



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$900,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Department of Transportation Extraordinary Expenditures account.

Funds will be used to support the design costs toward a new off-road bridge over the Fitchburg Rail Line that will connect Danehy Park to the Rindge Avenue neighborhood and create greater access to recreations facilities, retail, and jobs for people walking and biking. This project will advance the work completed as part of a 2023 feasibility study. The scope of the current phase of design effort will include a robust engagement process, survey and geotechnical investigations, conceptual design of the bridge, permitting. The design process will include close coordination with the MBTA, MassDOT, several abutters and neighborhood groups, and many City departments. These funds will be combined with \$400,000 of obligated federal grant funding received from the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Grant Program.

Design team proposals for the project have been received through a Request for Qualifications process, and a recommended team has been identified.

I am also requesting a rescission of a portion of the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Grant, in the amount \$2,000,000 of the \$2,400,000 which was originally appropriated by City Council on June 23, 2025, for the design of the Fitchburg Crossing bicycle/pedestrian bridge project. Subsequently, Congress has rescinded all un-obligated federal funds in the Reconnecting Communities Grant Program.

In addition, I am requesting a rescission of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program funding in the amount of \$400,000. This amount was also originally appropriated by City Council on June 23, 2025 for the Fitchburg Crossing project. The City has since been informed by the Federal Highway Administration that further federal funding cannot be spent on the project until after federal permits are awarded.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang
City Manager