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November 7, 2012

Mr. David Mohler
MassDOT
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Mohler:

As Administrator of the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA), I would like to request a revision to the FFY2013-2016 draft Amendment Two of the Boston Transportation Improvement Program. The revised draft should include information regarding a competitive grant which was awarded to the MWRTA through the Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative in the amount of \$1,025,000. The grant will be used for development of a paratransit call center at 15 Blandin Avenue in Framingham that will provide Mobility Management services for the region.

I have attached an updated page of representing the projects and federal funds which are expected to be expended during FY13.

Please feel free to call me at 508-935-2222 should you or staff require additional information about this expenditure.

Sincerely,



Ed Carr
Administrator

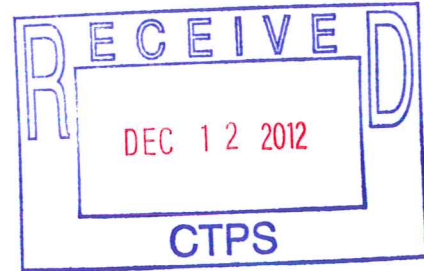
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December 8, 2012

Mr. David J. Mohler
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Draft Amendment Three to the FFY 2013 element of the FFYs 2013-2016 Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Mohler:

On behalf of the 495/MetroWest Partnership, we are writing in support of Draft Amendment Three to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2013 Element of the FFY 2013 - 2016 TIP.

The 495/MetroWest Partnership is a non-profit advocacy organization serving thirty-three communities, over half a million residents, and an employment base of approximately \$17 billion, by addressing regional needs through public/private collaboration, and by enhancing economic vitality and quality of life while sustaining natural resources. The Partnership is concerned about regional constraints and limitations, and conducts numerous initiatives on transportation, workforce housing, green infrastructure, and water resources.

As the public-private advocacy and development organization for the 495/MetroWest region, the Partnership has long advocated for increased transit services within our region. We worked diligently with our legislative delegation, municipal partners and regional transportation groups in an effort to bring about long-awaited statutory reforms to allow suburban communities served by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to join an existing or new Regional Transit Authority (RTA). As a member of the *495/MetroWest Alliance for RTA Services*, the Partnership worked with interested communities to encourage their utilization of these reforms to improve access to transportation services, either by partnering with existing RTA's or by establishing the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA).

We are pleased with the ongoing growth and success of the MWRTA, and welcome the inclusion of the Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative grant to establish a Paratransit Call Center in the FFY 2013 element of the Boston MPO's FFY 2013-2016 TIP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding our strong support of this TIP Amendment.

Sincerely,

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