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Ms. Pamela S. Stephenson
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Massachusetts Division
55 Broadway, 10th Floor
Cambridge, MA 02142

REF: Memorandum of Agreement for Replacement of the Mitchell River Drawbridge
Mass DOT Project File No. 603390
Chatham, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Stephenson:

Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Mitchell River Drawbridge Project in Chatham, Massachusetts. By carrying out the terms of this agreement, FHWA will fulfill its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. One copy of the MOA will remain on file at our office. The other four signed copies of the MOA are being returned to FHWA for distribution to the other signatories.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank FHWA and the Massachusetts Department of Highways (MassDOT) for considering alternatives for the replacement bridge, and for incorporating some of the comments of the ACHP and other consulting parties into the MOA. Despite the lack of consensus among consulting parties regarding the outcome, we appreciate the efforts taken by FHWA and MassDOT to balance historic preservation values with other factors. We believe that the outcome of the consultation will result in a new Mitchell River Bridge that is an asset to the community.

If you have any questions or require our further assistance, please contact Carol Legard at 202-606-8522 or via e-mail at clegard@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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