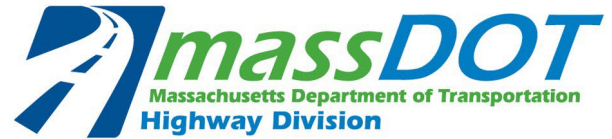




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August 15, 2023

Subject: **Milton** - Intersection Improvements at Route 28 (Randolph Avenue) &
Chickatawbut Road
Project File No. 607342

Milton Select Board
nmilano@townofmilton.org

Dear Members of the Board:

Thank you for your letter regarding the design project at Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road in Milton. This project is in the 75% design phase and is programmed to receive construction funding through the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program utilizing Highway Safety Improvement Program funding. This requires that the project be advertised for construction by September 2023. This design project will provide needed safety improvements to the intersection by reducing vehicular accidents, improving pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, and reducing vehicular speeds in the vicinity of the roundabout at a top crash location.

However, as the ongoing design progresses, MassDOT will keep the community informed and involved in the development of the project and the ongoing Corridor Study by the design Team, not limited to active participation in the Roadway Safety Audits (RSAs) as well as sharing or findings and recommendations as they pertain to the project at hand and to the corridor overall.

MassDOT has considered options to provide short-term left-turn signals. However, the options to provide these in the short-term within the existing footprint of the roadway are not feasible based on the existing corridor demand. Additionally, leveling the incline of the roadway approach to the intersection from the south is beyond the scope of this project and would require more significant construction and funding than what can be accomplished within a short-term project. It would also adversely impact the adjacent Department of Conservation and Recreation parkland, which would require Article 97 and regulated habitat impacts.

Although I understand that Former Secretary Tesler participated in a site walk with Milton staff and officials in Fall 2022, I have forwarded your request for an additional site walk to the relevant parties.

I appreciate your interest in this important project. Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Project Manager, Josh Bartus, by email at Joshua.bartus@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. O'Dowd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Dowd" being more legible than the middle initial "J.". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

Michael J. O'Dowd, P.E.
Director of Major Projects

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cc: Erin Kinahan, P.E., District 6 Project Development Engineer
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