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In Reply Refer to:
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Subject: *State Freight Plan Approval for FAST Act Compliance*

Dear Mr. Agrawal,

The Federal Highway Administration Rhode Island Division Office has reviewed the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) and Statewide Planning Program's (SPP) revised *State of Rhode Island Freight and Goods Movement Plan* dated July 2017 and received by the Division Office on July 14, 2017.

The Division Office finds that the Plan contains all elements required by 49 U.S.C. § 70202. The State has, therefore, met the prerequisite in 23 U.S.C. § 167(i)(4) that it develop a State Freight Plan in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 70202 before it may obligate funds apportioned to the State under 23 U.S.C. § 104(b)(5). The State may now obligate such funds for projects that meet all National Highway Freight Program ("NHFP") eligibility requirements described in 23 U.S.C. § 167, and all other applicable Federal requirements.

Please be advised that the Division Office's finding that the Plan satisfies the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 70202 and 23 U.S.C. § 167(i)(4) is not a determination that the projects listed in the freight investment plan component of the Plan required by 49 U.S.C. § 70202(b) meet all other NHFP eligibility requirements set forth in 23 U.S.C. § 167, or any other applicable Federal requirement.

If you have any questions regarding NHFP eligibility requirements, please contact Carlos Padilla at 401-528-4577.

Sincerely,

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