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Mr. Peter Alviti Jr., PE
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RE: RIDOT's FY2022 MPDG Application
Completing the I-95 Missing Move and Ramps to Quonset Business Park

Dear Director Alviti:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (RIDSP), and as Secretary of the State Planning Council (SPC), Rhode Island's single, statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization, 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". This project would 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 an estimated total project cost of \$135 million, RIDOT is requesting \$81 million of the estimated \$135million project cost in this application.

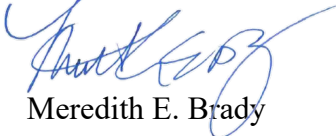
For decades, Rhode Island travelers and commercial and industrial traffic have been unable to complete the link between Route 4 and Interstate 95 without navigating a series of signals and local roads. This project would finally complete the link between Route 4 and Interstate 95, as well as providing 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 project represents a priority improvement to 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, RIDSP enthusiastically supports RIDOT's MPDG Application and looks forward to working with RIDOT in advancing the reconstruction of this crucial commercial and industrial link, connecting port and rail facilities, as well as a significant employment center, with points throughout Rhode Island and the northeast megaregion.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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