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David M. Mohler, Chair  
Transportation Planning and Programming Committee  
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization  
State Transportation Building  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150  
Boston, MA 02116

**Re: Assabet River Rail Trail (Acton – Maynard)  
Petition to add High Priority Project (HPP) Funding in FFY 2008**

Dear Mr. Mohler:

The Town of Acton as the lead community for the above project is requesting that the MPO reinstate \$565,000 of HPP funding for FFY 2008 as an amendment of the 2008-11 TIP. This amount was previously programmed in FFY 2007 for ARRT Acton – Maynard design. The Town assumed that the amount would simply roll over to FFY 2008. Instead, it is no longer listed. Hayes Morrison explained the reasons for this to the Acton Planning Director as a directive from Federal Highway not to list projects that are not certain to proceed. Had he known, he could have provided the necessary assurances.

Acton and Maynard contracted with an engineering design firm in early July 2007. The project schedule develops the design with local funding towards MassHighway PRC approval in December 2007. The Towns of Acton and Maynard, and the design consultant are working with MassHighway District 3 to meet that goal. At this time the project is on schedule. Once approved by PRC, the Towns wish to proceed into the next design phases without delay or interruption using the HPP earmark for the design of Assabet River Rail Trail (Acton – Maynard).

The Town of Acton is looking forward to your favorable response to this request. Please contact Roland Bartl, Planning Director for any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman  
Town of Acton  
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cc: Town of Maynard  
Arthur Frost, MHD (Dist. 3)