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Subject: Additional Crash Data Information – BHIA Road Safety Audit Request

Dear Councilor Weber,

Following BHIA's Road Safety Audit request earlier today, I received additional clarification from Bonnie Polin at MassDOT regarding historical crash-reporting gaps in Boston.

MassDOT identified the affected period as approximately 2004–2022 and confirmed that Boston implemented a new crash-reporting system in 2024, with an agreement to incorporate records dating back two years.

Importantly, MassDOT specifically recommends obtaining historical crash data directly from Boston Police when evaluating roadway safety in Boston.

We ask that this guidance be considered in any assessment of LaGrange Street, Redgate Road, and the surrounding roadway network, particularly given the documented July 2020 collision absent from the state's public database.

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Polin, Bonnie S. (DOT)

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From around 2004-2022. It wasn't as obvious until about 2011 because up until 2011, the RMV crash system would accept operator submitted crash report last so in your case, you would have sent in a copy of the crash report and it would have been entered into the system. But around 15 years ago, the RMV stopped including operator crash reports so Boston crash reporting went way down. (But the data quality was much improved because operator reports were quite problematic). Boston finally got a new system in 2024, they agreed to go back 2 years to add those crashes into their system and upload to MassDOT.

I hope that helps. As guidance recommends, when looking into locations in Boston, it is best to try and get the data from Boston Police.

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Thank you,
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