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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Richard A. Davey, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Room 3170
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Central Artery Project Tunnel Inspection Program Review – Final Report

Dear Secretary Davey,

Enclosed for your information and appropriate action is the Central Artery Project Tunnel Inspection Program Review Final Report the Federal Highway Administration developed in cooperation with three tunnel operating agencies. The review team worked closely with MassDOT Highway Division staff during the review, and we appreciate their cooperation and willingness to devote substantial time to the effort.

The objective of the review was to obtain an independent, objective assessment of the Central Artery Tunnel Inspection Program in order to identify good practices and opportunities for improvement. The primary focus was on the tunnel system components that are over roadways and walkways.

The report includes 24 observations and recommendations that will improve the Central Artery tunnel inspection program and ultimately improve the safety of the highway system. We will contact you and MassDOT Highway Administrator Frank DePaola to discuss the recommendations and work together to develop, within a month, a plan and schedule to implement the review's recommendations within a target timeframe of one year.



If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela S. Stephenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P'.

Pamela S. Stephenson
Division Administrator

cc: King Gee, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure
Myint Lwin, Director, Office of Bridge Technology
Frank DePaola, Highway Administrator, MassDOT