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ROBERTO L. DASILVA MAYOR

July 12, 2019

RE: RIDOT's FY2019 BUILD Grant Application

Washington Bridge Rehabilitation and Redevelopment project

Dear Director Alviti:

On behalf of the City of East Providence, I write to you in full support of RIDOT's FY2019 BUILD Grant Application for Phase 2 of the Washington Bridge Rehabilitation and Redevelopment project. A properly functioning transportation system is a key component to the future of the entire area. We believe this project will end dangerous queuing on and off of the Washington bridge, facilitate efficient traffic flows along I-195 and I-95, as well as local roads.

Communities in our region have long sought the kinds of improvements outlined in this BUILD Grant Application for the safety and well-being of our traveling public. In the past, repeated attempts to fix crumbling bridges in this well-traveled commercial area have been stymied by lack of proper infrastructure funding.

Because we must seize this window of opportunity to rebuild this critical transportation infrastructure, I enthusiastically support RIDOT's BUILD Grant Application for Washington Bridge Rehabilitation and Redevelopment project.

We look forward to working with your Department in advancing the reconstruction of the most vital corridor. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Singerely,

Roberto L. Dasilva Mayor of East Providence



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