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Clinton Bench, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
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Dear Mr. Bench,

As you prepare the Unified Planning Work Program for the Central Transportation Planning Staff, I would like to propose a study to consider for your agenda. The transportation systems in the city of Boston and the surrounding communities are heavily utilized. It is important that these transportation systems are able to meet current demand and accommodate future growth. I therefore request a study that would do the following:

- Document, for current conditions, where there are capacity constraints on the transportation systems in the city of Boston and the surrounding communities. The transportation systems are defined as the roadway system and the MBTA transit system.
- Quantify how future developments will impact transportation systems. To what extent will congestion limit future development?
- Examine possible major transportation system investments with an emphasis on transit investments in the study area. Will they suffice to meet projected demand?

I am, as a legislator, particularly concerned with the transportation systems serving Back Bay and Longwood, but I recognize that a more holistic look is necessary.

I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William N. Brownsberger".

Senator William N. Brownsberger
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