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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
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The Honorable Charles D. Baker
State House Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Re: Canton Junction Sidewalk/Ramp Repair Project

Dear Governor Baker:

The Town of Canton has been informed that a stop work order has been put in place on the Canton Junction ramp and stair improvement project. A state building inspector has explained that the work on the pedestrian overpass was stopped because Keolis did not obtain the required building permits from the state to repair the structure. The state inspector reviewed several code issues on the pedestrian overpass with Canton Building Inspector Ed Walsh. Some issues are a violation of the Massachusetts State Building Code and others are violations of the Architectural Access Board. Trip hazards exist on the site on both stairways and accessible ramps and openings on walkways exceed four inches. Ponding is occurring on the accessible ramps, and trip hazards exist where the walkways have not been maintained.

It is clear that the Commuter Rail Operator, Keolis, has failed to secure building permits prior to commencing construction which has left the state with no option other than to stop the work until permits could be obtained and a plan to remediate all of the code violations is developed. Canton has been given no time frame for the remedial work to be completed.

The Selectmen's office has received many complaints about this project which began last year. The Board of Selectmen has received reports of commuters crossing the tracks over the fence separating the inbound and outbound tracks which is a safety issue. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen I ask for your personal involvement in moving this project to completion. Without appropriate pressure on Keolis or the MBTA we see this project carrying over another winter which perpetuates a clear danger to our residents who use the MBTA Commuter Rail System.

Very truly yours,



Charles J. Aspinwall
Town Administrator

Cc: Senator Walter Timilty
Representative William Galvin
Secretary Stephanie Pollack
Board of Selectmen
MBTA General Manager Brian Shortsleeve
Keolis Commuter Services President Gerald Francis