

May 18, 2022

Peter Alviti Jr., PE
Director
Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Two Capitol Hill
Providence, R.I. 02903

**RE: RIDOT's FY2022 MPDG Application
Completing the I-95 Missing Move and Ramps to Quonset Business Park**

Dear Director Alviti:

On behalf of BL Companies New England, Inc. (BL Companies) I write to you in full support of RIDOT's FY2022 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity Program (MPDG) Application to advance the "Completing the I-95 Missing Move and Ramps to Quonset Business Park," which will direct freight traffic away from local roads by constructing the "Missing Move" ramps linking Interstate 95 to and from Route 4 in East Greenwich, and installing deferred Route 403 ramps to the West Davisville district of the Quonset Business Park in North Kingstown. With a total project cost of \$135 million, RIDOT is requesting \$81 million in its application.

For decades, Rhode Island travelers have been unable to complete the links between Route 4 and Interstate 95 without navigating a series of signals and local roads. This project would finally complete the link between these two highways and provide smoother connections to one of the state's largest employers by building the deferred Route 403 ramps to the West Davisville district of Quonset Business Park in North Kingstown.

This is an important freight route that serves as a critical element of our economic infrastructure. MPDG funding for this project will deliver economic opportunity and vitality for our State by allowing faster, more efficient commerce through this busy freight trucking link, and by supporting much-needed construction jobs.

Because we must seize this window of opportunity to rebuild this critical transportation infrastructure, BL Companies enthusiastically support RIDOT's MPDG Application and looks forward to working with RIDOT in advancing the reconstruction of the most vital north-south link in our state today.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

BL Companies



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