

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

August 9, 2016

Linda Morad, President  
New Bedford City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Alteration and Improvement of JFK Highway (Rt. 18)

Dear Council President Morad and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Department of Public Infrastructure, I respectfully request that the City of New Bedford acquire five permanent easements, by eminent domain, across City owned property located on both sides of JFK Highway.

The purpose of this project (JFK Phase 2) is to alter and improve JFK Highway from the intersection with Cove Street northerly to Walnut Street (the southern end of the JFK Phase 1 Improvements project). The proposed improvements will include roadway reconstruction to provide new access points at Division Street, Rivet Street, and Griffin Court, new and upgraded traffic signal installations, reconstructed sidewalks, landscaped median islands, street lighting and a shared-use (multi-use path) along the west side of JFK Highway from Potomska Street to Walnut Street.

The project is being funded with state and federal funds through the Mass DOT Transportation Improvement Program.

The proposed easements are shown as Permanent Easements PE-01, PE-05, PE-06, PE-07, PE-10, on the enclosed plan entitled "PERMANENT EASEMENT PLAN OF LAND JFK HIGHWAY NEW BEDFORD, MA. BRISTOL COUNTY", prepared for the City of New Bedford by SMC Surveying and Mapping Consultants, dated July 19, 2016, with a scale of 1"=20'.

Despite the fact that the City already owns the subject properties, the Commonwealth has advised the City that it is a federal requirement that the City take permanent easements, in the affected properties, from itself.

Since the City is, and will continue to be, the owner of the subject property, please find enclosed

a proposed Order that waives the appraisal requirement set forth in M.G.L. c. 79, § 7A and further waives any damages that may be awarded.

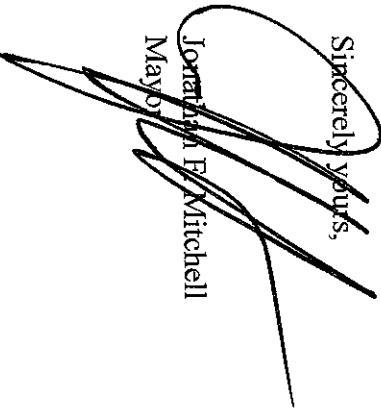
Also enclosed for your review and consideration, please find an Order of Taking which includes an award of \$0.00 damages.

The Commonwealth has advised the City that it is bidding this project on August 27, 2016 and that the subject easements must be acquired by August 19, 2016. The City has further been advised that the federal funding for this project will expire if the City cannot meet this deadline. **For this reason, it is respectfully requested that the City Council vote to waive Rule 40 for the orders associated with this project, so they can be presented to the Mayor for signature on August 19, 2016 and recorded immediately thereafter.**

Representatives of the Department of Public Infrastructure will be in attendance at the August 18, 2016 City Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

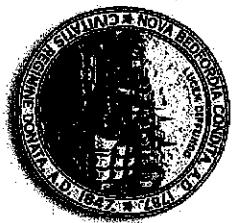
Sincerely yours,

  
Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/jmf

cc: Zeb Arruda, D.P.I. Commissioner  
Mikaela A. McDermott, City Solicitor

## Department of Public Infrastructure



### CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

**Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

July 29, 2016

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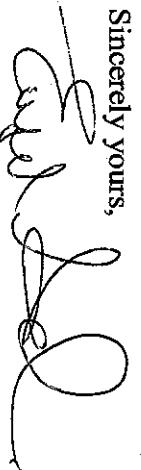
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Euzebio Arnuda  
Commissioner of Public Infrastructure

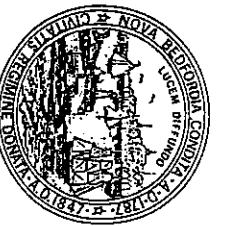
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cc: Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor

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## CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2016



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**ORDERED** that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 79, § 7A, the City of New Bedford hereby waives the appraisal requirement and the right to any damages the City may be entitled to with respect to easements, to be acquired by the City of New Bedford, for the purpose of altering and improving JFK Highway and for all other uses incidental to said municipal purposes. The proposed easements are shown as Permanent Easements PE-01, PE-05, PE-06, PE-07, PE-10, on the attached plan entitled "PERMANENT EASEMENT PLAN OF LAND JFK HIGHWAY NEW BEDFORD, MA. BRISTOL COUNTY" prepared for the City of New Bedford by SMC Surveying and Mapping Consultants, dated July 19, 2016, with a scale of 1"=20', to be recorded herewith at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds – Southern District – New Bedford.







