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Dear Friend:

Because of your interest in the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project, I wanted to let you know that we're kicking off an extensive public participation program that will provide ample opportunity to learn more about the project and help shape its development.

This three-tiered program is structured to provide appropriate forums for a wide variety of groups and individuals to share ideas. It's organized as follows:

COMMUNITY MEETINGS: These meetings, to be held in five project area locations starting this fall, are intended to foster a dialogue with local residents and merchants about project issues in their communities. Anyone with an interest is encouraged to participate. The first round of these regular meetings will be held as follows: East Boston - November 4; South Boston - November 10; North End/Waterfront - November 12; North Station - November 19; South End/Chinatown - November 23.

REGIONAL TASK FORCES: Early next year, we'll begin to set up task forces to address issues concerning the overall project and the entire metropolitan area. These groups will be convened to help forge strategies on topics of interest to regional constituencies like business, the trucking industry, environmentalists and others. In this case, we'll make a special effort to involve experts with the knowledge and experience necessary to tackle the pressing, broader issues that affect us all.

FORUMS: These bi-monthly meetings, scheduled to start in November, will be comprehensive in nature and will provide an opportunity for anyone with a general interest in the project to learn more about its progress.

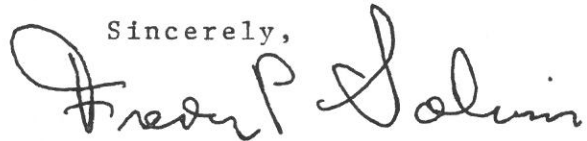
I think you'll agree that this structure maximizes the opportunity for anyone interested in this vital project to share ideas, voice concerns, or just become better informed. The program is also flexible enough to create new forums, if they become necessary.

Public input has always been the foundation of the artery/tunnel project. In response to community concerns, we've developed a plan that saves our regional economy from choking on traffic, while saving East Boston from a devastating tunnel, protecting the historic North End, and taking commercial traffic off South Boston residential streets. It's a plan that will give us a first-class transportation system and at the same time make Boston more livable.

The interest and involvement of hundreds of community activists, labor leaders, business representatives, environmentalists, elected officials, and so many others has given us a project that today enjoys broad support. We can't, however, kid ourselves that the hard work is over. Instead, we must keep working together, sharing concerns and solving problems. I hope that everyone who has taken an interest in the project in the past will continue to work with us through the public participation program. With this kind of involvement, we can meet our goal of providing the best possible transportation for the future in a way that is least disruptive and most sensitive now.

Thanks for your continued interest. If you'd like additional information about our public participation program or other aspects of the project, please call our project office in Boston at (617)350-0049.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred P. Salvucci". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

FREDERICK P. SALVUCCI
SECRETARY