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February 12, 2019

Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Chairwoman
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Secretary Pollack,

We are writing in support of Amendment #2 to the FFYs 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to fund the cost increase of the Route 107 Belden Bly Bridge (Project #604952) over the Saugus River in Lynn/Saugus. For residents of the North Shore region, this project is critical and, after many years of delay, must remain on track for completion to prevent further disruption to residents and businesses that utilize this main artery for access in and out of the North Shore. In addition, the project has a substantial impact for the lobster fishing fleets along the Saugus River. We fully support Amendment #2 to the current TIP to fund the cost increase of this priority project.

We also support the inclusion of federal 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding in the TIP for Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS) to enhance training and procure a replacement vehicle. GLSS serves 23 cities and towns north of Boston—providing over 700,000 rides annually to disabled persons of all ages and serving a vital role in our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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