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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 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 21st century multimodal transportation network.

Thank you for your consideration.

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