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Martha's Vineyard Commissioners Martha's Vineyard Commission PO Box 1447 Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Sent via email

Dear Commissioners:

RE: North Bluff Seawall

I am writing to inform the Commissioners that should the North Bluff Seawall collapse that it has the potential to damage or destroy the road above it.

Sea View Avenue Extension is a heavily used road as it not only provides vehicular access to the passenger ferries from Falmouth, Hyannis and Rhode Island but is also the exit route for residents and guests of the area. The sidewalk is used by pedestrians for access to the harbor, ferries and public restrooms. There is also the potential loss of public parking which is in short supply for the downtown area.

Replacement of the seawall is an infrastructure protection project and its failure would affect the entire Island community.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Combra, JR Highway Superintendent