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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Brighton-Allston I-90 Viaduct Interchange Improvement Project. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) appreciates your interest and involvement in the project.

MassDOT has determined that the best way to manage the interests of the stakeholder community is to initiate an I-90 Brighton-Allston Interchange Improvement Task Force (Task Force) that will be comprised of all users of the facility including but not limited to municipal, rail, motorized, utility, pedestrian, bicyclists, educational and institutional as well as others. The Task Force will develop alternatives for evaluation by MassDOT, which will best find the balance of all user needs in the proposed constructed configuration. The Task Force will work throughout the spring and conclude in July 2014.

While the composition of the Task Force has not been finalized, MassDOT is considering members representing a diverse cross-section of users including MassDOT, MBTA, City of Boston, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Conservation and Recreation, motorists, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, medical institutions, neighborhood, businesses, and civic associations.

All invited members participating in the Task Force will be equally important and beneficial to the process and completion of the design and construction of the Brighton-Allston I-90 Viaduct Interchange Improvement Project.

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MassDOT will begin preparation of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) upon conclusion of the Task Force. MassDOT will evaluate, assess and present the results of the Task Force within the ENF. The ENF is to be filed with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) in late fall 2014 and subsequent to their review be made available for public comment consistent with Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations. The EOEA Secretary's decision will be determined after conducting a full and inclusive MEPA process.

Thank you for your interest in this important transportation project. If you require additional information regarding this project, please contact Frank DePaola, Highway Administrator, at 857-368-8780.

Sincerely,



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