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Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator



September 19, 2018

Dennis W. Farias  
City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk  
133 Williams Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740-6182

Dear Mr. Farias:

Thank you for your letter requesting a traffic study at the intersection of the Route 140 Northbound ramps at Hathaway Road.

MassDOT's District 5 Office contacted the Southeast Region Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and requested that a traffic study be performed at this location. The District will coordinate with SRPEDD and the City of New Bedford in the conducting of the study.

With regard to cutting the grass at the various ramp systems throughout the city, the ramps along Route 140 were mowed on August 23, 2018. The mowing operations are currently underway within the region and should be returning to this location again within the next two weeks, subject to any weather delays.

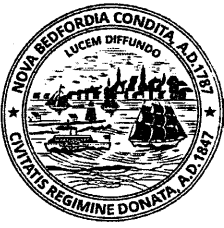
Thank you for bringing these issues to our attention. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Broderick, District 5 Maintenance Engineer, at (508) 884 - 4215.

Sincerely,



Jonathan L. Gulliver  
Highway Administrator

cc: Mary-Joe Perry, MassDOT, District 5, District Highway Director  
Matthew Broderick, MassDOT, District 5, Maintenance Engineer



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July 24, 2018

The Honorable William Straus  
State Representative  
Chairman, Joint Committee on Transportation  
State House, Room 134  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Rep. Straus:

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on July 19, 2018, the New Bedford City Council Adopted a Written Motion sponsored by Councillors Gomes and Dunn, *"Requesting, that the City of New Bedford and the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation immediately conduct a traffic study at the Route 140 North exit to Hathaway Road as this exit has become a real challenge and is unsafe to motorists exiting onto Hathaway Road going east and west due to nonstop traffic making it a challenge to enter and exit onto Rout 140 North; and further, that DOT take immediate action on all exits around the City of New Bedford in making sure that the grass is cut, as tall grass can obstruct the vision of motorists entering and exiting highway exits, including said Hathaway Road exit."*

As such, the Council respectfully requests your support and assistance in their efforts to bring about a positive resolution to this important matter. It is on their behalf that I thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact me directly should you or your office require additional information.

With kind regards,

Dennis W. Farias  
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

cc: Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large  
Hugh C. Dunn, Councillor Ward Three  
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# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

July 19, 2018

### WRITTEN MOTION

Requesting, that the City of New Bedford and Massachusetts Department of Transportation immediately conduct a traffic study at the Route 140 North exit to Hathaway Road, this exit has become a real challenge and unsafe to motorists exiting onto Hathaway Road going east and west, there is nonstop traffic making it a challenge to enter and exit onto Route 140 North; and further, that DOT take immediate action on all exits around the City of New Bedford in making sure that the grass is cut, tall grass obstructs the vision of motorists entering and exiting highway exits, including said Hathaway Road exit. (To be Referred to the City and Massachusetts Department of Transportation.)

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Hugh C. Dunn, Councillor Ward Three