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Mr. Richard A. Davey  
Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization  
C/o David Mohler, Executive Director, Office of Transportation Planning  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150  
Boston, MA 02116

**RE: Blue Hill Avenue and Warren Street HPP 2129 TIP Design Project (606134)**

Dear Secretary Davey:

We respectfully request that \$190,500 of **HPP Earmark 2129** be programmed in the FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to fund the 25% design of traffic signal improvements along portions of Blue Hill Avenue and Warren Street.

The earmark was originally programmed in the FY 2011 TIP but was not obligated because a required design agreement with FHWA was not finalized at that time. As part of the pending \$321,800 agreement, FHWA advised the City of Boston to advance the project to 25% design prior to the obligation of additional design funds. FHWA shall obligate final design upon receipt of 25% design and NEPA approval. Therefore, we also request that the \$131,300 balance of design funds be programmed for 75% through 100% design in the FY 13 element of the 2013 TIP.

The remaining portion of the HPP 2129 earmark will be used for construction of the project. This work is currently programmed in the FY 2014 TIP for \$2,392,496. We recommend that the FFY14 construction amount reflect the revised amount of \$2,377,900.

Thank you, and the Boston MPO, for consideration of this re-programming request.

Sincerely,

James Gillooly  
Deputy Commissioner

THOMAS M. MENINO, Mayor  
Thomas J. Timlin, Commissioner

