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Project Reviewer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
The Massachusetts Archive Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

**Subject: State Listed Historical or Archeological Sites:
Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) – Acton and Maynard, MA.**

Dear Project Reviewer,

On behalf of MassDOT and the Towns of Acton and Maynard, we are writing to you to seek information relative to a proposed rail trail segment in Acton and Maynard. The project will extend from the Stow/Maynard town line to the South Acton MBTA Commuter Rail station, a total of 16,937 feet (approx. 3.2 miles). An ENF for a separate section of the ARRT (Marlborough and Hudson) was filed with MEPA in 2002 (EEA # 12850).

MassDOT and the towns are requesting correspondence from MHC that indicates whether or not impacts to historic or archaeological resources are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. Attachments are provided to assist in your review. The proposed project does pass through the South Acton Village Historic District, but is not expected to alter the character of the district. In addition to this request for information, MassDOT and the towns will be submitting an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office at a later date, of which a copy will be forwarded. We request that the MHC review its records relative to the noted location to determine whether construction of the proposed project will have any impact on such resources. If any records are found or concerns raised, please provide us with any available specific information, so that these materials can be incorporated into our planning of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require additional information, please contact me at 978-905-2181, or at david.derrig@aecom.com. Once you have made your determination, please send an official letter for our records. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
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