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Date	Affiliation/Name	Comment	MPO Action
10/15/2009	Peter I. Hechenbleikner, Town Manager, Town of Reading	Requests that the West Street project in Reading receive consideration for ARRA funds. West Street continues to serve growing traffic volumes as commuters utilize the roadway as an alternative route to the industrial sectors of Woburn and Wilmington and to the Interstate 93/Route 129 Interchange. In addition to traffic related to the existing elementary school and the Reading Commuter Rail Station, three new developments in the vicinity of West Street have further strained the roadway. The project will improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle safety by installing fully actuated traffic signals, providing shoulders, and constructing ADA accessible sidewalks. The town is confident that with the right of way process underway and the environmental process nearly complete, the project will be ready for advertisement by February 2010. It has strong public support. A detailed history of the project is provided.	
10/15/2009	State Representative Charles A. Murphy, 21st Middlesex District	On behalf of the Town of Burlington, expresses support for the Middlesex Turnpike Roadway Improvement Project and requests that it be included on the TIP Amendment with ARRA funds. The project will provide critical roadway infrastructure improvements that will allow Burlington and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) the opportunity to stimulate private sector investment within the Middlesex Turnpike Growth District. EOHED has issued a Growth District Initiative (GDI) Program Funds Award to Burlington to partially finance the design and permitting of this transportation project with the expectation that potential ARRA funding may be available to fund construction.	
10/20/2009	State Senators Steven A. Tolman and Cynthia Stone Creem; State Representatives Jonathan Hecht, Ruth B. Balsemer, Kevin G. Honan, Kay Khan, Peter J. Koutoujian, and Michael J. Moran	Request the inclusion of the Nonantum Road Improvement Project in the amended FFYs 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Nonantum Road has been the site of four fatalities since 2006; and the hazardous conditions put motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists at risk. The project will increase access for bicyclists and pedestrians by providing safe crosswalks, designating bike lanes, expanding paths, and improving lighting. The project has the full support of DCR, MassDOT - Highway Division, and the adjoining communities and it will support job creation within the engineering community, construction industry and related suppliers.	

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10/21/2009	Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, State Senators Jack Hart, Anthony D. Galluccio, Steven A. Tolman, Anthony W. Petruccelli, Sonia Chang-Diaz, State Representative Martin J. Walsh, Gloria L. Fox, Kevin G. Honan, Liz Malia, Aaron M. Michlewitz, Willie Mae Allen, Byron Rushing, and Michael F. Rush, Boston Delegation Chair	Expresses commitment to the project Resurfacing of Federal Aid Roads within the City of Boston and strongly urges the MPO to support the inclusion of this project in the TIP Amendment. It will include the repaving of streets, installation of modern sidewalk ramps, and addition of bicycle facilities. The estimated cost of the project is \$21 million. Notes that the project is shovel-ready.	
10/22/2009	State Representative Peter J. Koutoujian, 10th Middlesex District	Requests that the Nonantum Road project be funded with ARRA money and be included in the Amendment to the FFY 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project would improve safety conditions at this hazardous, heavily traveled commuter artery, which has been the site of four fatal automobiles accidents in the past three years. DCR has committed \$400,000 toward the final stages of planning for the project. Construction is currently estimated at \$8 million.	
10/28/2009	Michelle Ciccolo, Director of Community Planning, Town of Hudson	Expresses disappointment that in July, 2009, the Route 85 project in Hudson was not in a position to be made ready for advertising ARRA funds in February 2010 and now it unlikely that it can be made ready for the deadline. The project meets the strong economic development component of ARRA by connecting key office and retail facilities along the corridor in addition to Route 85 being within a state-designated Economic Target Area. The corridor is one of the few places experiencing new construction and job growth, but the town can not accommodate ongoing growth without attending to safety needs and congestion. Notes that the municipality has done everything within its power to advance this project including acquiring funding from developers, the legislators, and various grants and participatory remediation of a relocated parcel. Asks that the MPO carefully evaluate stimulus projects on the TIP with an eye towards funding projects that were already in the queue for FY 2010 so that other good projects, such as Route 85, can potentially move up on the list.	
11/2/2009	Wendy Landman, Executive Director, WalkBoston	Expresses support of the projects Alewife Greenway (Minuteman-Mystic River Connector) and the Reconstruction of Nonantum Road projects because they will serve walkers, bicyclists, and drivers and address pressing safety concerns. The Alewife Greenway will provide an off-road link for bicyclists and pedestrians to the Alewife Station and safety improvements at the crossings of Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway. The Nonantum Road project will improve safety on a dangerous roadway alignment and enhance access for neighborhood residents to the river's edge.	

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11/3/2009	State Representative William N. Brownsberger, 24th Middlesex District	Express strong support of the Minuteman Bike Path to Mystic River Reservation Bike/Pedestrian Transportation Link in Cambridge, Arlington, and Somerville. The project will provide an off road link for thousands of citizens to transit access at Alewife Station. It will also provide safety improvements at the crossings of Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway and link residential neighborhoods to recreational facilities.	
11/3/2009	Dennis E. Harrington, Planning Director, City of Quincy	Expresses gratitude that the Quincy Center Concourse Phase II is included for ARRA funding in the proposed TIP Amendment and for doing so expeditiously.	
11/4/2009	Peter I. Hechenbleikner, Town Manager, Town of Reading	Expresses disappointment that Reading's West Street project, included in MPO staff's list of potentially ready projects for 2010 ARRA funds, was not selected by the TPPC for funding in the draft amendment. He believes that the projects selected should emerge from the TIP process. Recommends that the MPO amend the list of ARRA projects with projects that are presently identified in the TIP.	
11/4/2009	Wayne P. Marquis, Town Manager, Town of Danvers	Requests that the Liberty Street Transportation Improvement Project be included in the TIP Amendment to receive ARRA funds. Liberty Street is a major connection for the community and region from Route 35 to Route 128. The pavement condition is rated structurally deficient and in need of full depth reconstruction. He noted that there are two granite culverts at the Porter River that are also in poor shape and in need of immediate action to avoid roadway failure and water line rupture affecting Danvers and Salem. The town has submitted 75% designs to MassHighway and the environmental permitting process will be complete by January 2010. Attached a project fact sheet.	
11/4/2009	Laura Wiener, Chair, Inner Core Committee (ICC)	Expresses support of the projects from the Inner Core communities that made it on the Commonwealth's List of Recommended FFY 2010 ARRA Projects. Believes that this list of projects is a good representation of projects that will enhance the quality of life of individual cities and towns and also the region at large.	
11/11/2009	Jay Doherty, Chief Executive Officer, Cabot, Cabot & Forbes of New England, Inc.	Requests that the first phase of I-93/I-95 roadway improvements be included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. Requests specifically that the Route 128 off-ramp at Blue Hill Drive and Westwood Station Boulevard be listed in the FY 2010 Element and components of the Dedham Street corridor in the FY 2011 and 2012 Elements. States that the developers will fund the design and permitting as well as commit to applying all funds available from the I-Cubed infrastructure program in connection with the first phase of Westwood Station. Also includes background information about the project and a list of the potential benefits.	
11/12/2009	Judy LoRocca, Chair, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) Advisory Committee	Expresses continued support of the BFRT in the 2021-2025 band of the Regional Transportation Plan Amendment. Pleased to see that the FY 2009 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Funds have been obligated for the design of Phase 2A of the BFRT (Acton, Carlisle, and Westford) and are hopeful that the FY 2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Funds will be obligated for the design of Phase 2C. The trail will provide an alternative transportation option to the West Concord Commuter Rail Station and connect neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and a community senior center.	

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11/12/2009	Todd Fremont-Smith, Senior Vice President of Development, Nordblom Company	Expresses support for the Town of Burlington's Middlesex Turnpike Roadway Improvement Project. Believes that the town is in need of infrastructure support to enhance economic development of the region. Notes that the town has worked tirelessly to update zoning to allow mixed-use, biotech, office, and other market-resonant uses as evident by the Northwest Park, South Ave, New England Executive Park, and Burlington Dodge Site developments. Believes that the project can help spread regional growth along Route 3. Attached a short information flyer regarding the Northwest Park project.	
11/12/2009	Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager, Town of Arlington	Asks for consideration of the Arlington's Reconstruction of Forest Street project for ARRA funds. The roadway carries significant cut through traffic and part of bus route #67. Pavement, drainage, and pedestrian facilities are in need of repair. The town believes that this project would be a proper substitute for their sidewalk project in the first round of ARRA that was initially selected, but later rescinded. He noted that the 25/75% plans were submitted to the State for review last month and the town, and MassDOT Highway Division personnel are confident that they can have the project ready by the February 2010 deadline.	
11/13/2009	Steve Rollins, Hanover Town Administrator	Expresses opposition to the Foxborough Pedestrian Bridge project being placed ahead of any of the projects on the Universe of Projects list. States that Hanover's Route 53, Phase 4 project is more worthy of public funds than the "privately inspired" pedestrian bridge. Notes that the updated 25% designs of the Route 53 project were submitted to MassHighway on October 7, 2009 that incorporate information regarding the bridge construction over Route 3. Expects to submit 75% designs to MassHighway on May 24, 2010 and requests that this project be moved up to the FFY 2012 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	
11/13/2009	Paul F. Matthews, Executive Director and Jessica Strunkin, Deputy Director of Public Policy and Public Affairs, 495/MetroWest Partnership	Expresses support for the inclusion of the Route 9 Resurfacing project (Framingham and Natick) and the Pedestrian Bridge over Route 1 (Foxborough). The Route 9 project will enhance safety and mobility on approximately 8 miles of this corridor and lay the groundwork for future drainage and signal improvements. The Pedestrian Bridge project will support future development of 1.5 million square feet of fully permitted office space expected to create 4,000 construction jobs and 4,500 new full jobs once completed. The area is a priority development site and the private sector has offered to maintain the structure after completion. The project will also address safety needs for pedestrians and alleviate congestion for motorists on Route 1.	
11/13/2009	Jeffrey P. Doran, Senior Vice President, Lahey Clinic	Expresses support for the Middlesex Turnpike Roadway Improvement Project and believes it will support both the Town of Burlington's recent planning efforts and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development's (EOHED) newly created Middlesex Turnpike Growth District. EOHED has issued a Growth District Initiative (GDI) Program Funds Award to Burlington to partially finance the design and permitting of this transportation project with the expectation that potential ARRA funding may be available to fund construction. The project would provide much needed additional capacity along the Middlesex Turnpike corridor to support multiple proposed private development projects and help mitigate the potential impacts.	

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11/13/2009	James F. Murphy, President/CEO, Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce	Expresses support for the Middlesex Turnpike Roadway Improvement Project and believes it will support both the Town of Burlington's recent planning efforts and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development's (EOHED) newly created Middlesex Turnpike Growth District. The project would provide much needed additional capacity along the Middlesex Turnpike corridor to support multiple proposed private development projects and help mitigate the potential impacts.	
11/13/2009	Rick Tonzi, Simon Property Group - Development	Expresses support for the Middlesex Turnpike Roadway Improvement Project and believes the investment in the important commercial areas in the Town of Burlington will aid further economic growth. The 1,372,000 square foot Burlington Mall employs over 3,200 full and part-time employees and is the largest tax payer in the Town of Burlington.	
11/13/2009	Kevin E. McHugh, P.E., Senior Project Manager/Civil Engineer, Coneco Engineers & Scientists	On behalf of Ipswich, requests that the proposed Reconstruction Project for Route 1A/133 (Central and South Main Streets) in Ipswich be considered for ARRA funds. The roadway needs complete reconstruction. It is a vital component of the regional transportation system, but its current condition presents safety concerns and drainage issues. Vehicular and pedestrian travel is impaired. He notes the history and status of the project and believes that it will be suitable for advertising within the February 2010 timeframe. Attached descriptive photos of the roadway and Project Review Committee (PRC) approval letters.	
11/13/2009	State Representative David P. Linsky, Fifth Middlesex District	Expresses appreciation that the Governor has recommended the Route 9 Resurfacing project in Framingham and Natick (\$12.5 million) for ARRA funds and urges the MPO to include this project in the Amendment to the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The project will provide resurfacing, signal, and drainage improvements along approximately 8 miles of Route 9. The work will also include sidewalk installation and upgrades to increase handicap accessibility. Notes that this is the only project on the Governor's List of Recommended Projects located in the MetroWest region and hopes that regional equity be strongly considered when selecting projects for the FY 2010 element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	
11/13/2009	Scott J. Weiss, Managing Director of Commercial Development, The Gutierrez Company	Expresses support of the Middlesex Turnpike Transportation Improvement Project on the TIP Amendment. The project will provide needed access enhancements to an area with tremendous economic growth potential. Notes that The Gutierrez Company has developed over 10 million square feet in the area and has fully permitted the Burlington Research Center (BRC), a new 600,000 square foot bio-tech/life science campus. Believes this project will leverage public and private investment to keep Burlington serving as an economic engine for the region.	
11/13/2009	Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	Requests that the Nonantum Road Improvement Project be included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP Amendment. MassDOT has assumed oversight responsibility from DCR for the advertisement, bidding, and construction of this project and the final design is being completed in accordance with the MassHighway 2006 Project Development and Design Guide. He anticipates the final design to be complete by December 2009.	
11/16/2009	Charles Gaffney and Ken Soderholm, Co-Chairs, MetroWest Growth Management Committee	Expresses support for the Route 9 Resurfacing project (Framingham and Natick) and appreciation of the \$12.5 million allocation of ARRA funds. The project will promote pedestrian and handicap accessibility by installing sidewalks and adding additional curb cuts. Expresses concern that though these improvements will address short-term issues, the comprehensive re-construction of Route 9 is necessary in the long-term to address drainage issues and several intersections in a state of disrepair.	

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11/16/2009	Richard A. Nottebart, Resident (via email)	Expressed disappointment in the programming of funds for the Foxborough Pedestrian bridge. Feels that the money could be better used for Route 1A improvements in the Walpole and Norfolk area or on the Fore River Bridge.	
11/16/2009	Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	Requests that the Alewife Greenway Improvement project be included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP Amendment. MassDOT has assumed oversight responsibility from DCR for the advertisement, bidding, and construction of this project and the final design is being completed in accordance with the MassHighway 2006 Project Development and Design Guide. He anticipates the final design to be complete by December 2009	
11/16/2009	Robert K. Coughlin, President & CEO, MassBio	Express support for the construction of the Foxborough Pedestrian Bridge project with ARRA funds. Believes that the approximately 500 acres of land within the Growth District in Foxborough is suitable for the biotechnology industry, except that the site lacks safe pedestrian crossing to the amenities on the south side of Route 1. States that the public infrastructure must be in place in before any company will commit to the site. Believes the project will enhance public safety and support economic development of the biotechnology industry in Foxborough.	
11/16/2009	Richard Williamson, Sudbury resident	Expresses gratitude that the TIP Amendment includes the Minuteman Connector project. This shared-use path will serve as a transportation resource by linking Alewife Station and the Mystic area. Believes this project is an important step to creating a valuable network of shared-use paths in the state so that rail trails and shared-use paths are utilized for more than recreation.	
11/16/2009	Andrew A. Gala, Jr., Town Manager, Town of Foxborough	Supports the inclusion of the Pedestrian Bridge over Route 1 in the TIP Amendment. The project will provide safe pedestrian access between existing and emerging businesses along both sides of Route 1 and lessen existing vehicular traffic. It will allow spur further economic development in the state-designated Growth District and the Town's Economic Development Area Overlay District.	
11/16/2009	Robert W. Healy, City Manager, City of Cambridge	Requests that the \$180,000 in design funds for the Cambridge Common Enhancement project be included in the FY 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The city's federal review and contracting processes were not far enough in FY 2009 for funds to be allocated. States that three Cambridge projects were on the "Projects Potentially Ready for ARRA Funding" list, but not selected. Suggests that communities would benefit from an understanding of how the MPO decided on municipal projects for ARRA funding. Supports the \$10 million in ARRA funds being allocated toward improving MBTA Key Bus Routes.	