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Mohammed Khan, Administrator
MART
1427R Water Street
Fitchburg MA 01420

Dear Mr. Khan:

The Town of Westminister supports MART's application for a Federal TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line Extension to Wachusett Station (Fitchburg Industrial Area at Routes 2 and 31) and a layover facility in Westminister at the location of the Westminister Business Park, which is currently under development and located on the existing Gardner to Fitchburg freight train line. The project will require a cooperative development strategy and understanding between the Westminister Business Park owners, the Town of Westminister, MART and the MBTA.

The project will help with the regional economic development and the improvement of industrial growth in the Fitchburg/Westminister region. The commuters primarily west of Fitchburg, such as Westminister, Gardner and the surrounding areas along Route 2 will significantly benefit from the proposed Wachusett Station.

We request that this project be funded through the TIGER Program.

Sincerely,


Nicholas A. Hay


John F. Fairbanks


Thomas P. O'Toole

c: Congressman John Olver, Massachusetts First Congressional District
Secretary James Aloisi, Massachusetts EOT-PW
Mayor Lisa Wong, City of Fitchburg