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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for Amending the Special Law: An Act Financing Improvements to the Commonwealth's Transportation System."

Section 10 of Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008 established new guidelines regarding public works projects across the Commonwealth, and ordered the secretary of transportation and public works, in consultation with the secretary of public safety, to promulgate regulations. The statute and resulting regulations, however, fail to account for the heavy traffic volumes and patterns within the City of Boston, and therefore the proposed legislation orders the Commonwealth to create regulations specific to public roadways within the City

I urge your Honorable Body to join me in this effort to ensure that public works projects within the City of Boston are adequately regulated and meet appropriate standards of public safety.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston, to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR AMENDING THE SPECIAL LAW: AN ACT FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008, the secretary of transportation and public works, in consultation with the secretary of public safety, shall promulgate regulations which specifically address public works projects within the City of Boston. Such regulations shall take into account the traffic patterns and volumes of traffic on public roadways within the City, and shall include regulations addressing High Traffic Low Speed Roads. High Traffic Low Speed Roads shall be defined as divided and undivided Public Roadways with a legal speed limit less than 45 miles per hour, but with volumes of traffic more than 4000 vehicles per day.

SECTION 2. This amendment is enacted as a recognition that High Traffic Low Speed roads within the City of Boston present unique challenges in creating construction zone safety plans, and require the utilization of police details to effectively preserve public safety in and around these construction zones.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**



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