

February 25, 2015

Dear :

As municipal leaders and planners in our respective communities and as representatives of the 495/MetroWest Partnership, we are proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved since our inception in 2003. As representatives of the Public Leadership of the Partnership, we are seeking your help in providing a small amount of financial support to continue our mission. Some of the key accomplishments include items such as:

- Expanding transit options within our region by playing a leading role in founding the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority;
- Securing federal funds for the region in water resources and examination of potential improvements to the I-495/Route 9 and I-495/I-90 interchanges;
- Providing resources such as our regional economic reports, commercial real estate analyses, development compact, and energy guide;
- Convening dialogues with then-Gubernatorial nominee Charlie Baker and other policymakers to provide regional input and perspective on statewide development initiatives;
- Advocating for needed infrastructure investments in our region;
- Providing opportunities for the region to participate in statewide examinations of potential site location decisions of employers; and
- Other successes in transportation infrastructure, transit services, water infrastructure and stormwater runoff, economic development, and other regional constraints, as detailed in our attached ten year report.

For the last eleven years, the Partnership has worked hard on all of our behalf as a public-private regional development nonprofit, but has never had to request nor require any financial support from municipalities. Instead, the private sector has stepped forward with substantial contributions, while available state support has varied widely over the years to provide corresponding public sector funding in covering the Partnership's modest operating expenses. In recent years, however, the state's fiscal condition has led to dramatic reductions and interruption of available funding for the Partnership's work.

As a result, the Partnership's Board of Directors, including elected and appointed municipal leaders from across the region, have recognized the need to expand our sources of public sector support to include municipal contributions annually. While this step is not being taken lightly, it is absolutely imperative to continue the public-private collaboration that is the very foundation of the Partnership's accomplishments and ongoing work on our behalf. Recognizing the limited resources of municipalities also coping with the state's fiscal condition, we are asking for a small contribution - only \$500 - from your community as a stipend to the Partnership. While a small amount, collectively such contributions across our entire service area would provide an important source of support for the Partnership's modest

operating costs, while demonstrating the public sector's continued commitment to our work along with our private sector contributors. This also allows the Partnership to continue offering our forums with policymakers through our Transportation, Water Resources, and Energy & Sustainable Development Committees free of charge, rather than impose attendance fees for municipal attendees.

Such a contribution would allow the Partnership to continue our work advocating for your community and the entire region, and provide opportunities for 495/MetroWest leaders to be part of an effective, coordinated, and powerful voice to Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and their Cabinet. We hope that you can join our communities, the Town of Littleton, the Town of Hudson and others in making this important contribution to the 495/MetroWest Partnership. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your support of the Partnership's work and your consideration of this request,

Joe Nolan
Public Sector Co-Chair
Selectman, Town of Wayland

Henry Fitzgerald
Public Sector Vice-Chair
Selectman, Town of Shrewsbury

Glenn Trindade
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