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Dear Friends,

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is committed to providing high-quality experiences that connect people to the historic parklands of the Emerald Necklace in Jamaica Plain and expand the multi-modal transportation network along them, accommodating users of all ages and abilities.

Building on previous conversations with the community, DCR will soon be holding a series of three public meetings to engage area residents and stakeholders in addressing issues around improved safety and access to those parklands for all users – pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike – while reinforcing the parklands’ character. These meetings will take place between the middle of September and first week of October, with one meeting held per week. Within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving a notice from DCR providing you with the dates and locations of the three public meetings.

At these public meetings, the DCR will present and obtain feedback on options for improved safety and accessibility at three key areas of concern:

- Perkins Street and Parkman Drive
- Centre Street from the VFW Parkway to Murray Circle
- The Arborway, between Eliot Street and South Street, including Kelly Circle and Murray Circle

To view the boundaries of the three project areas, please see the attached map.

Specifically, regarding Perkins Street and Parkman Drive, DCR will present a proposed new design solution for enhanced pedestrian and cyclist access to Jamaica Pond. The agency developed the design in consultation with the BETA Group, Inc., incorporating suggestions offered by the public and stakeholders during previous meetings.

At the upcoming meeting regarding safe and improved multi-modal transportation alternatives for traveling along the Arborway between Eliot Street and South Street, DCR, along with the Toole Design Group, will expand upon dialogue conducted previously with the public in order to evaluate and refine corridor-wide solutions.

Finally, at the public meeting to be held regarding alternatives for improved pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle transit along Centre Street between the VFW Parkway and ending at Murray Circle, DCR will share recommendations made by the BETA Group, Inc. in a recently-completed study.

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Again, within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving a notice from DCR providing you with the dates and locations of the three public meetings. We hope you will join us in continued dialogue as we work collaboratively to address these important public safety and historic parklands accessibility issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol I. Sanchez  
Commissioner