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July 22, 1998

The Honorable Francis H. Duehay
26 Lowell Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Mayor Duehay:

I am writing to provide you with some information that your communities might find useful for transportation planning. Specifically, I want to let you know how the federal and state governments will allocate demonstration project money from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

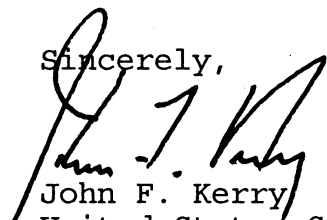
Section 1601 of TEA-21 offers a break down of this annual allocation. In Fiscal Year 1998, every highway demonstration project will receive 11% of the total earmark; in FY 1999, 15%; in FY 2000, 18%; in FY 2001, 18%; in FY 2002, 19%; and in FY 2003, 19%.

The Massachusetts Highway Department will need to match the federal funds. The match is 80% federal and 20% state, which means that the state match will end up comprising 25% of the federal contribution (If an earmark were for \$1 million, then the state match is \$250,000, or 25% of the million. The total commitment to the project would therefore be \$1.25 million, and the state portion -- or \$250,000 -- is 20% of the total combined commitment.).

Communities should receive the FY 1998 funds by the end of this fiscal year. If you do not, please contact Patrick Moynihan, Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation, at (617) 973-7000 to determine the status of these funds. Also, communities should know that the state cannot spend these demonstration funds on anything but the projects listed, which will allow you to take out grant anticipation notes on the full amount if so desired.

If you have any questions or concerns on these matters, please feel free to contact Mark S. Sternman of my Boston staff at (617) 565-8519.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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A communication was received from
John F. Kerry, United States Senator,
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transportation planning.

In City Council September 14, 1998

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