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Mr. David Mohler, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
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RE: Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization FFYs 2023–27 TIP Amendment 11

Dear Mr. Mohler,

On behalf of the 495/MetroWest Partnership, please accept the following as our comments to the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (Boston MPO) regarding the proposed Amendment 11 to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2023-27.

By way of background, the 495/MetroWest Partnership is a unique alliance among businesses, municipalities, and other stakeholders leading the advancement of the 495/MetroWest region as an exceptional location for people, businesses, and communities. Our vision is one in which the 495/MetroWest region enjoys sustainable economic growth, well-stewarded natural and built resources, and diverse transportation and housing choices across our 36 cities and towns. The Partnership accomplishes this by providing coordination, education, and advocacy for solutions to regional constraints.

The 495/MetroWest Partnership supports the proposed Cost Increases for three critical infrastructure projects located within our service area, specifically:

- 608009 - Boxborough: Bridge Replacement, B-18-002, Route 111 over I-495
- 608889 - Framingham: Traffic Signal Installation at Edgell Road at Central Street
- 608255 - Stow: Bridge Replacement, S-29-11, Box Mill Road Over Elizabeth Brook

While the Partnership understands that the reasoning for removing funds designated for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (RTD0011113, RTD0011127, and RTD0011129) is due to a lack of FTA Discretionary Grant funding, we strongly encourage consideration of these initiatives in the future should these projects prove viable.

We thank you for your consideration of these comments. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (774) 760-0495 or via email at Jason@495Partnership.org.

Sincerely,

Jason Palitsch
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The 495/MetroWest Partnership