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The Honorable Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation  
c/o Joel Szabat, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

***Re: Section 1511 Certification - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act***

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5, Feb. 17, 2009) (ARRA), I, Joseph L. Cosentino, Administrator of the Southeastern Regional Transit, hereby certify that the attached infrastructure investments proposed for funding with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the "Transit Capital Assistance" to the Federal Transit Administration have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars.

These investments represent projects that the Commonwealth has programmed through the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Massachusetts and represent an amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that has been completed and approved. We will continue with our public outreach and participation process as final selections on the actual projects to be funded with these funds are made.

I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is included on the STIP. This information is available to the public at <http://www.srtabus.com>, and steps are being taken between our organizations to appropriately link the material with Recovery.gov.

We understand that Massachusetts may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted. The Commonwealth is prepared and excited to participate in the nation's economic recovery.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Cosentino  
Administraor

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