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Good Morning Janice-

I hoped you would please include the below message with the Council meeting materials for next Monday and relative to the CAT bus stop relocation from 220 N. Main Street.

Thank you.

-Ari

Dear Mayor Champlin and Members of the Concord City Council,

Please accept this submission in reference to relocation of the CAT bus stop now located at 220 N. Main Street. The current stop is located at the end of the driveway and close to the parking lots serving the Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell law firm. I am unable to attend the public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2024, so I hoped to have this communication read into the hearing record.

As you know, the Council voted on June 10, 2024 to relocate the bus stop elsewhere within the North Main Street Corridor. The primary reason for relocating the stop was to address public safety concerns. At the time, our suggestion was to relocate the stop to the SW corner of our property (214 N. Main Street) adjacent to an infrequently used alleyway. The Council's vote, however, did not specify a replacement location and instead charged Staff with bringing forward a recommendation. City Staff's report dated July 31, 2024 recommends a two-step process for permanent relocation of the bus stop. First, Staff recommends that the stop be relocated on an interim basis to the south and immediately in front of our law building's historic entrance. [Soon to be the location of reconstruction activities to preserve the historic façade.] Second, Staff recommends that the stop be more permanently relocated as part of CIP #78.

Step one is an imperfect solution as the interim location would still remain in very close proximity to the law firm's active service driveway and relocates the current gathering space to immediately in front of our conference rooms. Therefore, we continue to advocate for a move farther towards the SW corner of our property and to a location that would better distance the bus stop waiting area from our active vehicular driveway. More importantly, however, we would like to stress that these interim solutions only work as part of the larger process recommended by Staff to find a more permanent location for the stop. We are committed to participating with the Engineering Services Division as those discussions come forward. For these reasons, our support for an interim solution is conditioned upon a sincere and successful effort to identify a more permanent location. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

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