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Jamey Tesler, Secretary and CEO
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Dear Secretary Tesler:

I am writing to inform you that as of today we have filed the Notice of Project Change for the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project (MEPA File EEA No. 15278) with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office.

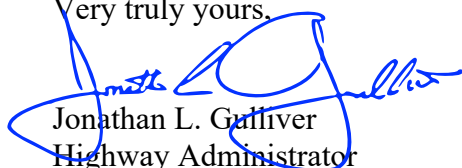
This is a key step forward in the permitting process for this important project that will bring an important highway interchange up to current design and safety standards, facilitate new connections to transit, cycling, and walking; and will also unlock the development potential for the underlying area formerly known as Beacon Park Yard.

As you are aware, the Highway Division has been focusing all of our engineering efforts towards the refinement of the All-At-Grade alternative that will remove the Allston Viaduct and put all roadway and rail infrastructure at grade through the corridor. This is the option most strongly supported by neighbors, community and business leaders, institutions, and advocates throughout our team's multi-year public process to incorporate feedback into the project design.

Pursuant to the applicable rules of the MEPA review process, the NPC includes two previously discussed potential design alternatives for the proposed project. These two other options, as well as the All-At-Grade alternative, are noted in the NPC and the Highway Division is not formerly declaring a preferred alternative at this stage of permitting. Our intent is to continue to put all of our engineering efforts into the All-At-Grade alternative and declare a Preferred Alternative later this calendar year at the appropriate stage of permitting.

Additionally, the Highway Division has directed our design team to incorporate the Cambridge Street Bridge into the scope of the larger Allston Multi-Modal Project. This previously stand-alone project was being progressed under the Nex-Gen Bridge program but after numerous discussions with the community and advocates it is clear that there are benefits to making it part of the larger project. The incorporation of the Cambridge Street Bridge is not explored in detail in the NPC but will be part of our on going design efforts.

Very truly yours,



Jonathan L. Gulliver
Highway Administrator