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RE: TSB Strategies, Recommendations, and Projects

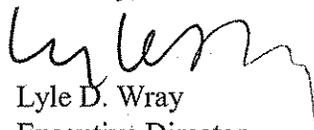
Dear Mr. Hammersley:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is writing in response to Mr. Bruce Alexander's letter dated September 7, 2010. In our review of the January 2007 Strategy we have found that the transportation strategies and recommendations are still valid and we are not requesting additional projects at this time.

CRCOG would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of building sustainable communities and leveraging existing transportation assets. Better integrating transportation modes and safely addressing congestion will be critical components to a successful, vibrant, sustainable State. Along these same lines, CRCOG is encouraged by our recent award of a Regional Sustainable Communities Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Together, in partnership with multiple entities including the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA) we will be implementing a vision for a Sustainable Knowledge Corridor – building a foundation of opportunity in transportation, housing, education, development and community resources.

During these difficult financial times in combination with a backlog of deferred repair, reconstruction and replacement projects it is critical that we cohesively work towards leveraging investments and building sustainable communities.

Sincerely,



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