

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF ADDRESSING POTHOLES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Paving our roads and filling potholes is a critical part of city government. Potholes are a persistent issue on roadways throughout Boston, particularly during winter and early spring months when freeze-thaw cycles and heavy traffic contribute to street deterioration; *and*

WHEREAS, Potholes create safety hazards for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists, and can cause significant damage to vehicles and infrastructure. Potholes also create significant risks for persons with disabilities. Residents are encouraged to report potholes to 311 to ensure the City knows which potholes are the highest priority; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents across the city have reported potholes including on Congress Street, East and West 8th Streets, Lawrence Street, Harrison Avenue, and West Newton Street; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2025, the City filled over 4,000 potholes, down from the 7,000 potholes filled in 2023. Through Imagine Boston 2030, the City has established goals related to infrastructure maintenance and roadway quality; *and*

WHEREAS, Understanding the City's benchmarks for pothole repair, preventative street maintenance, data tracking, and long-term roadway resurfacing strategies will help ensure that Boston continues to meet its infrastructure and public and pedestrian safety goals; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the status of potholes in the City of Boston, and that the Boston Transportation Department, Department of Public Works, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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