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RE: Capital Investment Plan 2019-2023 and public comments

The 2019-2023 Capital Investment Plan (CIP) is shaped by careful planning and prioritization work as well as by public participation and comment, this plan represents a significant and sustained investment in the transportation infrastructure that serves residents and businesses across the Commonwealth. And it reflects MassDOT's capital planning for the Commonwealth's statewide, multi-modal transportation system. The CIP contains a portfolio of strategic investments organized into three priority areas of descending importance: system reliability, asset modernization, and capacity expansion. These priorities form the foundation of not only this plan, but of a vision for MassDOT where all Massachusetts residents and businesses have access to safe and reliable transportation options. A formal evaluation and scoring processes were used in selecting which transportation investments to propose for construction over the next five years, with projects prioritized based on their ability to efficiently meet the strategic goals of the MassDOT agencies.

The result is a higher level of confidence that capital resources are going to the most beneficial and cost-effective projects. The goal is for the Commonwealth to have a truly integrated and diversified transportation investment portfolio, not just a "capital plan." Although the full realization of this reprioritization of capital investment will be an ongoing process and will evolve through several CIP cycles, this 2019-2023 Plan represents a major step closer to true performance-based capital planning. Under this new strategy, about 59 percent of the \$15 billion in total capital investments will go to improve the reliability of the core transportation system. Another 20 percent is to modernize existing assets so that they can better accommodate current or anticipated growth and meet 21st century demands, such as increased accessibility and new safety

The CIP also seeks to modernize the existing transportation infrastructure through the deployment of new technologies, state-of -the-art vehicles and other equipment, and new materials. Public comments may be submitted to: masscip@state.ma.us

There are ten (10) public meetings scheduled with one on Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. in New Bedford in the auditorium of GNB Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,

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