DISPOSAL.

I'M CURIOUS GIVEN THE FREQUENCY
AND ROLE THAT PUBLIC WORKS PLAYS
IN DISPOSING OF TRASH AND WASTE
HAVE YOU PURSUED ANY
RELATIONSHIP OR ANY TRAINING
WITH THE HEALTH COMMISSION ON
PROPER NEEDLE DISPOSAL?

>> MOST CERTAINLY, YES.

WE START THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT
THREE OR FOUR YEARS BACK.

INCLUDING EVEN THE SOUTH END,
PLACES HAD HIGH FREQUENCY.

WE TALKED TO THE DOCTOR, THEY
SET UP A PROS WE NOW PARTNER
WITH THEM.

ANY TIME OUR FOLKS SEE IT, WE
FIRST REPORT IT, TURN AROUND
TIME FROM B P H C IS IMPRESSIVE.
WE TRY TO HAVE OUR FOLKS HANDLE
AS OF RIGHT NOW.

BPHC HAS BEEN ASTOUNDING HOW
QUICKLY THEY'RE ABLE TO HELP US
OUT AND LET US CLEAN THAT
PROPERTY, EMPTY THAT LITTER
BASKET.

EVEN FIND THEM IN OUR
RESIDENTIAL TRASH CANS.

WE'VE PARTNERED SHARED A LOT OF
COMMUNICATION.

>> THEN WHAT ABOUT THE ACTUAL
TRASH DISPOSAL.

THERE HAS TO BE A CHANGE IN
PRACTICE HOW YOU'RE EMPTYING
BARRELS --

>> IT WOULD STOP.

IF IT WAS SEEN IT WOULD STOP.
WE WOULD CALL BPHC THEY WOULD
RESPOND, THEY HANDLE IT,
BARRELS.

IT ISN'T LEFT, JUST GOTTEN TO A
SAFE MANNER.

>> IS THERE A TURN AROUND TIME
ON THAT, BECAUSE ONE OF THE
THINGS THAT I'VE ADVOCATED FOR
THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROS AND
THROUGH HEARING THAT COUNCILOR
McCARTHY AND COUNCILOR BAKER
AND I COSPONSORED WAS TO
INCREASE THE SIZE.

BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE ONLY HAVE
TWO FOLKS THAT COME OUT TO DO
THE SHARPS.

WE DISCOVERED OVER THE COPE OF
OUR HEARING THERE WERE 20 TO,000
IMPROPERLY DISPOSED HEARTS
ACROSS THE CITY OVER 12 MONTH
PERIOD.

SO -- WALK ME THROUGH THE
PROCESS OF ONE OF YOUR EMPLOYEES
FINDS IMPROPERLY -- WALK ME
THROUGH THAT.

>> WE GET RADIOED IN TO OUR OPS
CENTER.

WOULD CALL 311.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF 311 WOULD
REACH OUT TO A PHONE CALL TO
ENGAGE THE SHARPS TEAM.

THEY WOULD RESPOND.

311 NOTIFY AGAIN IN NEW CASE
BEING OPENED UP FOR THAT
RESIDENTIAL TRASH FOR THAT
PROPER COLLECTION.

>> IS THE EMPLOYEE WAITING FOR
THE SHARPS TEAM?

>> IS IT WORTH PERHAPS EXPLORING
TRAINING STAFF THE SAME WAY
PARKS HAS BEEN TRAINED TO PICK
UP AND REMOVE --

>> MOST CERTAINLY.

TALK THAT THROUGH, LABOR AS
WELL BUT AS LONG AS LABOR IS
INVOLVED.

>> PARKS HAS HAD SOME GREAT
SUCCESS NEGOTIATING, BECAUSE OF
OUR BALL FIELDS WHERE WE'RE
FINDING KIDS IN THE PLAYGROUNDS,
JUST NEED TO GET THEM.

>> DURING THAT HEARING A MEMBER
OF THE STATE'S LABOR RELATIONS
BOARD OR SOMEBODY IN THE STATE
LEVEL CAME IN JUST TO TALK ABOUT
SORT OF THE RISKS TO EMPLOYEES
AND CERTAINLY WANTING
APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND
APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS OUTLINED
FOR SAVORY MOVE.

BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK
AS CITY WE JUST NEED TO BE ABLE
TO DEAL WITH IN A QUICK MANNER.
I DON'T THINK WITH JUST TWO TWO
FOLKS ON MOBILE SHARPS TEAM WE
CAN HANDLE THAT.

YOU'RE ALSO NOT DEALING WITH
HAZARDOUS WASTE THEN, THAT'S ALL
BEING DISPOSED BY -- EXCELLENT.
AND SORT OF CONNECTED.

I'M EXCITED THAT YOU GUYS ARE EXPANDING THE HOKIE PROGRAM, I THINK THAT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL RECEIVED BY THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

YOUR TARGETS ARE IN THE BUDGET, YOUR AVERAGE PERSONNEL HOURS ON HOKIE ROOT ARE REMAINING THE SAME.

I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE SHOULD BE INCREASING THAT NUMBER.

>> OBVIOUSLY -- IT WASN'T UPDATED THOSE ARE NUMBERS GIVEN FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE WITH THE GIVEN FOUR PARTIES WE HAVE FULL TIME AS WELL AS SEASONAL THAT WILL SERVE SOME THAT HAVE PURPOSE THAT NUMBER WOULD CHANGE WITH THE SIX ADDITIONAL GIVEN THE BUDGET APPROVAL.

>> I DO THINK IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ADD THAT SO UP DATA NUMBER OF TARGETS.

I'LL SAVE MY QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND IF THAT'S OKAY.

>> I JUST WANTED TO ASK A COUPLE OF FOLLOW-UPS, CHRIS, YOU MENTIONED COM AVE. IS UNDERWAY CAN YOU GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF A STATUS UPDATE?

>> POUR, THAT PROJECT IS MANAGED BY THE MASS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

I BELIEVE THEY R ON TRACK TO PROCEED.

I CAN GIVE YOU A MORE DETAILED RESPONSE.

>> AS YOU KNOW ARE TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY IMPROVE THINGS LIKE CYCLIST SAFETY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND OVERALL PUBLIC REALM AS ONE GOES FROM THE SQUARE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT WE LOOK AT PHASE THREE AND FOUR IT TAKE YOU FROM PACKARD'S CORNER.

>> OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS ANTICIPATING THAT WITH A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THAT'S A VERY BUSY INTERSECTION TAKING THAT LEFT ON TO COM AVE. THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU ALL HAVE WITNESSED AND I KNOW, PAUL, GIVE YOU KUDOS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE TO

ENGINEER THAT TO WORK WITH ZACH,
GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO HIM HE'S
DONE GREAT WORK.

I WANT TO THANK MIKE, TOO, WHERE
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO
HAPPEN THIS CONSTRUCTION SEASON,
THE TREE PITS POURING OF THAT
SYNTHETIC MATERIAL IN AUSTIN
VILLAGE.

I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU
PERSONALLY BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE
TO WORK WITH PARKS AND IT'S KIND
OF A MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORT
AND IT WASN'T ALL THAT EASY TO
GIVE THERE.

TO BE ABLE TURN IT AROUND THIS
QUICKLY TOOK A LOT OF YOUR TIME,
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
SPEAKING OF COM AVE. THREE AND
FOUR, WE GETTING THE FUNDS, WE
DID COM OF A FIVE, THREE OR FOUR
YEARS AGO AND THIS IS THAT
STRETCH THAT REMAINS.

>> THAT PROJECT COM AVE. THREE,
FOUR WAS STRONGED VERY HIGHLY.
WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP OUR DESIGN
UNDER VERY IMPRESSIVE SCHEDULE
SO THAT SHOULD MONEY APPEAR
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS ARE
LATER THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE
READILY TO COMPETE FOR ANY
MONIES.

IT WAS FISCALLY CONSTRAINED
PROGRAM, THIS PROJECT HAS TO
COMPETE, BUT WE HOPE TO DO OUR
PART BY HAVING THE DESIGN
COMPLETED SO THEY CAN COMPETE
FOR ANY MONIES THAT ARE THERE.

>> IS IT FY20 WHEN PHASE 2A IS
SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETED?

>> IT SHOULD BE DONE I THINK
EARLIER THAN THAT, SOME OF THE
LANDSCAPING PLANTINGS MIGHT TAKE
A BIG LONGER.

>> THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE,
THAT'S GREAT.

COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT THAT.
JUST COUPLE OF THINGS.

I KNOW THAT BILL REACHED OUT TO
MADISON PARK I JUST WANT TO
CONGRATULATE YOU ON THAT
RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WITH THEM.

WE SIT HERE, BPS HERRING AFTER
BPS HEARING TALK ABOUT
VOCATIONAL.
WE ALL HAVE PASSION TO MAKE SURE
THAT EVERYBODY HAS OPTION NOT
EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO TO
COLLEGE.
THAT IS JUST ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY, FOR THOSE WHO
ARE -- CAN YOU ACTUALLY TALK A
LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT BECAUSE
THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WATCHING.
>> AN INTERN PROGRAM WITH THEM
IN THE BODY SHOP.
STUDENTS ARE COMING IN LAST
YEAR, SENIOR YEAR, SPEND 35
HOURS A WEEK OR MINIMUM SIX
WEEKS.
GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH THE
BUSINESS OR GO ON SOMEWHERE EL
ELSE.
THE ONE THAT DON'T SEEM TO FIT
IN THE BUSINESS WE GOT CDL FOR
THEM THEY MOVE ON TO HIGHWAYS
THEY STILL END UP BEING EMPLOYED
UPON GRADUATION.
AND THE NEXT YEAR WE'RE LOOKING
TO GET INTERNS TO DO IN-HOUSE
DETAILING AND THOSE WILL FROM
THE SPECIAL NEEDS.
AGAIN SIX WEEKS JUST TO GIVE
THEM THE FEEL OF WORKING.
>> THE SOFT SKILLS THAT THEY'RE
LEARNING NEVER MIND THE HARD
SKILLS, IT'S OVER THE TOP.
WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THAT PROGRAM
I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I
MENTIONED THAT, CONGRATULATIONS.
IT'S REALLY SOMETHING
UNBELIEVABLE.
>> CROSSWALK MATERIAL.
WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE.
THAT THE WAGON WHEEL, IT DOESN'T
WORK.
IT WEARS OUTRIGHT IN THE MIDDLE
WE KEEP PUTTING IT DOWN.
I KNOW IT'S EXPENSIVE TO
REPLACE, WE LOOKED IN TO OTHER
THINGS?
I KNOW THAT SALEM HAS PUT DOWN
HARD TOP WITH A PLASTIC BASE TO
THAT IT SEEMS TO BE HOLDING UP
WELL.
I JUST FEEL LIKE WE'RE DOING THE

SAME THING OVER AND OVER.
ONLY WAGON WHEEL CROSSWALK THAT
LASTS IN THE ONE IS THE
HORSESHOE BECAUSE ONLY HANDFUL
OF CARS GO OVER IT A DAY.
ALL OF THOSE ARE WIPED OUT, THE
T DID THE ENTIRE SECTION IN
COUNCILOR ZAKIM'S AREA.
ALREADY YOU CAN SEE THE TRAFFIC
LINES RUNNING OVER THERE.
ARE WE LOOKING AT THAT MATERIAL?
>> AS PART OF THE BPD CAPITAL
BUDGET SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT TO
GET ALL OF OUR CROSSWALKS, OUR
LANE MARKINGS, BIKE LANES INTO A A
GOOD REPAIR AS WE GO INTO THAT
MORE INTENSIVE INVESTMENT, THE
RIGHT MATERIAL TO LAY DOWN ON
HIGH TRAFFIC BUS ROUTE,
CORRIDORS, ACTUALLY LASTS WELL
OVER TIME.
HOW DO WE DESIGN STUFF THAT WE
ENSURE ARE INCREASING PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY AND ANSWERING SOME OF
THOSE QUESTIONS THAT DISTRICTS
IN PARTICULAR WANT NOW IS THE
RIGHT TIME FOR US TO BE ABLE TO
DIVE IN THAT.
>> THANKS VERY MUCH.
LAST WOULD BE COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
BROUGHT UP PRIVATE -- PRIVATE
WAY JUST QUICK ONE I MAY TALK TO
YOU OFF LINE.
DC STREET AND HYDE PARK IT'S A
PRIVATE WAY BUT WE PLOW IT I
THINK THIS YEAR WE GOT THE BLADE
DOWN TOO FAR BASICALLY PUSHED
ALL OF THE GRAVEL TO THE END NOW
IT'S LIKE A POND, GOT A LOT OF
PEOPLE, CAN YOU HELP US OUT
HERE.
I KNOW WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A
LOT OF JURISDICTION TO TOUCH
THAT BUT WE CAN HELP THEM OUT
THAT WOULD BE AWESOME.
>> EXCELLENT.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
>> IS HELPFUL WE ACTUALLY OFFER
MORE DATES FOR PICK UP.
HOWEVER, THIS MAY BE -- THIS
ISN'T EVERYWHERE BUT CERTAINLY
AFFECTS SOME OF US, THE ONCE A
MONTH PICK UP IN THE SUMMERTIME.
I WILL GET 30 PHONE CALLS THIS

SUMMER WITHOUT FAIL AND THE FIRST MONTH THEN THE NEXT MONTH I'LL GET THE OTHER 30.

I UNDERSTAND, YOU'VE EXPLAINED THIS TO ME BEFORE, BUT IS THERE A WAY WE CAN MAYBE REFIGURE THE SCHEDULE SOME WAY SO THAT WE STAY WITH THE SAME BUDGET BUT MAYBE TAKE -- MAYBE MOVE THE WEEKS AROUND TO AT LEAST BE TWO WEEKENDS SUMMER PICK UPS, I GET IT, IN YEARS PAST IT WAS PICKED UP, YARD WASTE JUST THEN AWAY. WE DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. MAKE SURE THAT IT'S RECYCLED AND COMPOSTED.

HOWEVER THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IT GETS VERY HOT IN THE SUMMER, THERE'S RAIN PARTICULARLY IN COUNCILOR MCCARTHY DISTRICT, ONLY ONCE A WEEK PICK UP, IT CAN SMELL, IT CAN CAUSE ISSUES. YOU'LL BE BATTING A THOUSAND TO ADD ANOTHER PICK UP DATES IN THE SUMMERTIME?

>> NEXT YEAR WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO.

CREDIT TO ROB AND BRIAN AND JERRY JUST ADDING THESE WEEKS. AND I THINK --

>> THE WILL POWER TO LEAVE IT WHEN IT'S ON THE OFF WEEK.

OVERALL DIVERSION RATE.

>> I THINK WITH THE ADDITIONAL WEEKS THE PAST TWO YEARS, IT'S SHOWN HUGE AFFECT.

I THINK EVERY YEAR WE TWEAK IT A LITTLE BIT, WE'LL MOVE THOSE AROUND A LITTLE BIT.

WE TRY TO MOVE IT WITH THE FEEDBACK.

WE'LL CERTAINLY TAKE THAT IN TO CONSIDERATION, WHO KNOWS IF THAT NUMBER THAT GOES BACK DOESN'T MAKE MORE SENSE TO DO MAYBE TWO WEEKS IN THE SUMMER.

IT'S A MOVING GAME.

FACT THAT WE NOW HAVE THOSE MONTHS -- THOSE WEEKS IN THOSE MONTHS IS A WIN.

THE FACT OF THE MATTER WAS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF ANYONE HERE, BEFORE HERE BUT IN YEARS PAST

THEY WEREN'T DIVERTED THE WAY
THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIVERTED
THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT.
BUT AGAIN I DO THINK IF THERE'S
A WAY WE CAN JUST MAYBE ADD ONE
WEEK IN JULY, ONE WEEK IN
AUGUST, CERTAINLY -- SECONDLY,
WORKING FOR YEARS ON THE
CURBSIDE COMPOSTING, I KNOW THAT
WE'VE STARTED VERY SUCCESSFUL
PROJECT OSCAR.

I KNOW THAT THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED
HIS VISION ZERO PRESS CONFERENCE
LAST WEEK, HIS CURBSIDE
COMPOSTING PART OF WHAT THE CITY
IS LOOKING AT, DO YOU GUYS HAVE
THOUGHTS?

I KNOW IT'S EXPENSIVE, CAMBRIDGE
VERY SUCCESSFULLY MODELED IT IN
ONE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE
EXPANDING CITY WIDE ANY SORT OF
THOUGHTS.

>> THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF
ZERO WASTE PROGRAM TO ALLOW US
TO SELECT PARTNER WHO CAN DIVE
INTO ONE OF THE THINGS HAVE
BIGGEST IMPACT IN DIVERTING WAS
GOING INTO THE TRASH SIDE OF THE
WASTE STREAM THAT HAVE THAT GO
RECYCLABLES OR COMPOST,
OBVIOUSLY BIG PART OF WHAT GOES
INTO THE TRASH WASTE STREAM
RIGHT NOW ARE ORGANICS, THAT IS
YARD WASTE FOR FOOD.
SO THIS IS CERTAINLY AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LOOK AT.
HOW COULD SOMETHING LIKE
CURBSIDE COMPOSTING OR SOMETHING
ELSE HAVE BIGGEST IMPACT FOR US
AS WE THINK ABOUT OUR NEXT ROUND
OF TRASH REPSYCH YES.

>> WHAT'S THE COST FOR TON OF
TRASH?

>> 65.

HOW ABOUT RECYCLING.
PLUS TWO.

WE ACTUALLY GET \$2 FOR EVERY TON
OF RECYCLING THAT WE DISPOSE OF
AND WE --

>> ALWAYS SAY THAT EVERY FISCAL
CONSERVATIVE OUGHT TO BE AN
ENVIRONMENTALIST AS WELL BECAUSE
IT MAKES SENSE, ABSOLUTELY.
BUT THAT'S BEEN VERY INTERESTING

HOW THE NUMBERS FLUCTUATE.
WHEN I STARTED ON THIS JOB WHICH
WASN'T THAT LONG AGO, IT IS A
COMMODITY.

FINALLY, COUNCILOR McCARTHY
AND I TALKED ABOUT RESURRECTING
THE RECEIPT RED SHIRT PROGRAM,
IT WOULDN'T COME UNDER -- ANY OF
YOU GUYS RED SHIRTS?

>> I'M SURE SOME ALUMS IN THE
AUDIENCE AS WELL.

I THINK THAT WE HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY PAIR
PARTNERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP ON
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, ON DPW BUT
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW
TIM AND I ARE VERY MUCH
COMMITTED TO BRINGING BACK I
THINK WOULD BE GREAT OPPORTUNITY
TO BRING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH OUR
SCHOOLS AND YOU ALL TO BOTH
OFFER KIDS GREAT -- YOUNG PE
PEOPLE.

I DON'T USE KIDS DERISIVELY, GET
A SUMMER JOB AND SERVE THEIR
CITY STAY TUNED FOR THAT.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THAT SUCCESSFUL I THINK CITY
AND STATE ON THAT.

IS THERE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN
EXPLORE FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
HIGHWAY TO DO THE SAME, WE CAN
TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT FUTURE
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGHWAY
WHICH I KNOW I THINK THERE'S AN
EFFORT TO CHANGE IT TO THE
AMERICAN LEGION PARKWAY.

>> WE'VE HAD NUMBER OF
CONVERSATIONS WITH VERY
DEDICATED AND COMMITTED GROUP OF
RESIDENTS WHO HAVE A GREAT
VISION FOR WHAT THE AMERICAN
LEGION HIGHWAY COULD BECOME
INCLUDING WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN
BE -- TRAFFIC CAN BE CALMED,
LIVE UP TO THAT NOTION OF BEING
A PARKWAY THAT IS ALL PART OF
THE CITY'S BROADER GREEN LINKS
EFFORT WHICH ITSELF IS PART OF
EMERALD NETWORK PROGRAM SO AS WE
LOOK AT AMERICAN LEGION HIGHWAY
COULD BE, BOSTON 2030 GREAT
INTEREST IN FIGURING OUT HOW DO
WE MAKE THAT CORRIDOR A WAY IN

WHICH PEOPLE ARE CONNECTING TO THE GREAT OPEN SPACES OF OUR CITY AND TRAVELING FROM ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS THAT IS SUPPORTING THE ADJACENT USES.

RIGHT NOW IN THE DESIGN SIDE OF THAT.

THERE'S BEEN SOME -- ENGAGED CROSS PROJECTS IN WHICH THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGHWAY CAN LOOK LIKE THAT WOULD BE THE PRECURSOR TO ANY MORE INTENSIVE, BOTH DESIGN AND EVENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT.

>> GREAT.

AND SPEAKING OF CATALINA VESTMENT SORT OF PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE WHICH IS DIFFICULT CONVERSATION TO HAVE BUT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS BIT OF PLACE HOLDER LAST YEAR FOR 6.5 MILLION, THERE'S CURRENTLY 6.7 MILLION PLANNED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

CAN WE TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT POUR THINKING IS ABOUT THESE PLANSF WE GET TO A POINT WHERE REBUILDING A BRIDGE ISN'T APPROPRIATE, THEN WE TALK ABOUT THAT OUT LOUD A LITTLE BIT.

>> THE CURRENT INVESTMENT IN THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE, IS REALLY AROUND PERMITTING AND WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREVIOUS LONG ISLAND BRIDGE.

THE DESIGN OF THE NEXT LONG ISLAND BRIDGE IS PART OF THE CONVERSATION OF THE PROGRAMMING OF LONG ISLAND ITSELF, MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER INVESTMENT AND DESIGN THAT WE DO ON THE PUBLIC WORKS SIDE SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTERING'S BROADER EFFORTS AROUND LONG ISLAND SO THAT THE CURRENT CONVERSATIONS ARE AROUND THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE IN THE CONTEXT OF LONG ISLAND ITSELF. AND FOLKS WHO ARE MORE ENGAGED IN THE PROGRAMMING OF LONG ISLAND WHICH WOULD BE PRECURSE TORE THE DESIGN OF THE LONG

ISLAND BRIDGE.

>> THANK YOU.

ONCE AGAIN I JUST WANT TO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
TALENTS, EVERYBODY ON YOUR TEAM
AGAIN HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES,
RESPONSIVENESS FROM YOUR A TEAM
UP HERE TO EVERYBODY IN THE
FIELD.

WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU.
WE HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
STACEY THOMPSON AND WENDY
LANDMAN DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR
WAY DOWN TO THE PODIUM HERE.
>> THANK YOU, EVERYONE I'M
STACEY THOMPSON EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF LIVABLE STREETS
ALLIANCE.
MEMBER.

ZERO COOLYMPICS AND CITY OF
BOSTON RESIDENT I LIVE IN JP.
FIRST I JUST WANT TO ECHO ALL
THE THANKS I FREQUENTLY TELL MY
ADVOCATES THAT WHILE WE'RE ALL
IN TOUCH WITH INNOVATION WHAT
MAKES THE CITY RUN IS
MAINTENANCE, THAT IS THANKS TO
THE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM.
WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE AND
JUST WANT TO GIVE EVERYONE AND
EVERYONE WHO CAN'T BE HERE
BECAUSE THEY ARE LITERALLY
PICKING UP OUR TRASH AND
CLEANING OUR STREETS, A THANK
YOU, THAT WE MIGHT NOT WANT TO
BE AT MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.
FROM THE LIVABLE STREETS
PERSPECTIVE COUPLE OF QUICK
THOUGHTS BEFORE I LET MY
COLLEAGUE GET INTO SOME OF THE
DETAILS, SOMEBODY STILL LEARNING
ABOUT THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS,
IT'S DIFFICULT FOR US TO TELL
WHEN WE ARE INCREASING MONEY OR
EFFORTS OR DECREASING MONEY OR
EFFORTS BECAUSE THINGS CHANGE
YEAR TO YEAR.
SO ANY HELP THAT THE COUNCIL CAN
DO IN HELPING THE PUBLIC BETTER
UNDERSTAND HOW THE PUBLIC WORKS
BUDGET IS CHANGING WOULD BE
EXTRAORDINARILY HELPFUL.
AND I WOULD SAY SPECIFICALLY WE
DO KNOW THAT THERE IS ADDITIONAL

FUNDS FOR REPAINTING CROSSWALKS
AND RESTRIPIING WE SAY THANK YOU
FOR THAT, THAT DID COME UP.
BUT OVERALL PARTICULARLY AS WE
LOOK AT GO BOSTON 2030, VISION
ZERO, CLIMATE READY BOSTON, THE
WORK THAT THE CITY DOING TO
CHANGE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND
SIDEWALKS, INCREASE BIKE LANES,
I AM CONCERNED AS I LOOK AT THE
OVERALL BUDGET THAT WE JUST
DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AND WE
KNOW WHEN WE LOOK AT 311 LOG
AROUND SNOW REMOVAL THAT THE
BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE WASN'T
CLEARED OUT LAST YEAR.
BUT MANY SIDEWALKS WEREN'T
CLEARED LAST YEAR AND I'M
CURIOUS HOW THIS BUDGET
ADDRESSES THAT CONCERN BECAUSE
RIGHT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
KEEPING THINGS ROUGHLY THE SAME.
IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT WE HAVE
ONE MORE BOBCAT COMING, BUT
THERE'S -- THAT'S ONLY GOING SO
FAR IN HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE
SURE WE HAVE PEOPLE ON THE
GROUND AND PUBLIC WORKS ABLE TO
MAKE SURE THAT KIDS CAN WALK TO
SCHOOL AFTER WE'VE HAD A NICE
STORM.
THAT SOMEONE CAN GET TO A
GROCERY STORE WHO MAYBE HAS
MOBILITY ISSUE, THAT'S HOW OUR
CITY MOVES.
THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY.
I'LL LET WENDY.

>> THANK YOU.

I'M WENDY THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WALK
BOSTON WORK WITH STACEY AND MANY
OTHERS IN ZERO COALITION HAVE
BEEN HERE FEW TIMES TALKING WITH
YOU AND ECHO THE THANK YOU TO
PUBLIC WORKS FOR ALL THE WORK
THAT YOU DO BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.
WE KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT
NEVER SLEEPS.

I WOULDN'T ECHO WHAT STACEY SAID
WHILE THE CITY HAS PUT ENORMOUS
AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ONLINE,
WHICH WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE,
IT IS STILL EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE BUDGET IS

CHANGING FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.

AND AGAIN TO ECHO WHAT STACEY SAID, THERE'S SO MANY CHANGES AFOOT IN REALLY GOOD WAY THINKING ABOUT VISION ZERO AND OTHER THINGS THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEM.

SO A COUPLE OF THINGS, ONE IS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS INCREASED BUDGET FOR PAINT, MARKING CROSSWALKS, LANE MARKINGS, THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

SEEMS TO BE REDUCTION, THIS IS BASED ON MY READING OF THE BUDGET WHICH IS MAYBE NOT CORRECT BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE REDUCTION IN THE BUDGET FOR BASIC SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION, ALTHOUGH BASED ON STAFF BRIEFINGS WE THINK THERE MAY BE INCREASE FOR SOMETHING THAT'S CALLED HEAVY SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE.

WHAT WE'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THOSE TWO THINGS FIT TOGETHER WHAT DOES THAT MEAN OVERALL FOR SIDEWALK CONDITIONS IF DOLLARS ARE BEING SHIFTED FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER WHAT IS THE END PRODUCT GOING TO BE.

AGAIN THIS CONTRADICTS SOMETHING THAT CHRIS SAID MAYBE I READ IT WRONG BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS REDUCTION IN SPENDING ON STREET LIGHTS, LIGHTING BUT AGAIN MAYBE JUST THE CHANGE IN WHAT'S HAPPENING, THERE FOR HAVING THAT IN THE BUDGET WOULD BE USEFUL.

I WANT TO ECHO SOMETHING THAT STACEY SAID AS WELL WHICH IS THAT WE CAN'T TELL HOW SIDEWALKS AND PROGRAMS AND CROSSING ISLAND SNOW CLEARANCE BUSINESS IN THE BUDGET.

WE KNOW THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIDEWALKS BUT THE PLACES THAT WE HEAR THE MOST ABOUT ARE CURB RAMPS AND THE ISLANDS WHERE PEOPLE WERE CROSSING, SOMETIMES SIDEWALKS IS

ONE OF THE -- LOT OF CITY PROPERTIES THEN ALSO THE SWEEPING OF CYCLE TRACKS AND BIKE LANES, THERE ARE CRITICAL ELEMENTS FOR THE WORK THAT PUBLIC WORKS DOES THAT AFFECT THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PEOPLE WALKING AND PEOPLE ON BIKES.

WE WOULD ASK THAT EVEN IN THIS ROUND AS COUNSEL WAS THAT HE'S ITEMS BE CALLED OUT IN THE BUDGET SO WE CAN TELL WHAT'S HAPPENING.

IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THERE'S AN INCREASE THESE ARE THINGS THAT CITY HAS BEEN HEARING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME MANY OF THE PLACES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE NOT PLACES THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD BE SHOVELING OR PLACES ON CORNERS WHERE THE CITY'S, PLOWS THE CURB BACK IN OR RESIDENT OR BUSINESS OWNER HAS SHOVELED THEIR SIDEWALK THEN THE STREET PLOWING COMES BACK MAKE IT IMPASSABLE THAT DOESN'T DO JOB TO BE ABLE TO GET AROUND.

VERY IMPORTANTLY WE CAN'T TELL HOW THE CITY IS BUDGETING FOR FINDING AND HIRING A NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

WE HOPE THAT THE CITY IS THINKING THAT THIS IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS REALLY NATIONAL EXPERTISE AND REALLY DEEP EXPERIENCE WITH ALL OF THE THINGS YOU ALREADY DO BUT ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE HOPING WILL GET BETTER AND BETTER FOR WALKING AND BICYCLING AND TRANSIT USE IN THE CITY LOOKING AT THE BUDGET IT WAS NOT -- I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE THAT FIT HOW THAT WAS WORKING IS THERE A SEARCH THAT IS BEING HIRED WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THAT.

I PRESUME THAT THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AND CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THESE

QUESTIONS WE HAVE WORK THAT NEED
TO BE DONE HAS PLACE IN THE
CITY'S BUDGET.

THANKS VERY MUCH.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I SAW EVERYBODY FEVERISHLY
TAKING NOTES.

THOSE ARE GREAT QUESTIONS THAT
MAYBE YOU COULD MAKE THEM
AVAILABLE TO US WE CAN PASS THEM
ALONG IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE
WE GET YOUR INFORMATION.

GREAT.

CLOSING REMARKS?

>> JUST TO PIGGYBACK OFF THE
SNOWPLOWING AND I SAW THIS, I
WAS OUT THERE -- OUT BY THE
JACKSON SCHOOL, PUBLIC WORKS IS
OUT THERE CLEARING CROSSWALKS.
AGAIN, FIRST THINGS FIRST.
THE STREETS THEN I KNOW YOU HAD
A LOT OF PERSONNEL, THE SENIOR
CENTERS, THE SCHOOLS, ELDERLY
HOUSING, THOSE ARE PRIORITIES SO
I WANT TO KNOW THAT I KNOW
YOU'RE MAKING THE EFFORT MAYBE
WE DO NEED MORE MONEY BUT WE'LL
TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT IF
YOU CAN PROVIDE US WITH THOSE
ANSWER THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY IN
THE GALLERY HERE AND AGAIN
EVERYBODY ON THE STREETS
TONIGHT, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
HARD WORK AND THIS HEARING
STANDS ADJOURNED.