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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: MOTION OF 8/23/2022 – Councilor Yem – Request City Manager Have The Proper Department Investigate Traffic Calming Measures and Safety Improvements For The Dutton/Broadway Intersection.

MOTION OF 8/23/2022 – Councilor Scott – Request City Manager Have The Appropriate Department Look at the Feasibility Of Installing Safety Bollards Along Dutton Street To Protect Resident Homes And Pedestrians From Accidents.

The City Transportation Engineer evaluated the potential for the feasibility of installing bollards along Dutton Street in the vicinity of Broadway Street, specifically in the vicinity of 305 Dutton Street. The City Engineer was consulted. Further, general traffic safety measures were evaluated throughout the intersection in response to a recent crash report where a vehicle entered a basement apartment at 305 Dutton Street.

The traffic signal at the intersection was reconstructed within the past five years, with new pedestrian countdown indications and ADA-compliant ramps as well as a new signal controller cabinet added. The signage, pedestrian push buttons, and traffic signal timings are in working order and appropriate per MUTCD and MassDOT requirements.

Placement of bollards within the City sidewalk to protect private property is not ideal and may set a problematic precedent. The existing bollards on the east side of the intersection are placed on NPS property to keep vehicles from the trolley rails due to their proximity to the roadway.

Should the property owner of 305 Dutton Street wish to provide protection for the basement apartment windows at the back of sidewalk at the property line, the City Transportation Engineer and City Engineer would be willing to discuss facilitating that safety installation.

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