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The Honorable Secretary Jeffrey B. Mullan
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Mr. David J. Mohler
Executive Director
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Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Ten Park Plaza, Suite 4150
Boston, MA 02116-3969

Attn: James Cope

**Re: Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (ID# 604532 & ID#605189)
Request for FFY 2010 Enhancement Funding for Design, Phases 2A and 2C**

Dear Secretary Mullan:
Dear Mr. Mohler:

The Town of Acton is the lead community for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail project, phases 2A and 2C in Acton, Concord, Carlisle and Westford. In that role, the Acton Board of Selectmen hereby request that the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail be considered for a 2nd year funding through the Statewide Enhancement Grant Program.

However, it is first time to express our gratitude for the \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement Program funding award that the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail – Phase 2A received from your office in late 2009. This is a great start to move the design forward from the current 25% design stage that the communities had funded from their own resources, and the communities will proceed with the trail design as far as the grant award will reach.

This request for 2nd year funding is based on:

- (1) The need to fill the gap between the \$500,000 Phase 2A award received so far and the anticipated cost to complete the 100% design for Phase 2A, which currently runs at slightly below \$770,000 after MassDOT review and downward adjustments in the Standardized Scope of Services and Work Hour Estimate. The Town of Acton is committed to explore

further cost reductions and additional funding from local sources. But, the gap as it presently stands appears quite large and difficult to bridge.

- (2) The need for funding the 100% design of Phase 2C in Concord. Its cost is currently estimated to be about \$660,000.

Any additional Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail that will fill the current funding gap to complete the trail design in Phases 2A and 2C would be very helpful and much appreciated. All the information prepared by our design firm GPI and submitted with the final September 5, 2008 Enhancement Grant Application is still current and relevant and we trust that it is acceptable and sufficient as back up to this letter.

Sincerely,

Paulina S. Knibbe, Chair
Boar of Selectmen

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Carlisle:	Timothy D. Goddard
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From: Roland Bartl
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 11:41 AM
To: Manager Department
Subject: Enhancement Funding Request Part 2
Importance: High

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