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Mayor Kassandra Gove
City of Amesbury and MEVA Advisory Board Chair
Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority
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Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review – Final Report

Dear Mayor Gove:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of this Federal Transit Administration (FTA) report as required by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and other Federal requirements. The enclosed final report documents the FTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Triennial Review of Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MEVA) in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Although not an audit, the Triennial Review is the FTA's assessment of MEVA's compliance with Federal requirements, determined by examining a sample of award management and program implementation practices. As such, the Triennial Review is not intended as, nor does it constitute, a comprehensive and final review of compliance with award requirements.

Due to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, a virtual site visit was conducted for this Triennial Review. In addition, the review was expanded to address MEVA's compliance with the administrative relief and flexibilities FTA granted and the requirements of the COVID-19 Relief funds received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.

The Triennial Review focused on MEVA's compliance in 23 areas. Deficiencies were found in three areas: Procurement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTSAP). MEVA had one repeat deficiency from the FY 2016 and FY 2019 Triennial Reviews in the area of DBE.

This year, FTA is implementing new procedures to close Civil Rights findings. Please see Section VII of the report for more information. The corrective actions to your DBE deficiencies must follow these procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this Triennial Review. If you need any technical assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Hammond, General Engineer, at (617) 494-2304 or by email at alex.hammond@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure