



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

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Tom Evans
Cambridge Redevelopment Authority
One Cambridge Center, 4th Floor,
Cambridge, MA 02142

Dear Mr. Evans

As a long time advocate for the Grand Junction Multiuse Path I want to extend my thanks to you and the CRA Board for their actions at the last CRA Board meeting to advance the construction of Grand Junction Path. With the support of the CRA and MIT, this spring will mark a tremendous milestone in the creation of what I consider to be one of the most important transportation and open space projects in the City of Cambridge.

I feel strongly that this is a transportation project that all of Cambridge will benefit from especially the residents in the neighborhoods along the trail, Kendall Square commuters, and the businesses that employ them.

The CRA has proven to be a great partner in advancing the project and I am wondering if the City can once again call upon your talents to help us understand how to advance the more complicated stretch of this path from Binney Street to the Somerville Line. It is an area with many land owners and various conflicts that still need to be addressed to bring this project to full fruition.

I have also submitted a Council Order which asks the City to present language that would create a Grand Junction Overlay District. My hope is that such an Overlay District would create a valuable tool that could provide flexibility for land owners, ensure safe and appropriate setbacks are maintained, and be the foundation for future development along the rail road that would keep the Grand Junction Multiuse Path at the forefront of any planning or discussions.

I look forward to continuing our work to bring safe pedestrian and biking options, creating much needed open space, and investing in this important transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your help with this vision and please extend my thanks to the entire CRA board.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Toomey Jr.", written over a white background.

Timothy J. Toomey Jr.
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