



May 18, 2022

Mr. 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:

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) fully supports 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." As the operator and manager of the 3,200-acre Quonset Business Park, QDC is eager to see this project constructed as both portions will significantly improve the flow of freight traffic to and from the Park. Installation of the "Missing Move" ramps will allow freight traffic to travel entirely via highway to reach I-95 South, while construction of the deferred Route 403 ramps will connect the Park's two principal segments via highway, avoiding freight traffic on local roadways.


The Quonset Business Park is an economic engine for the State of Rhode Island and southern New England, home to over 200 businesses with over 12,900 employees. The Park contains the State's only publicly-owned port, the Port of Davisville, which is one of the nation's largest points of import of new automobiles. A study from 2018 shows that the Park directly and indirectly supported 22,300 jobs, which represents 4.5% of the employment base in Rhode Island, and produced \$4.27 billion in economic output and \$1.28 billion in household income for Rhode Island families. One out of every six manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island lies within the Park, and the average wage at the Park is 19% higher than the Rhode Island average.

This project represents a critical element in continuing to grow our economic infrastructure and support the Quonset Business Park. 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.

QDC enthusiastically supports RIDOT's MPDG Application and look forward to working with RIDOT in advancing the freight transportation network that is vital to the Quonset Business Park's success.

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

Sincerely,
Quonset Development Corporation



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