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David Mohler, Chairman
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RE: Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) – FFY 2014-17 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Mohler:
Members of the Boston MPO:

The Town of Acton is writing to express full support for the Acton/Maynard Assabet River Rail Trail project and sincere appreciation to both the Boston MPO and MassDOT for solidifying FFY 2015 Statewide CMAQ funding. For more than 20 years the ARRT has been a priority project for the region in general and especially for the five ARRT communities Acton, Maynard, Stow, Hudson, and Marlborough, which have joined forces under an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the Advancement of the Assabet River Rail Trail. Acton looks forward to continuing this collaborative effort with the State and its municipal partners as the project advances to construction.

The Acton/Maynard Assabet River Rail Trail project provides a significant transportation connection that will strengthen regional economic and environmental sustainability. The Acton-Maynard section connects the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Station in South Acton with downtown Maynard where Clock Tower Place (the former Digital Equipment Corp. headquarters) is an important regional employment center. From there, the Trail runs southwesterly to the Maynard/Stow town line and the entrance to the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge at

White Pond Road. As the lead community under the IMA, Acton is committed to bringing the project design to 100% completion for FFY 2015 construction.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Town of Acton, Massachusetts
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Janet K. Adachi, Chairman

cc: Anne McGahan, CTPS
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