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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : Construction of Concrete Median Barrier
and Resurfacing

PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Westborough and Hopkinton

PROJECT WATERSHED : SuAsCo

EOEA NUMBER : 13912

PROJECT PROPONENT : Massachusetts Turnpike Authority

DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : November 8, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The proposed project involves maintenance and safety improvements along an approximately 1.7-mile section of the MassPike (Route I-90) from Bowman Street Bridge to Wood Street (Route 135). Project activities will occur within the existing right-of-way. The main purpose of the project is to repair paved roadway surfaces and replace the existing grass median and guardrail with a concrete median safety barrier and breakdown lane. The project also includes repair and upgrades to existing drainage structures. As noted in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), no direct impacts to wetland resource areas will occur as a result of the project. The project will result in an increase of approximately 3.7 acres of impervious area.

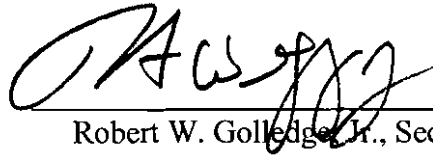
The project is undergoing MEPA review pursuant to Section 11.03(6)(b)(1)(b) because it involves widening of an existing roadway by four or more feet for one-half or more miles. The project will be undertaken by a state agency. Therefore, MEPA jurisdiction extends to all aspects of the project that may cause Damage to the Environment as defined in the MEPA regulations.

The project will require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Activities Permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The proponent has committed to implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan during project construction. The proponent filed a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) to the Town of Hopkinton Conservation Commission. The Commission issued a negative determination indicating that the project will not be subject to regulation under the Wetlands Protection Act. According to the proponent, the Town of Westborough has indicated that the proposed project will not impact wetlands and a filing with the Conservation Commission will not be required.

I am satisfied that the ENF has sufficiently defined the nature and general elements of the project and that any outstanding issues can be addressed during the state and local review process. No further MEPA review is required for the proposed project.

December 8, 2006

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Robert W. Golledge, Jr., Secretary

Comments Received: None

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