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PLANNING BOARD

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Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, FILE NO. 610919

Dear Ms. Lavallee,

We are writing to express concern regarding the plans presented at the March 16, 2023 public meeting "Lynn, Nahant Northern Strand Extension". In particular, the elimination of both an existing turning lane and an existing travel lane on the Lynnway between Market St. and the Nahant rotary will have an adverse impact on road travel into the Town of Nahant.

We ask Mass DOT to consider a revision to this segment of the design before approval of the 100% design or submission of PS&E package.

Maintaining the full capacity of this segment of roadway would be preferred, especially considering the rapid growth of residential units planned along the Lynnway. The Nahant Planning Board believes that retaining three lanes for the full length of the road segment would accommodate most of the existing roadway capacity. While converting just the existing 4th lane (used as a turning and merge lane for half the road segment) into the separated bike path would provide most of the desired enhancements for bike use.

Towards refinement of the proposed lane configuration in this critical stretch of roadway, the Planning Board supports the Town of Nahant's request for a cone study which could be used to better compare the design options in real world conditions during predictable higher traffic times such as rush hour and weekend beach days during which traffic typically does back up onto the Lynnway.

Sincerely,

by Robert Steinberg, Chairman Planning Board
cc: **Antonio Barletta**, Town of Nahant Administrator
Board of Selectmen, Town of Nahant