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Margot Fleischman, Chair
Bedford Board of Selectmen
10 Mudge Way
Bedford, MA 01730

Dear Chairwoman Fleischman:

I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen and the residents of Bedford for their engagement on the issue of relocating our maintenance depot at the interchange of Route 3 and Route 62. I also want to thank Representative Gordon for his leadership on this matter.

Through his efforts to bring Bedford's elected officials and residents to the table with MassDOT, we were able to communicate our consideration of relocating the existing depot in Bedford, and we were able to listen to the concerns expressed by residents and elected officials about the impacts that move would create.

After factoring in the feedback we received from the town, we have made a determination that we will revisit our options for relocating the Bedford depot and will no longer be advancing plans to relocate the depot to the westerly lobe area of the interchange of routes 3 and 62.

Our recent meeting on January 15 followed a months' long process for us to undertake our due diligence in evaluating several alternatives based on select criteria for various sites. Over that past several months, I was in direct contact with Representative Gordon numerous times, who had provided assistance as we identified sites that could potentially site a relocated maintenance depot. For the duration of that time, the Representative assured us that out of respect for our process, he would not take a public position on the issue until we were ready to present our plans to Bedford community members for further vetting. For that, I especially appreciate his willingness to be a facilitator in our process, focusing on finding solutions.

Decisions about where we locate key facilities required to carry out our core mission of keeping our highways safe are always made with careful, thoughtful, and deliberate consideration. And while our commitment to highway safety is unbending, we do our utmost to be good neighbors and to make decisions that factor in how these choices could have on quality of life and the environment.

Again, we want to thank Representative Gordon, the town of Bedford's elected leadership, and the residents who took time out of their daily lives to discuss with us their

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concerns about our plans for relocation. We appreciate the insight our discussions have yielded, which has been extremely valuable to us in informing our plans moving forward as we seek to evaluate other alternatives, excluding the westerly lobe area of the onramp for Route 3 South.

Thank you, again, for you engagement on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Tinlin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Tinlin
Chief of Operations and Maintenance