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Date	Affiliation/Name	Comment	MPO Action
1/8/2010	James M. Marsh, Director, Office of Economic and Community Development, City of Lynn	Requests that the intersection improvements for Lynnfield Street/ Millard Avenue/ Parker Hill/ Den Quarry project be placed on the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 or 2011 element of the 2010-2013 TIP. The state-controlled intersection continues to see a high volume of accidents. The state requested that the city of Lynn begin the process of remedying this intersection in 2003, and the project has progressed and is now 100% designed by the city.	
1/22/2010	State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen	Expresses support for the inclusion of the Wedgemere Station accessibility improvements in the TIP. The project would be a tremendous benefit to mobility impaired residents in and around Winchester. There has been a concerted effort for some time to advance this project and hopes it remains on the TIP.	
1/22/2010	Amelia O'Donnell	Expresses support for accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. States that boarding the train is currently difficult as a fully able-bodied person due to the height above the platform. These accessibility improvements will help people who use wheelchairs as well as families with strollers, people who use walkers, etc. at this station.	
1/22/2010	maura_fredey@msn.com, Winchester resident	Expresses support of accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. States that these are much-needed improvements which will benefit people with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown.	
1/22/2010	Rebecca J. Vail, Winchester resident	Expresses support of accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. Believes that public transportation be easily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown.	
1/22/2010	ajsiciliano@comcast.net, Winchester resident	Expresses support of accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station as well as repair of the main entrance to the Winchester Center stop, which has been closed altogether for many months. Believes that improvements at both stations will benefit individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown -- as well as pregnant commuters like herself.	
1/22/2010	Sharon & Kevin Moore	Express thanks for agreeing to fund the handicap accessibility project.	
1/22/2010	helenbabcock8@gmail.com	Expresses support for the renovations to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. States that it will help people with disabilities and also help people who want to take bikes on the train.	
1/22/2010	Nancy Dahm, Winchester resident	Expresses support for efforts to make Wedgemere Station in Winchester accessible to all potential riders.	
1/22/2010	L_Henshaw_uk@yahoo.com (Lara)	Expresses support of accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station. States that navigating the station with both a double stroller and a wheelchair-bound elderly relative is arduous if not dangerous.	

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1/22/2010	Jean & D. Scott Batty, Jr., Winchester resident	Expresses support for the Wedgemere Station accessibility project. States that their son uses a wheelchair and despite living a 1/2 block from the train station, he cannot get on the train. The project will allow their son to attend college in the Boston area and to seek employment in a major metropolitan area. It will also allow their family to be able to partake in the little things that so many take for granted, like catching a train to Fenway or attending the 4th of July fireworks. Expresses appreciation for all the hard work and for making the world accessible for all.	
1/22/2010	Philip Coonley, Winchester resident	Expresses support for making Wedgemere Station and other public facilities more accessible as they are the link between home, work, and recreational opportunities. States that none of us is able-bodied all the time or forever and is surprised that the lack of accessibility at Wedgemere Station has persisted so many years after the Disability Act. Asks that this barrier to mobility be removed.	
1/22/2010	Elizabeth Angelino	Expresses support of accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station. States that these improvements will benefit individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown.	
1/22/2010	steveandrobin3@verizon.net	Expresses support for making Wedgemere Station in Winchester more accessible for users in wheelchairs, using canes and walkers, crutches, wheeling luggage, pushing strollers, wishing to take their bikes downtown, etc. States that this project supports being green and use of public transportation for everyone.	
1/22/2010	Susan Lewis, Winchester resident	Expresses support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester. These improvements will benefit not only individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), but also parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, people wishing to take their bikes downtown, and others. Believes that many people in the neighborhood and community would greatly benefit from these improvements, and add their revenue to our mass transit system.	
1/22/2010	Lisa Gallagher	Expresses support of accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester.	
1/25/2010	Sandra Thompson, Board Co- Chairperson, Winchester Multicultural Network	Urges the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee to approve accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester. These improvements will benefit individuals with disabilities who might otherwise not be able to use the train.	
1/25/2010	Board of Selectmen, Town of Winchester	Express support for Amendment 3 to the 2010 element of the FFY 2010-2013 TIP. Believe it maximizes funding for regional transportation projects and addresses badly needed disability access to the Wedgemere commuter rail station in Winchester.	
1/26/2010	State Representative John V. Fernandes	Advocates for the Route 16 signalization improvement project in Milford to be added to the TIP as soon as possible. It would upgrade seven outdated and poorly coordinated intersection lights to facilitate the traffic flow of over 20,000 daily vehicular trips. The project would also provide the latest technology to allow emergency vehicles to proceed quickly during peak hours and improve traffic flow to reduce pollution. The project will soon reach 100% design submittal status and is the community's highest transportation priority.	
1/26/2010	Office@wmcn.org, Winchester Multicultural Network Board	Urges the Transportation Programming and Planning Committee to approve accessibility improvements for Wedgemere Station in Winchester. These improvements will especially benefit individuals with disabilities, those using wheelchairs, walkers, and canes who might otherwise not be able to use the train.	

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1/26/2010	Rebecca Lynn Kurowski, B.S. Chemical Engineering ('97), M.S. Environmental Engineering ('98), J.D. ('08)	Expresses support to make Wedgemere station wheelchair and stroller accessible. States that it is a challenge to manage the stroller on the train steps on her daily commute to work in Boston with her 15 month old son and that she usually has to rely on a conductor or a friendly stranger for help.	
1/26/2010	Joanna Manikas, Winchester resident	Asks that the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee approve the Wedgemere Station accessibility project in Winchester on February 4.	
1/26/2010	Liz Darby, Winchester resident	Expresses support for making the Wedgemere train station in Winchester accessible to all passengers.	
1/26/2010	Marianne DiBlasi, Winchester resident	Expresses support for making the Wedgemere Train Station in Winchester accessible for all users. States that her physical disability makes it extremely difficult for her to get on the train, and that it usually requires physical assistance. These physical and emotionally humiliating conditions cause her to only use the train as a last resort.	
1/26/2010	Paul Manganaro, Winchester resident	Expresses support of the Wedgemere Station accessibility project in Winchester. He believes that the need to provide access to the station for all passengers is long overdue. States that approval of this project on February 4 would open new doors and give new opportunities to many of our residents.	
1/26/2010	Mary Murphy, RN, School Nurse, Lynch Elementary School	Expresses support for approval of the Wedgemere Station accessibility project in Winchester on February 4.	
1/26/2010	Cathy Boyle	Expresses support for approval of the Wedgemere Station accessibility project in Winchester on February 4. This project will benefit a wide range of people.	
1/26/2010	Brian Kurowski	Expresses interest in seeing the Wedgemere commuter rail station be made wheelchair accessible.	
1/26/2010	Ruth C. Young, Winchester resident	Expresses support for the TIP amendment that would add the Wedgemere Station to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding category. This project will provide improved access to people with disabilities, children, the elderly, or even people carrying packages.	
1/26/2010	Jean Batty, Chair, Disability Access Commission	Requested that this video be played for TPPC members - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hldZ0T2vdcE .	
1/29/2010	Tony Centore	States that the TIP process does not provide objective project selection criteria. The TIP submittals provide a project listing and scores for several selection criteria, but the scores are never added up or used to compare similar projects against each other. Believes this weakens the project selection process and that projects are picked based on politics and not based on cost effectiveness, safety, economic or transportation improvement.	
1/29/2010	U.S. Representative Edward J. Markey	Urges the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee to support inclusion of the Wedgemere Commuter Rail Station Accessibility Improvement project in Amendment 3 of the FFY 2010 element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. States that this project will improve accessibility for disabled passengers and ensure equal access to public transportation for all. Expresses gratitude to the Town of Winchester and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) for their efforts to resolve this issue.	

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2/1/2010	mcwinchest@verizon.net	Expresses support to make accessibility upgrades to the Wedgemere Station. States that there is other badly needed work at both the Winchester train stations, including the platform and the tunnel.	
2/1/2010	Robert Quinn, Winchester resident	Expresses support for the accessibility improvements at Wedgemere Station. Believes that these improvements will benefit people with disabilities as well as everyone who uses the station, especially during the winter months. States that there is currently no way for wheelchair passengers to board trains in Winchester, which forces him to take his mother to Boston by car. States that accessibility improvements at Wedgemere station would also make it possible to connect to Anderson/Woburn and then on to New Hampshire and Maine, opening up all kinds of enjoyable outings not previously possible.	
2/1/2010	Nina Robins	Expresses concern that Wedgemere Station has not yet been made accessible to people with disabilities. Believes that all neighbors should have the right to move freely from home to work and other places. Expresses support for accessibility improvements at Wedgemere Station and at other public spaces.	
2/2/2010	Constance (Connie) M. McGrane, Esq.	Expresses support for accessibility improvements at Wedgemere Station. The project will improve access for people using wheelchairs and canes. Hopes that the TPPC votes favorably for the project on February 4.	
2/2/2010	Pam Reeve	Expresses support for the Wedgemere Station accessibility improvement project.	
2/2/2010	M. Alexandra Rohall, Sr. Manager, Medical Writing, Prometrika, LLC	Expresses support of the improvement of Wedgemere Station to include access for people with disabilities. The station serves the southern section of town and should be made accessible to residents and visitors with disabilities.	
2/2/2010	michelle.prior@ymail.com	Expresses support of the Wedgemere Commuter Rail accessibility enhancement in Winchester with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. This project would increase accessibility for all users, including people with disabilities as well as parents traveling with children. The improvements would also benefit residents of West Medford and Arlington.	

2/2/2010	Catherine Bauer	Expresses support for accessibility improvements to Wedgemere Station in Winchester. States that these improvements will greatly benefit residents and other local individuals with disabilities (using wheelchairs, walkers, canes), parents with strollers, travelers with wheeled luggage, and people wishing to take their bikes downtown.	
2/2/2010	jon.gyory@gmail.com	Supports the effort to make Wedgemere handicap accessible and believes it is a good use of funds.	
2/2/2010	marilynmullane@verizon.net	Asks for the Wedgemere Station accessibility improvements to be made a priority.	
2/2/2010	Dennis E. Harrington, Planning Director, City of Quincy	Commends the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee for their swift action to program several important highway and transit projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the TIP. Believes that the projects are critical for job creation in the Boston region. Looks forward to working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) on the Quincy Center Concourse Phase II project, currently programmed with ARRA funds in the FFY 2010 element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	

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2/2/2010	Jean Z. Batty, Chair, Disability Access Commission	Requests support of \$2 million in funding necessary to provide access at Wedgemere Station. States that Winchester currently has two of the three inaccessible stations on the Lowell commuter rail line. Believes that the improvements at Wedgemere Station will benefit Winchester residents and surrounding communities, and allow individuals with disabilities access to public transportation to fulfill employment and medical needs.	
2/2/2010	Laura Wiener, Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Council	Expresses support for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) willingness to flex highway funds to transit, but expresses concern with the process by which projects are recommended by MassDOT for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Believes that the selected maintenance and improvement projects will improve public confidence in the system and hopes it will encourage more people to use its services. Also believes that despite the extraordinary circumstances created by ARRA deadlines, distributing proposed amendments at the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee meeting prevents the Advisory Council from providing public input to the process. States that this practice demonstrates a lack of respect for the MPO planning process. Asks that the practice of making late submittals be stopped, and that future information be provided in a timely manner. Suggests that a list of the universe of projects along with project information also be provided to members and the public prior to meetings in order to make the process more transparent.	
2/3/2010	Susan Vogt	Expresses support for the Wedgemere Station Accessibility Improvement project. Believes that the project will encourage a spirit of inclusiveness in the community and enable physically impaired, elderly, and wheel-chair bound citizens to fully participate in the town and have access to other locations in Boston.	
2/3/2010	Ragnhild Bairnsfather, Winchester resident	Expresses the importance of making Wedgemere Station in Winchester fully accessible to all of its citizens.	
2/3/2010	Kathryn Frisoli	Expresses support for the Wedgemere Station Accessibility project in Winchester.	
2/3/2010	James Gillooly, City of Boston	Requests that \$2.2 million for the design of the North Washington Street Bridge in Boston be included in the TIP. States that \$1,760,000 in funds will come from an existing HPP Earmark that totals \$4.0 million, and \$440,000 will come from a City of Boston match. The North Washington Street Bridge construction costs are included in the recently amended RTP. Also notes that the bridge is along the designated Hazmat Route through the City and is the main I-93 alternative for crossing the Charles River.	
2/3/2010	Marlene Nalbandian, Cocoa Express LLC	Expresses support for making Wedgemere Train Station handicap accessible. States that she manages Cocoa Express LLC, which rents the train waiting building from the Town of Winchester, and believes that the public needs a fully accessible station for their convenience.	