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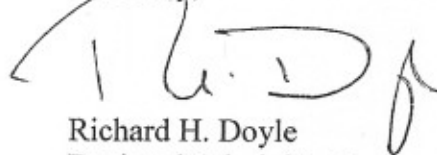
**Re: Wonderland Busway Relocation
Categorical Exclusion**

Dear Mr. Grabauskas:

After reviewing the Categorical Exclusion checklist submitted by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) for the relocation of the busway at Wonderland Station in Revere, MA, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has determined that the specific conditions for a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117 (d) (10) are satisfied and that significant environmental impacts will not result (attached).

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Laidley at 617-494-2484. The FTA looks forward to continuing to work with you on this transit improvement.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Doyle
Regional Administrator

Attachment

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Project: Wonderland Station Busway Relocation

Project Location: Revere, MA

Project Applicant: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Project Scope

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) proposes to utilize Federal Transit Administration (FTA) financial assistance to relocate the busway at Wonderland Station on the Blue Line in Revere, MA. The existing busway on the outbound platform area (Ocean Avenue) will be demolished and a new busway will be constructed on the inbound platform area (Route 1A). The new busway will accommodate six bus bays in a saw tooth configuration with space available to accommodate future expansion of two additional bus bays. In addition, passenger shelters, landscaping and nearby roadway and sidewalk access improvements will be done. The project will improve bus service at Wonderland Station by consolidating commuter and local bus boardings/alightings, currently separated by train tracks, into one centralized location.

Section 106

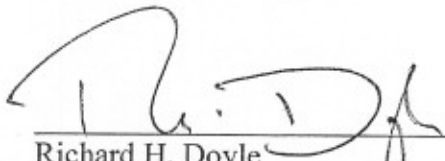
Based upon materials submitted by the MBTA and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the FTA finds that no historic properties will be affected by this project. The Massachusetts Historical Commission on August 28, 2007, concurred in FTA's determination.

Section 4(f)

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.135, FTA has determined that Section 4(f) requirements do not apply since this project does not use 4(f) resources.

National Environmental Policy Act

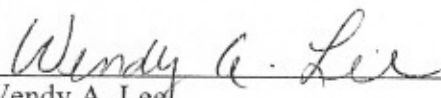
Based on the attached Categorical Exclusion checklist submitted by the MBTA, the FTA finds that the specific conditions or criteria for a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(d) (10) are satisfied and that significant environmental impacts will not result.



Richard H. Doyle
Regional Administrator, FTA Region I

Date: 9/7/07

Concurrence:



Wendy A. Lee
Regional Counsel

Date: 9/7/07