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Secretary Stephanie Pollack
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Dear Secretary Pollack,

As you conclude the process to select a preferred alternative for the I-90 project, I am taking the opportunity to clearly express Boston University's preference for the ABC/City of Boston at-grade alternative. We believe that this option confers more project benefits and reduces or minimizes more disadvantages than those associated with other options under consideration. The roadway improvements, transit improvements, and access to the Charles River bank for bicyclists and pedestrians are all better accomplished and sustained for many decades by the at-grade option.

We greatly appreciate the work you and your team have done to evaluate competing approaches and the realities of financing. Your willingness (and that of your MassDOT colleagues) to carefully listen to many voices and to devote the resources necessary to work out the procedural and technical detail associated with a complex infrastructure initiative is exemplary. This particular project, as you know, is challenging because major alterations have to be fit within very tight confines. We believe that the renewal and improvement that is the object of this project can be best achieved through the implementation of the ABC/City of Boston at-grade alternative.

I want to reiterate that in order to minimize any permanent or temporary river impacts on the north edge of the project area, Boston University is willing to make available our abutting property on the southern side of the project area to the extent that the necessary encroachments do not limit our ability to use and operate the buildings on this portion of our campus. In an area where feet, and perhaps inches, may be the difference between a workable and an unworkable solution, Boston University is committed to doing the utmost to accommodate these infrastructure improvements.

Again, I know this has been quite a challenging assignment for you and your team. We appreciate the care and concern that you have brought to this matter, and we look forward to working with you and your team to implement these infrastructure improvements.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. A. Brown", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert A. Brown
President