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Re: Fiscal Year 2021 State Budget Priorities

Dear Madame President & the Franklin Legislative Delegation:

On behalf of the Town of Franklin, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during the current legislative session. Per your request, we have included two priorities for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021 state budget:

Nason Street Tot Lot

The Town requests \$175,000 for the rehabilitation and restoration of the "Nason Street Tot Lot" on Nason Street in Franklin. The Tot Lot was but in 2003 to provide a neighborhood park in the heart of the community. Since that time, the park has fallen into disrepair as other priorities have consumed our resources in Town. Despite its need for improvements, the park is still heavily used throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall by young children and their parents.

"Quiet Zone" Study

The Town requests \$70,000 to fund a "Quiet Zone" study to analyze alternatives and costs relative to designating Franklin as a quiet zone on the Franklin-Forge Park commuter rail line. As all of you know, many residents in Franklin have voiced their frustration with the consistent whistles at the rail crossings. A study would show the full cost of implementing the required renovations to the rail in order to fulfill the requirements of being designated a Quiet Zone.

Sincerely,



Jamie Hellen

Town Administrator