

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from an anonymous donor to light up the Aiken Street Bridge and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation through the generosity of the anonymous donor wishes to present this lighting project of the Aiken Street Bridge as a gift to the City.

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation, through an anonymous donor would like to light up the Aiken Street Bridge which includes any and all facets necessary to design, engineer and install a decorative lighting system for the Aiken Street Bridge including a maintenance fund for future repairs; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept the donation of said gift of lighting the Aiken Street Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from an anonymous donor to light up the Aiken Street Bridge and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation through the generosity of the anonymous donor wishes to present this lighting project of the Aiken Street Bridge as a gift to the City, all pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A ½.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager will convey the City's appreciation for the generous donation.



January 15, 2020

Eileen Donoghue
City Manager
Lowell City Hall
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

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Dear City Manager Donoghue,

On May 5, 2018, the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, lit up the Cox Bridge on Bridge Street in Lowell. That project, a component of the Lowell Waterways Initiative Project, created an iconic work of art that all of Lowell can be proud of. It produced a welcoming walkway that connected the downtown and Centralville in new ways, and enhanced the spirit in the neighborhood.

As that project was such a great success, the Foundation, again through the generosity of an anonymous donor, would like to light up the Aiken Street Bridge. The Foundation therefore wishes to present this lighting project of the Aiken Street Bridge as a gift to the city. This gift includes any and all facets necessary to design, engineer and install a decorative lighting system for the Aiken Street Bridge including a maintenance fund for future repairs.

The same team that did the Cox Bridge will also do the Aiken Street Bridge:

1. The designer is Landing Studio; the study is complete and design is underway;
2. The electrical engineering designer is Thompson Engineering Company who will work in coordination with Landing Studio;
3. The general contractor is S&R Corporation;
4. The electrical sub-contractor is Lowell Central Electric;
5. The iron manufacturer is Lowell Iron & Steel Co.
6. The lighting supplier is Boston Light Source working with the lighting manufacturer Luminpulse.

This project will be coordinated with the appropriate departments at the city, as was done for the previous project.

With the acceptance of this gift, the work on the bridge would commence in the spring and should be complete in the summer.

Please let me know if you have any questions. As always, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

James F. Linnehan Jr., Esq.
President & CEO



Confirmed in Compliance
With National Standards for
U.S. Community Foundations



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

February 4, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Greater Lowell Community Foundation – Aiken Street Bridge

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of City Council:

Please find attached a letter from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF). Through the generosity of an anonymous donor the GLCF and their team will light the Aiken Street Bridge.

This gift includes any and all facets necessary to design, engineer and install a decorative lighting system for the Aiken Street Bridge including a maintenance fund for future repairs. The GLCF is working closely with DPD, DPW and LPD to coordinate this work.

This vote will allow the Lowell City Council to accept a gift from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. The Law Department has prepared the necessary vote allowing the City to accept the gift.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

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Attachment

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