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Ms. Monica Tibbits-Nutt
Acting Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Subject: Approval of Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan

Dear Acting Secretary Tibbits-Nutt:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed the review of the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan required under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program.[1] FHWA has determined that the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan is approved for implementation. With this approval, Fiscal Year 2024 funds are now available to Massachusetts for obligation.

The FHWA acknowledges there continues to be confusion regarding equity considerations for State Plans, as well as the regulatory requirement for the Community Engagement Outcomes Report under 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 680.112(d), which must be incorporated into State Plans. To clarify, all State Plans must include a Community Engagement Outcomes Report that discusses their most recently approved State Plan and should include a forward-looking discussion on public engagement, the results of which will provide the basis for the Community Engagement Outcomes Report included in next year's State Plans. Your plan included only one of these components. The FHWA and the Joint Office are committed to ensuring equitable benefits under the NEVI Formula Program and intend to provide additional outreach and training on these topics over the upcoming months, and well in advance of the development of next year's State Plans.

The FHWA and the Joint Office will follow up with States on specific opportunities for improvement in future year plans and will continue to provide technical assistance and guidance as States continue implementation.

A publicly accessible version of the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan should be posted to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's website. This

[1] The NEVI program is authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), (Pub. L. 117-58)

approval letter will be available on the FHWA website at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/nevi/ev_deployment_plans/ along with a link to the Plan on the State website.

Thank you for putting the United States on a path to a nationwide network of EV chargers that can ensure a convenient, affordable, reliable, and equitable charging experience for all users.

Sincerely,

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