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May 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Millville – Uxbridge: Segment 2 of the Blackstone River Bikeway

Ms. Helen M. Coffin
Executive Secretary
Millville Town Hall
8 Central Street
P.O. Box 703
Millville, MA 01529

Dear Ms. Coffin,

MassHighway is in receipt of the Millville Historical Commission's appeal to extend Segment 2 of the Blackstone River Bikeway approximately one mile into Millville between Central Street and the Triad Bridge crossing.

This appeal was reiterated by Ms. Margaret Carroll, Chairman of the Millville Historical Commission at the Blackstone Bikeway Task Force meeting held April 29, 2008. As discussed with Ms. Carroll at the conclusion of this meeting, this appeal is approved by MassHighway. Also discussed with Ms. Carroll, was that by approving the Millville Historical Commission's appeal, it is understood that the 75% design submission for Segment 2 will be delayed for the following reasons:

- topographic field survey needed for the additional 1 mile section
- wetland delineation
- permitting for added wetland impact
- establishment of the limits of the DCR right of way and all abutting parcel ownership
- filing of a Notice of Project Change with MEPA,
- contract amendment to add additional design funding to the design consultant's contract for Segment 2 necessary to make these design changes and additions

Once the Notice of Project Change is approved by MEPA, these items will be added to the 75% design plans for Segment 2 as expeditiously as possible. The new schedule for Segment 2 of the Blackstone River Bikeway will be discussed at the next task force meeting in August.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kimberley Sloan, Project Manager, at 617-973-7495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank A.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Tramontozzi, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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cc: Sentator Richard T. Moore
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