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The Boston Region MPO,
the federally designated
entity responsible for
transportation decision-
making for the 101 cities
and towns in the MPO
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Authority

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Federal Transit Administration
(nonvoting)

December 4, 2008

Greg Niemyski, Chairman
Acton Planning Board
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Re: Assabet River Rail Trail

Dear Chairman Niemyski,

Thank you for your letter expressing your strong support for the inclusion of funding for design and construction of the Assabet River Rail Trail and your request for this project to be included for funding in the FFYs 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and included as a line item in the Boston Region MPO's Regional Transportation Plan, JOURNEY TO 2030.

The Boston Region MPO is in receipt of a letter from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator Lucy Garliauskas in which she states that FHWA will authorize the Federal earmarked funds for design if the Boston Region MPO programs the full cost of construction of the Assabet River Rail Trail in JOURNEY TO 2030. This letter is attached for your reference. The MPO is currently working to amend JOURNEY TO 2030 and the inclusion of funding for the Assabet River Rail Trail is one of the potential actions being considered.

Thank you again for your participation in the MPO and the TIP development process.

Sincerely,

David J. Mohler
Chair, Transportation Planning and Programming Committee

