

October 10, 2012

Mr. David Mohler, Chair
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
Suite 2150
10 Park Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Re: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Tier I Environmental Impact
Statement for the Northeast Corridor

Dear Mr. Mohler:

The Regional Transportation Advisory Council is requesting that the Boston Region MPO participate in the comment period for the FRA scoping of the Tier I Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor. The FRA has extended its public comment period to October 19, 2012.

The Advisory Council has developed a list of items that we feel are important to this MPO region, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and New England. We would like the MPO to consider the attached comments as suggestions on the scoping for the Tier I Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor. The Advisory Council asks that the MPO submit a comment letter to the FRA that includes the Advisory Council's ideas.

Yours truly,

Steven Olanoff, Chair
Regional Transportation Advisory
Council

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