



The General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Senator Julian Cyr · Representative Dylan Fernandes



May 27, 2020

Lieutenant Governor Polito
Chair, Seaport Economic Council
93 State Pier
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Lieutenant Governor Polito,

We write in support of the Town of Oak Bluffs' application to the Seaport Economic Council grant program, for a multimodal transportation and economic development streetscape project for the North Bluff area.

The North Bluff is the transportation hub of Oak Bluffs and is the gateway to the town's business district. This highly trafficked area used by visitors, residents, and those passing through to other island towns includes the Steamship Authority Terminal, Vineyard Transit Authority bus stops, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, where passenger ferries such as the Island Queen, Hy-line, Patriot, and others embark and depart. This area also includes a fishing pier and a boardwalk which was previously funded through the Seaport Economic Council grant program.

The proposed project will improve traffic flow and queuing for high density pick up and drop off areas for taxis, buses, and individual drivers. With increased signage and wayfinding, the upgrades will improve pedestrian safety, and overall accessibility in and around the North Bluff.

This shovel ready project will improve the visitor experience, thus promoting economic growth in a tourist economy which relies heavily on a few months of the year to make a living. We thank you for your consideration of this worthy application.

Respectfully,

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Dylan Fernandes
State Representative
Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julian Cyr".

Julian Cyr
State Senator
Cape and Islands