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Tom Michelman  
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Dear Mr. Michelman:

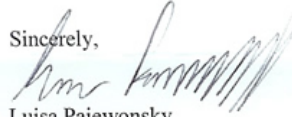
Thank you for your February 20<sup>th</sup> email regarding the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and the conference call scheduled for next Monday.

Please accept my assurance that MassHighway strongly supports the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. We are now moving forward to program its full funding on the 2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

As we discussed, we will not be able to initiate construction on this project until funds become available through the Transportation Bond Bill. The passage of this bill is critical for the funding of several MassHighway projects. However, in order to expedite the process for the Rail Trail, we are currently preparing bid documents and will advertise for construction bids as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support of this project. I look forward to speaking with you in our Monday conference call.

Sincerely,



Luisa Paiewonsky  
Commissioner

Cc: Bernard Cohen, EOT Secretary

