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Mr. Jeffrey B. Mullan
Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Mullan:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for Massachusetts's High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail ("HSIPR") Individual Project application proposed to be funded pursuant to the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Title I of Division A of Pub. L. 111-117, December 16, 2009).

We have at this time an exciting opportunity to advance projects that are integral to realizing the Obama Administration's vision for high speed intercity passenger rail service. Based on the information made available to us by Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding this project's eligibility, and subject to the development of such project-specific agreements as FRA may require, we support Massachusetts's application to fund the **MA - Boston South Station High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Facilities Expansion Project** under the HSIPR program because we believe that this project, upon completion, could provide important benefits to Amtrak's system and intercity passenger rail service.

It is our understanding that this project aims to develop designs to: reduce delays to intercity passenger rail services at Boston South Station, the northern terminal of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC); enable more efficient revenue and equipment servicing/positioning operations; and, facilitate subsequent improvements that can expand system capacity for planned increases to both Amtrak and MBTA services and future services still under consideration through the design and construction of expanded terminal facilities.

Building upon conceptual design and simulation modeling completed to date, and in advance of measurable and projected service outcomes to be agreed to in the future, this request for HSIPR funding will provide for the completion of environmental review documentation and preliminary engineering and design work for these project facilities.

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The advancement of projects like these will help develop high speed and quality intercity passenger rail service in our nation. By copy of this letter we are informing the FRA of our support for this project and look forward to the opportunities to improve intercity passenger rail that the HSIPR program will provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Andrew J. Galloway". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc: The Honorable Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration