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Secretary Stephanie Pollack  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
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Re: MassDOT's 2016 Status Report on its State Implementation Plan (SIP) Transit  
Commitments

Dear Secretary Pollack:

This letter is the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) response to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) 2016 Status Report, Response to Public Comments and Certification, as required by the public process requirements of the Transit System Improvements regulation, 310 CMR 7.36(7).

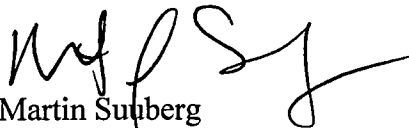
Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.36(7), MassDOT shall submit an annual update and status report (Status Report) on incomplete transit projects by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. MassDOT submitted the Status Report to MassDEP on June 30, 2016. The Status Report addresses three projects: 1) the Fairmount Line Improvement Project; 2) the Red Line/Blue Line Connector Design; and 3) the Green Line Extension to Somerville and Medford. MassDEP held two public meetings on the Status Report on September 6, 2016, at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. During the meetings, MassDOT presented a summary of the Status Report. MassDEP and MassDOT accepted public comments on the Status Report until September 16, 2016. 310 CMR 7.36(7) also requires MassDOT to provide a summary of and response to all public comments (Response to Public Comments), and certify in writing (Certification) that the public process requirements of the regulation have been met. MassDEP received the Response to Public Comments and Certification from MassDOT on January 4, 2017.

MassDEP reviewed the 2016 Status Report, the Response to Public Comments, and the Certification, and has determined that MassDOT has met the public process and annual reporting requirements of 310 CMR 7.36(7).

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding these regulatory requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me or Christine Kirby of my staff at 617-292-5631.

Sincerely,



Martin Suuberg  
Commissioner

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