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January 16, 2015

Dan Driscoll
Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Mass Central Branch Right of Way

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) understand that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and local municipalities operating through a Construction Access Permit from DCR, are preparing to initiate construction of a rail trail along the Central Massachusetts Branch right-of-way in accordance the "Alternative Transportation Corridor Lease Agreement by and between the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by and through its Department of Conservation and Recreation" (hereafter Lease) dated December 30, 2010.

In accordance with Section 13 of the Lease, the MBTA waives its right to remove rail infrastructure from the premises. Further, in accordance with Section 13, the MBTA acknowledges that DCR (or local municipalities operating under a Construction Access Permit from DCR) may remove and dispose of all rail infrastructure on the premises, and may retain any revenue from the removal and disposal of such, provided that any revenue is used toward construction of the rail trail.

I look forward to seeing this project move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Boyle
Assistant General Manager
Real Estate and Asset Development