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Dear Secretary Pollack and Administrator McEwen,

Over the past six years all of us have welcomed the opportunity to comment on MassDOT's designs to the I-90 Allston Interchange/Allston Multimodal Project. We also understand this project is a transformative, once-in-a-generation project. As elected officials representing communities directly abutting this project and elected officials whose constituents will be severely affected by this project, we are all in agreement that of the three proposals that are under consideration of NEPA submission the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* is the only plan that should move forward in this process.

Our constituents span from Boston to Worcester and beyond, and the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* is the least disruptive to commuter rail riders and allows for the most lanes to be in use on the Mass Pike during construction. For commuter rail riders, the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* lays the foundation for a transformative transportation network expanding transit from MetroWest communities. Likewise, for drivers, the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* provides the most safe, straight, and flat highway.

We feel that at this critical moment for the future of this project, it is important for us to express our utmost desire for MassDOT to pick the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* as the preferred alternative. Despite some competing interests from various large institutions and economic sectors, the *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* has garnered the most widespread support because of its transformative impacts for generations to come. The *Modified All At-Grade Proposal* is the consensus choice to provide the region with a truly transformative 21<sup>st</sup> century multimodal transportation network.

Thank you for your consideration.

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