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The Honorable Karen Spilka Senate President Massachusetts State Senate State House, Room 332 Boston, MA 02133-1053

## Subject: Allston I-90 Multimodal Project

Dear President Spilka,

Thank you, and the delegation for hosting the MassDOT Highway Division to present the key aspects of the Allston I-90 project to constituents in Framingham several weeks ago. The project team also recently attending an informational meeting in Worcester as another opportunity to provide details and listen to concerns of the I-90 corridor commuters. While these were the first meetings in MetroWest and Worcester they will not be the last.

There have many questions raised regarding anticipated project impacts and mitigation strategies. I appreciate that commuters and stakeholders are anxious to start this conversation, as are we. However due to the scale and complexity of I-90 Allston project, it has taken some time to develop even conceptual plans that enable productive discussions on these important topics.

We are now approaching a 10% level of design and are just now beginning to understand impacts and develop mitigation strategies. At this stage, we are just beginning this conversation and as the project advances, the delegation and constituents will have many opportunities to learn more about this project and provide comments and feedback that will help to shape the project.

At this conceptual stage of design many issues are still being resolved and we do not have definitive answers on all of the questions you submitted. Please see the attached memorandum from Project Manager Mike O'Dowd which addresses most of your questions, to the best of our ability at this early stage of design. We are continuing to seek input from stakeholders and look forward to a continued dialogue with you and the delegation on these important issues as our plans develop.

Thank you for your interest and support of this regionally critical transportation asset. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

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