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August 7, 2008

Kenneth Bianchi
Town Administrator
Town of Blackstone
15 St. Paul Street
Blackstone, MA 01504

Dear Mr. Bianchi:

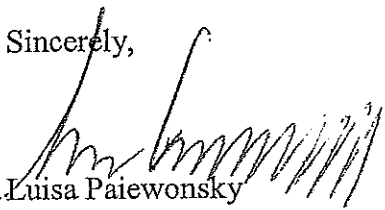
I am responding to your May 6, 2008, letter regarding the Blackstone River Bikeway project, Segment 1 in Blackstone and Millville, and your request to transfer \$400,000 from the 2005 HPP funds via an interagency service agreement to use for the design.

As discussed at the August 6, 2008, meeting you attended with Marie Rose, Director of Project Management, MassHighway will pursue using \$850,000 of the recently approved state earmark funds for an Interagency Service Agreement, with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Using these funds will advance the design of segment 1.

MassHighway staff will be contacting the Department of Conservation and Recreation to initiate this process, and will keep your office informed.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

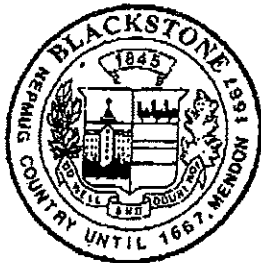
Sincerely,



Luisa Paiewonsky
Commissioner

cc: Senator Richard Moore
Representative Jenninger Callahan
Frank A. Tramontozzi, P.E., Chief Engineer
~~Marie Rose, P.E., Director of Project Management~~
Arthur Frost, District 3 Project Development Engineer
Guy Rezendes, Utilities/Agreements Engineer
Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Commission





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Office of the Town Administrator
15 St. Paul Street
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Kenneth M. Bianchi
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May 6, 2008

Sandy Nadeau-Lemolne
Administrative Assistant

Ms. Luisa Paiewonsky, Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

RE: Segment 1-Blackstone River Bikeway

Dear Commissioner Paiewonsky:

On behalf of the Town of Blackstone, I want to thank you for your continued leadership and support of the Blackstone River Bikeway. As you know, this bi-state project is very important to many in the Commonwealth including the residents of Blackstone. As the former Town Administrator of North Smithfield, RI, I am very familiar with the history of this Bikeway project and look forward to using that background and experience to advance the project in Blackstone.

The Bikeway alignment in Blackstone is somewhat unique compared to other segments in that it is currently owned by DCR and is an old railroad bed, making the design development process somewhat less difficult. In addition, the historic railroad bridge structures have all been studied by Mass Highway and are in good shape according to the Type Study that was conducted.

According to the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission, \$2.44M in 1998 (McGovern) HPP funds remain on the TIP as does approximately \$2.4M in 2005 (Neal) HPP funds from SAFETEALU for the design/construction of the project. All figures include the requisite 20% match.

In an attempt to assist Mass Highway advance segment 1, the Town of Blackstone respectfully requests that \$400,000 of the 2005 funds be transferred to the Town via an

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Intergovernmental Service Agreement so the Town can advance the design of segment 1. Currently, the Town is working on submitting the required PNF and PIF and hope to have those into the District soon.

Should you have questions regarding this request, please contact me at your convenience @ 508-876-5113 or (cell) 508-922-9124.

Sincerely,



Kenneth M. Bianchi
Town Administrator

cc: Congressman Richard Neal
Senator Richard T. Moore,
Thomas Waruzila,
Marie Rose,
Guy Rezendes,
Dan Driscoll, Jan Reitsma,
Blackstone Board of Selectmen,
Blackstone Historical Commission,
Paul Bokoski - Blackstone DPW

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

AN ACT FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for a program of transportation development and improvements, the sums set forth in sections 2A to 2G, inclusive, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made available, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and approval thereof.

NO SECTION 2.

SECTION 2A

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
Department of Highways

6033-0817 For the design, construction and repair of or improvements to nonfederally-aided roadway and bridge projects and for the nonparticipating portion of federally-aided projects; provided, that the costs of professional personnel directly and exclusively involved in the construction, planning, engineering and design of the projects funded herein may be charged to this item; provided further, that those costs shall not be classified as administrative costs; provided further, that the amounts specified in this item for a particular project may be adjusted in order to facilitate other projects relating to the design, construction, repair or improvement to nonfederally-aided roadway projects; provided further, that \$800,000 shall be expended for resurfacing and related work on state highway route 3 in the town of Plymouth; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of sidewalks in the South Street Bridge area and along the section of Manley Street from West Center Street to West Street, all in the town of West Bridgewater; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for a traffic improvement study of route 2, route 13 and the Nashua River in Northern Worcester County; provided further, that \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the resurfacing of Washington Street in the city of Somerville; provided further that \$750,000 shall be expended for the design and

Barnstable; provided further, that not more than \$7,800,000 shall be expended for the interstate highway route 495 and state highway route 126 interchange improvement project in the town of Bellingham; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire-New York Rail Connector project; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for Billerica Center to improve traffic flow; provided further that \$7,000,000 million shall be expended for the construction of Segment 2 of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway; provided further, that \$850,000 shall be expended for the planning and design of Segment 1 of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway; provided further, that \$850,000 shall be provided for the planning and design of Segment 1 of the Blackstone River Bikeway; provided further, that \$850,000 shall be provided for the planning and design of Segment 1 of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway; provided further, that \$10,000,000 be provided for the design, engineering and reconstruction of Sullivan Square and the Rutherford Avenue Corridor in the city of Boston; provided further that funds shall be expended to provide safety improvements and roadway realignment at the site of the Bourne landfill on the northbound side of state highway route 28; provided further, that not less than \$2,000,000 shall be expended for public safety and streetscape improvements to Meetinghouse lanes in the town of Bourne; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be provided for the renovation and upgrade of the pedestrian signal light on Quincy avenue in the town of Braintree; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for street and sidewalk rehabilitation to Perkins avenue in the city of Brockton; provided further, that \$2,500,000 shall be expended for street and sidewalk rehabilitation to West Elm street in the city of Brockton; provided further, that \$3,000,000 shall be provided for rail-trail extensions in the Dennis and Yarmouth area; provided further, that \$2,200,000 shall be expended for reconstruction of Nashua road in the town of Dracut; provided further, that not less than \$4,500,000 shall be expended for improvements along state highway route 106 from its intersection with Central street to the intersection with Pond street in the town of East Bridgewater; provided further, that not less than \$4,600,000 shall be expended for improvement along state highway route 123 in the town of Easton from the Norton town line to Eastman street; provided further, not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to the Five Corners intersection in said town of Easton; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to the intersection of state highway route 138 at Union street in said town of Easton; provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of state highway route 2 in Erving center; provided further, that \$4,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to Beacham and Williams streets-Spruce Street-Everett Avenue corridors; provided further, that