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Ms. Anne Arnold
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Re: Docket Identification Number EPA-R01-OAR-2006-1018

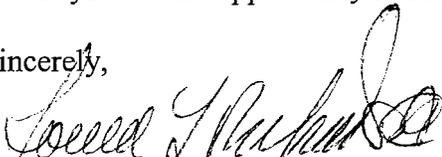
Dear Ms. Arnold:

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has received and reviewed the Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Amendment to Massachusetts' State Implementation Plan for Transit System Improvements. We make the following comment.

The proposed revision to the Red Line/Blue Line Connector project proposes to complete final design of the connection from the Blue Line at Government Center to the Red Line at Charles Station before December 31, 2011, but no longer commits to its construction. This connector would provide a seamless transit service between the large medical complex at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Logan Airport. Given the national, and even international, importance of the medical facilities at MGH, we believe this connection would be an invaluable asset to the Boston medical community. Therefore, we support the project. The Red Line/Blue Line Connector would also provide a back-up transit service between Logan Airport and the Red Line in the event that services on the Silver Line were to be interrupted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Sincerely,


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