

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the modernization of the George Stanton Highway.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Dean A. Tran

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dean A. Tran for legislation relative to the modernization of the George Stanton Highway. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the modernization of the George Stanton Highway.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Department of Transportation shall establish a task force to develop and provide
2 oversight on a feasibility study for safely widening Route 2 and implementation of other safety
3 improvements from the Concord rotary to the City of Gardner. The task force shall consist of 2
4 members of the House of Representatives, 1 who shall be the House chair from the Committee
5 on Transportation or their designee, and 1 who shall be a local Representative; 2 members of the
6 Senate, 1 who shall be the Senate chair from the Committee on Transportation or their designee,
7 and 1 who shall be the local State Senator; the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of
8 Transportation or their designee; and two members to be appointed by the Governor who shall be
9 residents of the cities and towns along said stretch of highway.

10 The task force shall evaluate the widening of the aforementioned highway, including, but
11 not limited to, signage, lighting, landscape, improvements, traffic flow, relocations of crossings
12 and exits and bridge rebuilds to facilitate the expansion of Route 2 in this corridor from its
13 present 2 lanes in each direction, to 3 lanes in each direction. The task force shall report their

14 findings, together with recommended necessary improvements and a cost analysis to the
15 Governor and the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 180 days of this
16 act.