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September 23, 2008

Bernard Cohen
Secretary
Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works (EOTPW)
The Executive Office of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Bernard Cohen:

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Sincerely,

Greg Niemyski, Chairman

cc: Senator Pamela Resor



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Daniel Grabauskas
General Manager
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3910
Boston, MA 02116

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Paul Regan
Executive Director
MBTA Advisory Board
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

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Luisa Paiewonsky
Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway)
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170
Boston, MA 02116

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Thomas Kinton
Executive Director
Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
The Logan Office Center
One Harborside Drive, Suite 200S
East Boston, MA 02128-2909

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Alan LeBovidge
Executive Director
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MassPike)
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Alan LeBovidge:

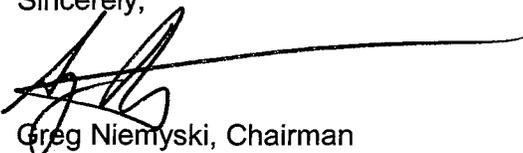
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Richard Dimino
President
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
60 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111

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Thomas Menino
Mayor
City of Boston - Mayor's Office
1 City Hall Square, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02201-2013

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David Cohen
Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

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Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor
Salem City Hall
93 Washington Street
Salem, MA 01970

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Joseph Curtatone
Mayor
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

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Town Manager
Town of Bedford
Town Hall
10 Mudge Way
Bedford, MA 01730

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Ginger Esty
Selectman
Town of Framingham
150 Concord St.
Framingham, MA 01702

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Mary Pratt
Selectman
Town of Hopkinton - Town Hall
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

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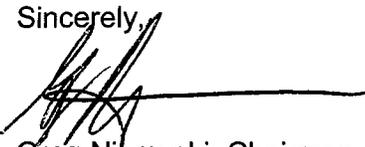
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Laurenco Dantas
Massport
1 Harborside Drive, Suite 200S
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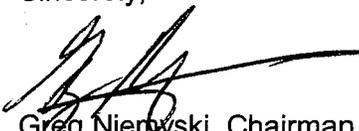
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EOT
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116

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Barbara Lucas, Vice Chair
MAPC
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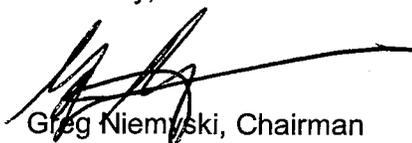
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Newton, MA 02459

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Shirin Karanfiloglu
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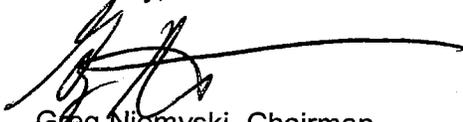
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Kristina Johnson
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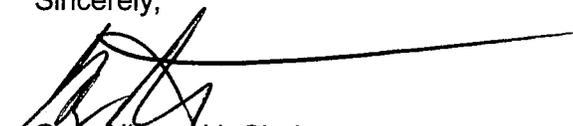
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Salem, MA 01970

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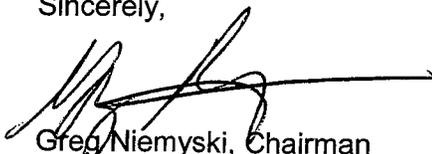
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