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Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FHWA's Request for Information; ET-Plus Guardrail End Terminal;
Docket No. FHWA-2014-0039

To Whom It May Concern:

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) appreciates the opportunity to provide information to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) concerning ET-Plus Guardrail End Terminals in Massachusetts.

Please reference the attached documents that provide the most current information available to MassDOT pertaining to FHWA's records request. The information contains the following:

- Information regarding previous crashes that have occurred on MassDOT roadways where an end terminal (ET 2000 and/or ET-Plus) were involved and the corresponding Accident Recovery Paperwork with photos and work order with replacement device information. Please note that MassDOT's Accident Recovery Unit has not updated their system to reflect the change over from an ET 2000 unit to the ET-Plus units due to the similar design.
- In early December 2014 MassDOT initiated an effort to have all of the guardrail end terminals on State Highway locations inventoried to document what type and if an ET-Plus unit was found, to measure the width of the channel to determine if said unit was a 4-inch or 5-inch model. This is an on-going effort and the documentation provided represents the information that has been collected and processed to date.

If you should have any questions regarding the documentation provided, please contact State Traffic Engineer, Neil Boudreau, at (857) 368-9655.

Thank you for allowing MassDOT the opportunity to share this material with FHWA.

Sincerely,

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